Government of **Western Australia**
North Metropolitan Health Service
Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group

Postgraduate Critical Care Course

Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) has a philosophy of empowerment through education and offers nurses supported pathways into formal Postgraduate (PG) qualifications. The Critical Care Course has evolved to provide industry with a nursing workforce that can provide the complex nursing management and critical thinking required for nurses delivering care to consumers within the Intensive Care setting.

Host sites include; **Fiona Stanley Hospital, Joondalup Health Campus, Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital**. Students will work at their home site, plus rotate to at least one of these host sites (rotations are 12 weeks maximum).

Overview

- The SCGOPHCG PG Critical Care Course is co-badged with Edith Cowan University (ECU); participants can exit with a Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing or continue their enrolment with ECU to complete a Diploma or Masters in Nursing
- The program runs over 46 weeks, February - Decmeber, and is split into two semesters
- Participants are required to work a minimum of 64 hours per fortnight throughout the program
- Three units of learning are required to complete the program; Advanced Nursing Science 1, Advanced Science 2, and Advanced Nursing Practice

Who can apply?

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

- ✓ be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ have a minimum of 24 months post-registration experience
- ✓ have a minimum of 12 months recent experience in critical care, including competency in invasive positive pressure ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT)

What does the program offer?

- Dedicated PG Program Coordinator support for all aspects of PG education
- Dedicated PG Nurses as subject matter experts to facilitate learning in the clinical setting
- Clinical rotations across major tertiary sites promoting advanced critical thinking, and development of a diverse and transferable skill set
- Peer support, clinical and professional development and continuous performance monitoring and management
- Opportunities for accelerated pathways in formal PG qualifications
- An opportunity to develop towards functioning proficiently and professionally in a specialist role, empowering critical thinking, application to clinical practice, establishing leaders for the organisation who have a passion for continuous education

Fees

The fees listed below are the 2021 rates; fees are subject to change and will be confirmed by ECU prior to commencement.

- Advanced Nursing Science 1 (ANS 1) approx. $500
- Advanced Nursing Practice 1 (NSP5302) approx. $1400
- Advanced Nursing Science 2 (NNS5202) approx. $1400

Participants may also be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office to support their study costs.

Applications

The program is advertised via the JobsWA website approximately September each year.

Program applicants must submit all of the following documents:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae with two professional referees
- Statement addressing the selection criteria (as per the jobs.wa.gov.au advertisement)

Following the initial shortlisting process, panel interviews will occur for program positions.

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