

Kidney Services

Logan Hospital

Graduate Nursing Program

Unit Overview

Logan is one of the most diverse and fastest growing regions in Queensland. Logan Hospital entails all the excitement of the future as it continues to expand resources and opportunities to service the growing community. In parallel, Kidney Services within the Logan Hospital is continuously growing and expanding in their provision of excellence, innovation and compassion for every renally impacted community member.

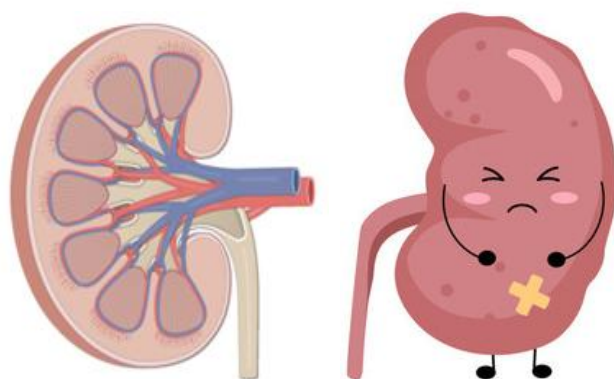
The hub of Kidney Services is situated on level 1 (ground floor), Ambulatory Building 2 of Logan Hospital, however, our services stretch wide across the facility.

We currently have

- 26 in-centre haemodialysis chairs at Logan Hospital
- 12 satellite haemodialysis chairs at Eight Mile Plains Health Centre
- 4 in-patient beds in our Acute Haemodialysis Unit within 5C
- 8 in-patient beds that allow for bedside haemodialysis in 5A/5B
- 3 Peritoneal Dialysis training/ treatment rooms and 2 PD Rovers
- Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) outpatient clinic

Benefits of undertaking a graduate program with Kidney Services

- Specialisation in haemodialysis nursing as a graduate nurse, including but not limited to:
 - Practical haemodialysis machine skills
 - Management and education of CKD patients
 - Reverse osmosis knowledge and water testing
 - Fistula and graft cannulation with/without an ultrasound
 - Accessing a CVAD.
- Kidney specific training program with well supported preceptorship
- Contribute to helping patients receive kidney transplants
- Work life balance roster with no night shifts
- Exposure to other areas of the hospital for in-patient dialysis once the graduate program is complete
- Opportunity to rotate to Eight Mile Plains Health Centre after completing graduation year
- Working with a large kidney-specific multidisciplinary team



2027 Graduate Kidney Services Program Overview

A structured graduate nurse program that will assist you to transition from novice graduate nurse to a confident and skilled practitioner:

- 6-weeks supernumerary buddied with preceptors to develop basic haemodialysis skills according to specialised competencies
- *Nephrology Nursing Professional Development* Learning Modules and resources for the foundations of haemodialysis
- Opportunity to become a member of the *Renal Society of Australasia*.
- Support with postgraduate studies if you choose to study further e.g. enrol into a post-graduate course
- Regular weekly catch ups
- Graduate study days & workshop opportunities: Basic & Advanced HD Workshop, Basic Vascular Workshop

The Kidney Services (Haemodialysis) Graduate Program is the beginning of an avenue to the plethora of careers within Kidney Services

Last Year's Haemodialysis Unit Graduates



Sarah (left) and Jacquelyn (right).

"As a Graduate Dialysis Nurse, you'll be supported every step of the way as you build confidence, develop specialist skills, and *make a meaningful difference* in the lives of people living with kidney disease. Join a *welcoming team* where you'll grow professionally, create lasting patient connections, and *begin a rewarding career* in renal nursing." -Jacquelyn

"My graduate year in the dialysis unit was an incredibly rewarding experience that provided me with opportunities to *develop both my clinical skills and confidence*. Throughout the year, I learned to manage haemodialysis patients, perform comprehensive assessments, recognise and respond to changes in patient conditions, and work as part of a supportive multidisciplinary team. The *guidance and encouragement* from my colleagues have helped me grow into a more confident and independent nurse. What I have valued most has been building *meaningful relationships* with patients and supporting them through their ongoing treatment. It has been a privilege to care for people living with chronic kidney disease, and I would *highly recommend* a graduate year in dialysis to anyone considering this *unique and rewarding specialty*."

- Sarah

Career Path in Kidney Services

- Haemodialysis Registered Nurse
- Haemodialysis Clinical Nurse
- Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Navigator
- Nurse Unit Manager
- Clinical Facilitator
- Nurse Educator
- Vascular Access Coordinator
- CKD Unit, PD Unit, EMP Satellite

5008 and 6008
HD machines



Metro South Health Hospital Initiatives

