



# Postgraduate Emergency / Critical Care Nursing Program 2020



Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) has a philosophy of empowerment through education and offers nurses supported pathways into formal postgraduate (PG) qualifications. These programs have evolved to provide industry with a nursing workforce that can provide the complex nursing management and critical thinking required for contemporary nurses delivering care to patients and their families within the Emergency and Critical Care setting.

## Overview:

- The SCGH PG Emergency / Critical Care programs are a co-badged program with Edith Cowan University (ECU).
- The SCGH PG program runs for 53-weeks, commencing late January and runs over two semesters incorporating workplace learning together with theory.
- Participants are required to be working a minimum of 64hrs per fortnight to undertake the program (less contact hours increases program duration).
- There are three units of learning which are required to complete the program.
- Participants are required to pass all components in order to successfully complete the program
- Participants will have access to all of ECU's resources to assist with their learning.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible to undertake this program participants must meet the following criteria;

- ✓ be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- ✓ be registered with NMWBA;
- ✓ have a minimum of 24- months post-registration experience;
- ✓ have a minimum of 6-months recent experience in Emergency / Critical Care;
- ✓ have a quest for knowledge, be intellectually curious and committed to lifelong learning.

## What does the program offer?

These PG programs offer participants;

- an opportunity to prepare to function competently and professionally in a specialist role, empowering them to become critical thinkers, leaders of the profession and lifelong learners;
- opportunities for accelerated pathways in formal PG qualifications;
- peer support, clinical and professional development and continuous performance management; and
- access to professional development opportunities that meet identified learning needs.

## Support:

Participants in the program will be supported by;

- the CNE PG Program Coordinator (SDE CNE) for all aspects of the program; and
- the dedicated team of PG Staff Development Nurses to support and facilitate learning in the clinical setting.

## Assessment:

Participants undertaking this program will be assessed;

- using a clinical learning portfolio (CLP) where participants and mentors document achievement and progress towards identified learning goals; and
- at an academic level with theoretical assessment incorporating reflective practice, and worksheets;
- to ensure program work demonstrates the ability to integrate theory to practice and clinical competence linking to advanced professional practice standards.

## What happens after graduation?

Participants who successfully complete this program are;

- competitive in applications for promotional positions such as CN, CNS, AM, NM, SRN, SDN, PG SDN, SDE; and
- have options to continue with further studies on accelerated pathways;
  - ECU: Undertake an additional three (3) units and receive a Graduate Diploma or a further six (6) units and receive a Masters qualification

## Cost:

- Advanced Nursing Science 1 (NNS5113) \$500.
- Nursing Practice 1 (NSP5302) approx. \$1400 (as a result of ECU subsidy).
- Advanced Nursing Science 2 (NNS5202) approx. \$1400 (as a result of ECU subsidy).

Participants may also be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office (CNMO) to support their study costs for NSP5302 & NNS5202.

## Applications:

Program applicants must submit all of the following:

- Covering letter;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Statement addressing the selection criteria (as per the jobs.wa.gov.au advertisement)
- Name and contact details of two professional referees

Interviews will occur for program positions post the initial shortlisting process.

Forward all applications to Lynne Cowperthwaite, Nurse Manager Corporate Nursing, Research & Education, Locked Bag 2012, Nedlands WA 6009 or via email

[scgh.corpnursemanager@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:scgh.corpnursemanager@health.wa.gov.au)

**Applications close Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.**

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