

Registered Nurse Transition to Mental Health Program



The Registered nurse Transition to Mental Health Nursing Program is a 6 month program for nurses who have had a minimum of 12 months experience in another area of nursing.

The aim is to offer a structured and comprehensive pathway for registered nurses to transition into qualified mental health nursing. During the program transition nurses are provided with mental health nursing education and opportunities to integrate theory into practice. The transition nurses receive personalised support and mentoring which enables them to further develop and consolidate their professional and clinical skills.

Who can apply

Experienced Registered Nurses who have worked in a general medical nursing setting for a minimum of 12 month and are wanting to pursue a career in mental health nursing.

What we offer:

- Two intakes each year
- Duration of the program is 18 months - 6 months transition program, 12 months Post Graduate studies
- Opportunities for experience in any of our mental health clinical areas – inpatient and community
- RN Transition to MH Nursing Program specific orientation, addressing both clinical and administrative aspects of nursing
- Flexible working arrangement with full time and part time (0.8EFT) employment options available including monthly paid study days as well as ongoing professional development opportunities.
- Rotating rosters, gaining experience across morning, evening and night shifts.
- Annual leave and accrued day off (full time employees only) as per award.
- Well-developed RN Transition to MH Nursing support structures to support your transition to MHN practice.

Support & Opportunity

- Comprehensive mental health orientation to address clinical and administrative aspects of mental health nursing.
- Clinical support from a dedicated team of experienced Mental Health Nurses and Clinical Nurse Educators.
- Preceptors who are experts in their field, to guide, mentor and support throughout the program
- Generous supernumerary time to start within the program.
- Intensive academic component designed by the Northern Health Mental Health Nursing Education and Workforce Development unit.
- Learning through structured training/assessment in the skills and knowledge required to progress your development as a Mental Health Nurse.
- Recognised Prior Learning for Post Graduate Diploma

Support & Opportunity continued

- Individual clinical supervision
- Access to Northern Health workshops, seminars and short courses
- Personal log in to our NH learning management system (myLearning)
- Ongoing employment opportunities and development of career pathways including leadership roles; Academic pathways to Masters in MH Nursing/Research/PhD and clinical pathways to advanced nursing roles including Nurse Practitioner.