North Metropolitan Health Service
Mental Health Graduate Program for Registered Nurses

Build your Knowledge, Skills and Confidence in mental health nursing and take advantage of the great opportunities on offer.

Registered Nurse Graduate Program (Mental Health)

The Registered Nurse Graduate program offers a 54 week program in mental health nursing in partnership with Edith Cowan University (ECU). Recruitment into this program is through the NMHS MH option via GradConnect, the WA Department of Health’s centralised graduate recruitment website.

Graduates will enrol into the Master of Clinical Nursing course via ECU, but may exit from the course with a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing (Mental Health).

During the program, graduates will have the opportunity to work across a wide range of practice settings, gaining a broad range of clinical experience, and be provided with regular and ongoing clinical support, through a site based preceptorship model.

Benefits

- A 54 week full-time contract
- Formal study days at Edith Cowan University
- 2 supernumerary days in the clinical area
- Excellent support from experienced mental health nurses and educators
- Rotational nursing roster (may include day, afternoon and nights)
- Ability to work in various locations, including a roaming metropolitan and regional program. Participants travelling to and from regional locations or rotations may be eligible for financial assistance.

Locations

Limited places are available at participating health sites.
Please list your preferences (1 to 3) from the following health sites:

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1. Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Mental Health Service
2. King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mental Health Mother and Baby Unit & rotating to WA Country Health Services (WACHS) for a 6 month rural and remote placement on the roaming program
3. Up to 4 clinical rotations across the following sites Graylands Hospital, State Forensic Mental Health Services & Older Adult Mental Health Services: Osborne Park, or Lower West & an option of rotating to WACHS for a 6 month rural and remote placement on the roaming program
Roaming Program

The roaming program offers 3 positions per intake. This program offers an opportunity to undertake the program for the first 6 months within Metropolitan Mental Health Services and a further six months regional rotation within WACHS. Participating WACHS sites include: Albany Mental Health Unit, Bunbury Adult Psychiatric Unit, Broome Mental Health Unit and Kalgoorlie Mental Health Inpatient Service.

What will I learn?

| UNITS | The successful applicant would enrol in the Master of Clinical Nursing Course, but may exit from the course with a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing (Mental Health) on completion of three 20 credit point units:  
1. Contemporary Issues in Mental Health (CMH5109)  
2. Assessment in Mental Health (CMH5110)  
On completion of these two units students are eligible to enrol in one elective which will complete the Graduate Certificate. Students can select from:  
- Community Mental Health  
- Forensic Mental Health  
- Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health  
- Drug use and Addictive Behaviours |

| COURSE DELIVERY | Units CMH5109 & CMH5110 would be mixed mode i.e. face to face and online. Face to face would comprise:  
- One study block at ECU prior to commencement at your health site  
- Two follow up study days at ECU  
- The third elective unit would be delivered by ECU fully online |

| COST PER GRADUATE | The first 2 Units listed below will be funded by the Nursing and Midwifery Office (NMO):  
1. Contemporary Issues in Mental Health (CMH5109)  
2. Assessment, Intervention and Skills in Mental Health (CMH5110)  
The cost of the third unit will be the responsibility of the applicant  
For further course information and fees for the elective unit please contact Edith Cowan University via their website  
Grants can be applied for through the NMO for support with the Course |
Program duration
The program runs for 54 weeks full time. Programs commence in January and July each year.

How to apply

When applying online, please select registered Nurse Programs then option “North Metropolitan Health Service, Mental Health Graduate Registered Nurse Program” and list your preferences, 1 to 3 from the available Health Services.

Further information
If you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant nurse manager or ECU on:

1. **Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Mental Health Service**: Phone (08) 6383 1000, or email frank.pusey@health.wa.gov.au

2. **King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mental Health Mother and Baby Unit**: Phone (08) 6458 1799 or email gillian.ennis@health.wa.gov.au

3. **Graylands Hospital**: Phone (08) 9347 6634, or email GraylandsPersonnelNM@health.wa.gov.au

4. **State Forensic Mental Health Services**: Phone (08) 9347 6973, or email terry.jones2@health.wa.gov.au

5. **Osborne Park OAMHS**: Phone (08) 9346 8332, or email john.quinn@health.wa.gov.au

6. **Lower West OAMHS**: Phone (08) 9382 0829, or email ashwin.teeluckdharry@health.wa.gov.au

7. **Edith Cowan University**: Phone (08) 6304 2000, or email b.ewens@ecu.edu.au