



Mental Health Graduate Nurse Program 2019 Fact Sheet & FAQs

Mental Health nursing is a challenging area of nursing and requires a combination of underpinning knowledge, clinical and interpersonal skills to promote an individual's wellbeing and recovery. Peninsula Health provides a wide diversity of small but varied services.

Although the Graduate year at Peninsula Health offers experiential learning opportunities via employment, we also require Graduates to undertake concurrent study to achieve the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing during this period. It is appreciated this can be very demanding of our Graduates but is necessary for continued working within the specialist field of mental health nursing.

Professional Development

All new Graduate Nurses will complete an orientation program incorporating all required essential skills and Recovery orientated training. Graduate Nurses are supported in their development with monthly study days, covering a range of mental health topics and opportunities for clinical case presentations.

Clinical Rotations/Experiential learning opportunities

All Mental Health Graduate Nurses complete two of four rotations in either;

- Acute Adult Inpatient Unit
- Acute Aged Inpatient Unit
- Community Care Units
- PAPU

Upon successful completion of the year, Graduates will then offered two further 6 month rotations whilst they complete their studies.

Support

Graduates are supported throughout their twelve month Graduate Program by a dedicated Graduate Program Co-ordinator. They will receive Clinical Supervision throughout this time and continue Clinical Supervision throughout their employment with Peninsula Health.

Post-Graduate Study

All Mental Health Graduates must be eligible for and enrolled in post graduate studies. All applicants must therefore provide proof of achieving a minimum credit (or 60%) grade on their academic transcript. The Graduate Diploma must be completed within 2 years of commencing the graduate year. The completion of all clinical placement time, a Clinical Portfolio and all assessment items during the Graduate year will enable application for Advanced Standing towards the Post Graduate Diploma with Universities linked to Peninsula Health.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many positions do you offer? **There are approximately 8-10 positions in the program.**

Why is it a 2 year program? **Your Graduate Diploma will take two years to complete so your employment will consist of an additional twelve month contract to ensure you are supported throughout your study period.**

I won't be registered to commence in February; do you have a mid-year intake? **No, all Graduates must commence in February to meet university requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Mental Health).**

I am an International Student – am I able to apply for a position at Peninsula Health? **No all applicants must be eligible for and registered with Computer Match**

I am not a Victorian resident. Am I eligible to apply? **The Victorian Nursing Computer Match gives preference to Victorian residents and students at Victorian universities but speak with us to discuss your intentions prior to applying.**

Is it possible to undertake an Honours program during the GNP? **No. All Graduates are required to undertake concurrent post graduate studies in Mental Health.**

If I am successful in gaining an interview, when will these be held? **All interviews will be held in August. The eRecruitment portal will enable you to select your preferred date and time.**

Are the interviews individual or group interviews? **All interviews are individual with up to three interviewers.**

I have not completed a clinical placement at Peninsula Health. Will I be considered for a position? **Yes - If you have not completed a placement at any of our sites it is highly recommended that you attend one of the Information Sessions & optional tours 30th & 31st May 2018.**

I already know that I want to apply to Peninsula Health for my grad year. Do I still need to attend an information session? **Yes – these sessions will provide valuable information about the application and interview process. Where can I get more information? – Please see our Application and Interview Guidelines for more information**

If I have further questions who do I contact? **Please contact the Continuing Education & Development Unit (CEDU)**

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