

Hunter New England Area Health Service



Singleton District Health Service

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No of Beds: 53

Area Health Services are sub-divided into health networks/clusters to improve the integrated delivery of health services in each region. The 'eight' health clusters in Hunter New England Health are Mehi, McIntyre, Tablelands, Peel, Lower Mid North, Upper Hunter Health, Lower Hunter Health and Greater Newcastle. Singleton District Health Service is part of the Lower Hunter Cluster.

Our Local Area

Singleton is situated in the heart of the beautiful Hunter Valley, with Sydney 2hrs away and Newcastle and Port Stephens just over 1 hour away. With an area population of 22,000 there are many sporting and cultural facilities. Singleton caters for varied recreational pursuits, Lake St Claire caters for fishing, skiing and camping. National Parks and State Forests are also an easy drive. The nearby Hunter Valley vineyards and restaurants offer endless opportunities for the wine and food lover.

Excellent sporting facilities are available such as cricket, tennis and netball courts, a challenging 9 hole golf course, RSC AND Bowling clubs, gyms and lots more. Rugby Union, Soccer, AFL and Rugby League are all popular sports catered for in the town.

Educational facilities range from pre-school to senior high school, with Catholic, Christian and State schools available. There is a TAFE campus in the town.

Singleton Hospital is an acute facility in partnership with Community Health Services, where a full range of Rural and Primary health projects provide services for 22,000 residents.

This Health Service also provides clinical placement for both graduate and undergraduate nursing and medical staff and participates in the trainee enrolled nurse program.

Our services include:

Medical, Surgical, Operating Theatre, Recovery, Obstetrics, Renal dialysis, Palliative Care, Community Health Nursing, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, High Dependency,

Emergency, Same Day, Outpatients, Obstetrics, Post natal Early Discharge, Medical Imaging, Pathology, Social Work, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Dietetics, Obstetrics, Early Discharge, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Specialist Outpatient Clinics for ophthalmology, cardiology, behavioural paediatrics, ENT, GIT Surgical, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Diabetes. Rural Cardiac and Chronic Disease rehabilitation programs.

Accommodation available/type:

No on-site accommodation is available, however staff offer accommodation options, contact the Health Service Manager or Education Coordinator for further information.

Transport description:

Public timetables and fares are available via the [Country Transport Infoline](#).

Program structure:

The aim of the program is to provide a supportive environment for the new registered nurse to gain a wide variety of knowledge and experiences in a rural setting. The period of employment will be for twelve months with an opportunity to rotate through medical, surgical and a choice of two other areas.

Orientation

Orientation consists of one day with the Lower Hunter Cluster and four days at Singleton District Health Service. Participants will also have specific Unit orientation during rotations and attend facility inservices completing learning packages for the areas worked. All Hunter New England compulsory inservices will be offered.

Preceptors

Singleton has qualified mentors who will assist in the rotations and completion of competencies.

New graduate nurses and their mentors will work the same shifts and have a modified case load with the emphasis on learning, gaining confidence and increasing responsibility.

Employment opportunities may be negotiated for vacancies at the completion of the course.

Contact information:

If you require further information on this health facility, contact the Nurse Manager, Career Development Recruitment & Retention, Ph: (02) 4985-3239, Fax: (02) 4985-3475 or Email: doreen.holm@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

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