



## **General & Sub Acute Graduate Nurse Programs Fact Sheet & FAQs**

### **Program Overview**

The Peninsula Health Graduate Nurse Program is a 12 month program commencing in February 2019. A limited number of positions are available commencing in June & October. Full time (including ADO) and part time (8 shifts per fortnight) positions are available. If offered an interview you will be asked to indicate your preferred starting date and preference for a full or part time position

### **Clinical Rotations**

All General and Sub Acute stream Graduate Nurses complete 3 clinical rotations. A flexible mix of core and elective rotations are available.

#### **General Stream**

Core rotations are in medical and surgical units.

Elective rotations are available in:

- Cardiac Care
- Child and Adolescent Unit (Paediatrics)
- Continuing Care of the Aged Patient (Evaluation & Management)
- Emergency Department
- Intensive Care
- Palliative Care
- Perioperative (Operating Suite)
- Rehabilitation

#### **Sub-Acute Program**

Core rotations are in Acute Rehabilitation Units and Continuing Care of the Elderly Units (also known as Geriatric Evaluation & Management [GEM]).

Elective rotations may be available in:

- Acute Medical (Frankston or Rosebud Hospital – subject to availability)
- Palliative Care

Clinical rotations will include morning and afternoon shifts and in some areas may also include night shifts. Most areas do not roster night duty shifts in the first rotation.

### **Professional Development**

The program (consisting of a 3-day orientation program [February only] plus 5 paid study days) reflects the learning needs of the beginning practitioner. Graduate Nurses have access to Team App. This enables all our Grads to keep in contact with the support team and to receive frequent updates and useful information. All Graduates are required to complete 3 small, clinically relevant projects. Throughout the year, Graduates will be assisted to develop a Professional Portfolio which will enable them to demonstrate progress throughout the program, highlighting achievements and assisting with meeting the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) standards for Registration

## Frequently Asked Questions

*How many positions do you offer?* **There are approximately 60-65 positions in the General program and 9 in the Sub Acute program.**

*I won't be registered to commence in February, should I apply now or wait until next year to apply?* **Students interested in the mid-year intakes must apply through Computer Match now to be guaranteed a mid-year position in 2019.**

*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 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 preferences or lodging an application**

*What is the difference between the General and Sub-Acute Programs?* **The sub-acute stream is conducted concurrently with the general program. Both streams share the same orientation program, Team App and education days. The only difference is the setting of the clinical rotations**

*Is it possible to undertake an Honours program during the GNP?* **Yes. You will be asked to provide proof of enrolment and course details. Please contact CEDU for more information**

*If I am successful in gaining an interview, when and where will these interviews be held?* **All interviews will be held in August at either The Mornington Centre or Frankston Hospital. 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 a panel of 2 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 (May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>).**

*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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