

Grampians Mental Health and Wellbeing Service - Graduate Nurse Program

The Mental Health Graduate Nurse Program at Ballarat Health Services- Mental Health Services allows newly graduated Registered Nurses the opportunity to undertake a well-supported year within the bed-based Mental Health Units at Ballarat Health Services. Benefits of the Program include:

- Rotations through six areas including the Adult Acute Unit, Aged Acute Unit, Aged Residential Mental Health Unit, Secure Extended Care Unit, Prevention and Recovery Care Unit and Parent and Infant unit. May also include community mental health rotations
- An Orientation Program (including the Grampians Health Services Orientation), overview of the service , requirements for the graduate program ,relevant policies, procedures and base knowledge.
- 4 Supernumerary days at the commencement of each clinical rotation:
- Ongoing support from Graduate/Post-Graduate Co-Ordinator and the Mental Health Learning and development Team – Clinical Nurse Educators
- 6 Study days in addition to Professional Development Leave per the EBA, which if completed along with the prescribed assessment tasks, qualify applicants to Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at RMIT, University of Melbourne and Federation University Graduate Diploma or Masters in Mental Health Nursing Practice degrees.
- Clinical Supervision from an experienced Mental Health professional which allows for reflective practice in a safe and supportive environment.

The Mental Health Graduate Nurse Program takes applicants at the start of the year.

Following completion of the Mental Health Graduate Nurse Program there is an opportunity to apply for a post graduate position within the Service. It is a requirement of most tertiary institutions who deliver post graduate studies in Mental Health Nursing that applicants have employment for the duration of their study. The Post Graduate Year offers two six-month rotations to select bed-based areas and various Community Mental Health Teams, for those who are interested in experiencing or working towards a career in Community Mental Health Nursing.

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