



# North Metropolitan Public Health & Public Health Operations – COVID-19 (PHOps)

Working at North Metropolitan Health Service Public Health (NMHS) and Public Health Operations - COVID-19 (PHOps), provides newly qualified nurses (NQNs) the opportunity to explore and gain experience in public health nursing. Areas include notifiable disease surveillance (such as COVID-19, Tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections and vaccine preventable diseases) immunisation and health promotion.

NQNs will be provided with a broader vision of health outside of the acute hospital system and an opportunity to put territory nursing studies into practice.

Primary, secondary, and tertiary health service providers act to support the health and wellbeing at an individual and familial level. Public Health is the science of protecting and improving the health of both individuals and the community in which they live. It has a bigger picture of how society is organised to improve health and wellbeing for all rather than just a single individual. Public health complements and protects the acute clinical services.

The public health focus for COVID-19 and other communicable diseases aims at early detection to prevent further transmission through the broader community.

Working in NMHS Public Health and PHOPs, NQNs will be contacting, advising and advocating for members of the public in relation to being either a case or contact of COVID-19 and/or other communicable diseases. The contact tracing process for protecting the public is Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine (TTIQ).

NQNs will work closely with the Public Health multidisciplinary team and be provided with ongoing education and support, and the broader skill set of leadership, communication and de-escalation. This experience will provide NQNs the opportunity to develop and further advance their nursing skills.

The Public Health environment is suited to those who like working as part of a close knit and dynamic team and a fantastic opportunity for NQNs to transition into a future career in public health / postgraduate public health studies.