

Hunter New England LHD

# Wee Waa Hospital GradStart Program

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**Wee Waa Hospital** offers an integrated twelve month program to the new graduate nurse. Clinical placements in integrated rural health services such as Wee Waa provide newly registered nurses with a wide variety of clinical experiences and skill development opportunities

## The Transition to Professional Practice (TPP)

To assist in ensuring that clinical care is planned, coordinated and delivered in a safe and effective manner to achieve the desired outcomes for patient and clients. The post graduate is responsible and accountable for working within the scope of practice of a post graduate registered nurse

## Orientation

- A 12-month program
- A 1-week orientation consisting of five days at Moree with all other program participants from the above facilities, followed by three days local orientation and supernumerary clinical time at Wee Waa
- A wide variety of clinical experiences
- Clinical guidance and support at ward level by preceptors
- Study leave release to attend the planned TPP study days held at Moree
- Education day monthly in the Mehi Cluster attended by all post graduates

## Clinical rotation

During the 12 month program there may be an opportunity for the post graduate to rotate for three months within the program with another post graduate registered nurse who works within the Mehi Cluster.

## **Leave entitlement**

Two weeks annual leave is rostered during the year at a time mutually agreed between the registered nurse and the Health Service Manager. The remainder of annual leave is at the completion of the program.

## **After the Transition to Professional Practice**

Whilst the program is for a contract period of 12 months, the opportunity for continuing employment is highly probable.

## **Support**

Support is available onsite by experience registered nurses and an educator.

## **Contact information**

If you require further information on this health facility, contact the Nurse Manager, Career Development Recruitment & Retention, Ph. (02) 4924 6843, Fax: (02) 4924 6845 or Email: [doreen.holm@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:doreen.holm@health.nsw.gov.au).

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