



Mental Health Graduate Nurse Program Fact Sheet & FAQs

Mental Health nursing is a challenging area of nursing and requires a combination of clinical and interpersonal skills to promote an individual's wellbeing and recovery.

Mental Health nurses work in a variety of settings, including Residential, Recovery; acute inpatient units (Adult and Aged), Community Care Unit, APARC and YPARC; Community teams (Adult, Youth and Aged), and providing secondary consults to the general hospital.

Professional Development

All new Graduate Nurses will complete an orientation program incorporating all essential training and Recovery Training. Graduate Nurses are supported in their development with monthly study days, covering a range of mental health topics and by regular clinical supervision.

Clinical Rotations

All Mental Health Graduate Nurses complete two core rotations.

Core rotations:

- Acute Adult Inpatient Unit
- Acute Aged Inpatient Unit

Upon successful completion of the year, Graduates will then offered two further rotations including a community rotation in either a community team or service 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

Mental Health Graduates must enrol in the Masters of Advanced Nursing (Mental Health) at Monash University and are eligible to apply for Advanced Standing on completion of clinical placement time and the objectives and assessments within their Clinical Portfolio.

The Graduate Diploma must be completed within 2 years of commencing the graduate year. The remaining credit points for Masters are completed through coursework with Monash University.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many positions do you offer? **There are approximately 6-10 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. The offer of the second year is dependent on satisfactory completion of the first year of study and satisfactory clinical performance.**

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 the 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 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. Please contact Peninsula Health prior to selecting us as one of your Computer Match preference or lodging an application**

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.**

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 (June 7th or 8th).**

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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