

Princess Alexandra Hospital
Endoscopy Unit

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is a large 780 bed tertiary health care centre, providing care in most major adult specialties.

- We are one of Australia's leading academic and research health centres.
- Our nursing excellence is internationally recognised, and we are the only hospital in Queensland that has prestigiously been formally recognised as a Magnet organisation since 2004 by the *ANCC Magnet Recognition Program*®.
- Continued Magnet Recognition ultimately recognises excellence in the practice of our 2,400 nurses, the delivery of high-quality care, support for personal and professional development, the supportive team environment and the commitment and passion to safe person-centred care.

Graduate program overview

The Introduction Program contains eight weeks. During the first three weeks, you will be allocated to the galley, admission, discharge and recovery area. You will also be allocated one or two days in the procedure room to see how some procedures are done.

After this period, you will rotate through each area on a regular basis. During the remaining 5 weeks of the Introduction Program, you will complete some essential readings, and 7 different activities each focused on different aspects of working in the endoscopy unit.

The activities are developed to increase your knowledge and skills about nursing care associated with endoscopic procedures, anaesthetic techniques, patient assessment, airway management, pain and PONV management, and the management of postprocedural complications.

Graduate support days

Throughout the Introduction Program you can participate in the graduate support days offered by Metro South.

Unit information

The Endoscopy Unit is divided into several areas – admissions, procedure rooms, recovery, discharge area and the cleaning galley.

Patients are checked into the unit by our administration staff at the Endoscopy reception. They are brought into the unit by nursing staff. After the preoperative checks and assessments, patients are taken into the procedure room for their procedure.

After the procedure, the patient is taken into the recovery area, where they are monitored till they are ready for discharge or can go back to the nursing ward. The patient will stay in the discharge area till they are fit and ready to go home.

Hospital Initiatives

- Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital.

Program benefits

- A structured graduate nurse program that will assist you to transition from novice graduate nurse to a confident and skilled practitioner.
- The provision of education and support needed to build an enriching and rewarding professional career.
- Joining an organisation that is internationally recognised for nursing excellence and developing leaders of the future.
- A supportive clinical and educational environment that promotes competence and confidence in clinical practice.
- Diverse clinical specialties from which to choose.
- Multiple career development pathways with opportunities to progress and achieve your future nursing career goals.