

STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Course Duration

Six month course which commences late January /early February of each year. Number of places available is variable and determined by current staffing needs. A mid-year intake in late August/early September may be possible.

Course Aims

To enable Registered Nurses to gain a broad knowledge base from which to plan and care for patients in the perioperative environment.

To develop registered nurses' clinical skills so that they may become competent Perioperative nurses.

To provide basic core knowledge and clinical environment for the professional growth of registered nurses into specialised perioperative nurses.

To provide an articulated pathway to postgraduate studies with tertiary credits.

To make an informed decision on the possibility of Perioperative nursing as a career direction.

Theoretical component

Successful completion of workbook relevant to your specific Discovery stream. Participants must also complete a 1500 word case study and present to their colleagues on a relevant topic of their choice.

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Study days are scheduled throughout the course duration.

Clinical component

The clinical component of the course is undertaken in the perioperative areas of Western Health.

Participants need to: set learning objectives, meet set clinical competencies and have satisfactory clinical appraisals.

CLINICAL STREAMS

Western Health offers clinical streams in Perioperative Nursing and Anaesthetic (including post-anaesthetic) Nursing, allowing participants to specialise in a particular area of interest.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Clinical supervision and assessment is undertaken by the clinical nurse educator who is supernumery to operating theatre staff. A preceptorship program is in place and participants are under constant supervision by experienced theatre staff and/or the clinical nurse educator.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Formal clinical appraisal and assessments of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course.



THEATRE DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

**Scrub/Scout
or
Anaesthetics/PACU**



Western Health

WESTERN HEALTH

Western Health is a large organisation consisting of more than 5000 staff that work each day to improve the overall health of people across Melbourne's West.

We offer a wide range of services to care for our region at our public hospitals, which include: Western Hospital, Sunshine Hospital, The Williamstown Hospital and Sunbury Day Hospital.

Western Health's catchment extends from Footscray and out to the growth corridors of Caroline Springs and Melton, up to Sunbury and down to Werribee. It numbers approximately 700,000 people and is growing at 4% per annum.

The Western Health has a total of 18 main operating theatres (with additional Day Procedure Units). Over 23,000 operations are performed each year. Specialities offered include:

General, orthopaedics, plastics, urology, neuro surgery, thoracics, vascular, obstetrics, gynaecology, ENT, head and neck and ophthalmics.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

- ▶ **Must have current nursing or midwifery Registration to Practice with AHPRA.**
- ▶ Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration acute general nursing experience
- ▶ Permanent Australian resident

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ▶ Satisfactory interview
- ▶ Satisfactory clinical references
- ▶ Demonstrated interest in Perioperative nursing

CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Contract for employment is for a period of 6 months. Clinical placement may be at any of the 3 acute hospitals of Western Health: Footscray, Sunshine or Williamstown.

APPLICATIONS

Discovery positions are advertised on WH eRecruit intranet site

<http://westernhealth.mercury.com.au/>

Applications should be emailed and include a cover letter and Curriculum Vitae.

Applications from current Western Health Graduate Nurses are to be made via eRecruit

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Clinical Nurse Educators

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