



# GRADSTART NURSING INFORMATION PACK

Perioperative Stream  
Prince of Wales Hospital  
2025



South Eastern Sydney  
Local Health District



# Acknowledgement of Country

Prince of Wales Nursing Services would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation. We acknowledge and pay respects to the Elders past, present and future.



## Artist: Brendan Broadbent

This artwork is 'South Eastern Boundaries' and depicts the lands and waterways of the Traditional Custodians of the South Eastern Sydney areas. The artwork is based on the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District map and replicates the locations of the facilities from Sydney's Central Business District in the north to the Royal; National Park in the south.



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# Opportunities at Prince of Wales Hospital



## KAREN TUQIRI DIRECTOR OF NURSING

The Nursing Team at Prince of Wales is committed to the vision of transforming person-centred care together. To achieve this we enable our nurses to practice at their highest level in environments that support safe, person-centred care.

At Prince of Wales, we promote a unified, inclusive community of nursing that embraces CORE values that start with putting the person at the centre of everything we do. We are motivated to create the future of nursing and trust by working together we collaborate to achieve shared success.

We promote nurses to incorporate evidence based practice and seek opportunities to enhance practice through identified career development pathways. We also acknowledge the importance of focusing on supporting your wellbeing.

I look forward to sharing your nursing professional journey here at Prince of Wales and I wish you continued success and happiness as you progress your career ambitions.

## Nursing Vision for Prince of Wales Hospital

*“Transforming Person-Centred Care Together”*



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Person Centred Care  
Regeneration Artwork  
Kris Ancog

# Prince of Wales Hospital

Prince of Wales Hospital and Community Health Service is a Level 6 Tertiary Referral Hospital with an inpatient bed base of 370. Each year we care for more than 60,000 patients in our Emergency Department and have around 50,000 admissions to the inpatient units. POWH offers outpatient and rural outreach services and provides more than 900,000 non-admitted patient care occasions each year, including innovative virtual models of care. We have transitioned the majority of inpatient units and wards to the Acute Services Building (ASB) including a state of the art Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit. POWH provides an exceptional staff experience and enhanced patient and family outcomes as a result of the provision of person-centred care.

## GradStart Program: Perioperative Stream

The GradStart Perioperative Stream encompasses diverse clinical specialties within the Randwick Campus Operating Suite. Perioperative nursing provides care for the patient during the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative stages of surgery with an awareness of human dignity and physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Within the GradStart program, you will gain experience in instrument/ circulating, anaesthetic, and recovery nursing.

The Randwick Campus Operating Suite, based at Prince of Wales Hospital, comprises 18 operating rooms and a hybrid theatre. An additional 12 theatres were recently opened in the new Acute Services Building as part of the hospital redevelopment. We are unique in providing care to Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney Children's Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Women patients. We are able to provide you with excellent educational opportunities across a broad range of all adult and paediatric specialties (excluding cardiothoracic surgery, which is a separate theatre).

## Commencement dates

There are three intakes throughout the year with programs commencing in:

- February
- May
- August



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# What we offer

- A person-centred, friendly, caring and supportive workplace
- A dedicated preceptorship program
- Ongoing support from a wide range of clinicians and experts in their field, both in and after-hours
- Gain experience in scrub/scout, anaesthetic and recovery room nursing
- An extended hospital, nursing and clinical orientation / induction program, including supernumerary time
- Protected education time
- Three perioperative focused workshops
- Recognition of prior learning / Masters participants / ENs and previous work in health
- Individualised career development pathways
- Portfolio development
- Performance development feedback
- Specialty Clinical learning objectives
- Hospital and unit-specific training and education programs
- Facilitation of learning
- Clinical competency assessments
- Specialty workbooks
- Shared decision making
- Leadership development
- Coaching on an individual basis
- Clinical supervision on an individual basis
- Clinical research involvement

By selecting Prince of Wales, you will have a smooth transition into the acute care clinical setting with many strategies that allow you to deliver nursing care in a safe environment.



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# Preceptorship at Prince of Wales Hospital



We offer a 12 week preceptorship program to assist you transition into your new clinical areas. Preceptorship is offered on both rotations.

Preceptorship is a formal agreement; it is a relationship between experienced nurses (preceptors) and nurses who are new to the organisation (preceptees) to facilitate their orientation and integration into their new roles and responsibilities in the professional practice environment of care.

The Preceptorship Program has been established to ensure that appropriate support is provided to nurses as they transition into a new work environment. The purpose of this model is to provide structure to a preceptorship arrangement.

Your Preceptor will work closely the nursing leadership teams to ensure you are welcomed into a supportive practice environment.



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# Educational Opportunities



POWH prides itself on maintaining a commitment to lifelong learning. We are dedicated to providing point of care supervision with preceptorship models, ward clinical nurse educators and after hours support. Educational opportunities are available to staff across all levels of nursing. All units have a professional development pathway with specialty specific and professional development educational opportunities highlighted along the way.

## Targeted GradStart Education Calendar



Weekly education sessions are held on a Thursday 2.30-3.30pm. This is protected teaching time at POWH for Transition nurses & it is expected you will attend a minimum of 12. The primary focus of these sessions will be on current clinical practice in a variety of settings. Topics covered include:

- Clinical skills
- Case studies
- Reflective exercises
- Clinical practice updates
- Career opportunities

## Perioperative Stream Study Days

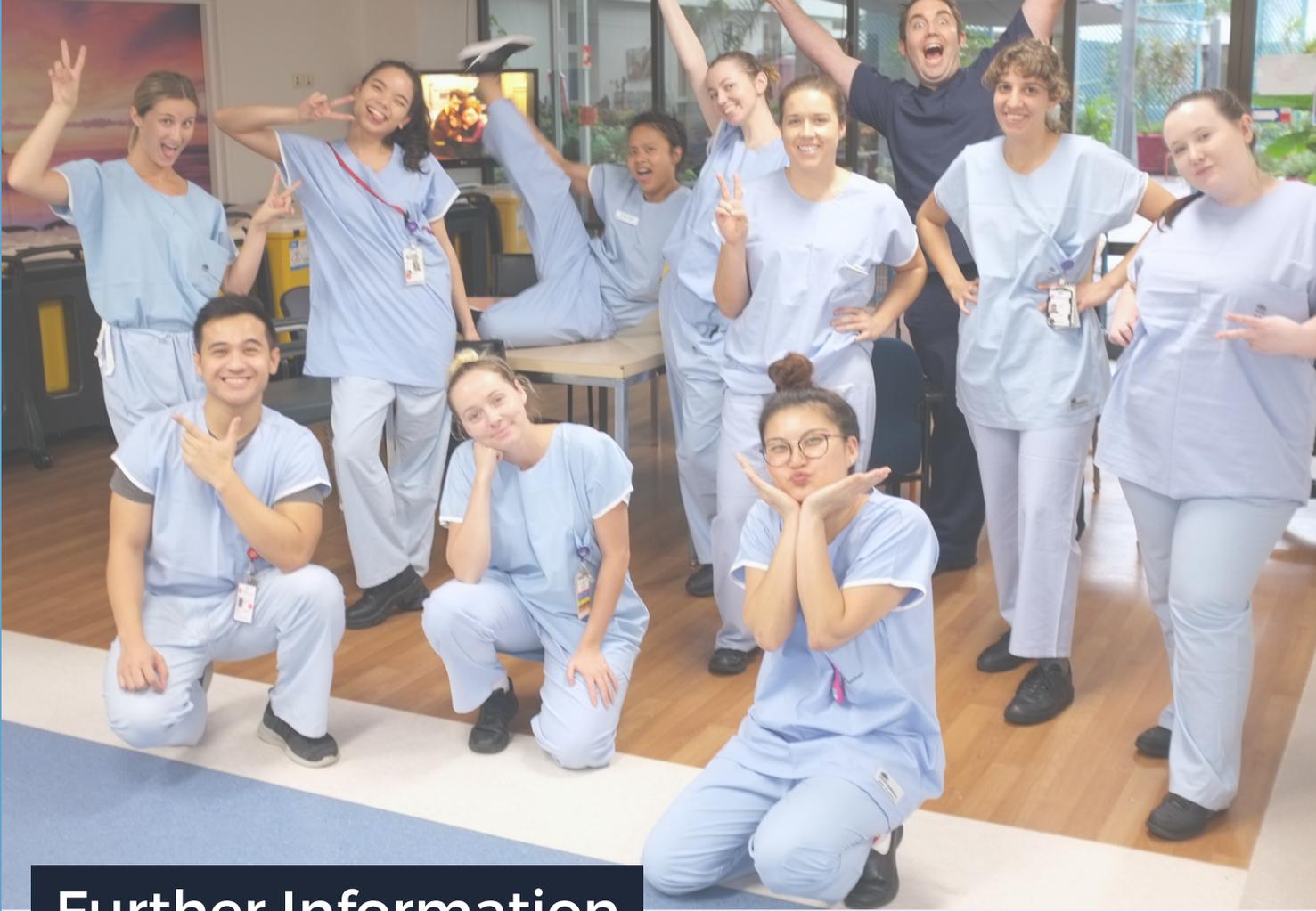


The Perioperative stream offers three perioperative workshops throughout the program. You will also attend the GradStart development day covering a variety of clinical and non- technical skills to develop GradStart Nurses to be reflective, professional & confident practitioners.



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## Further Information

### Randwick City

Randwick Local council is renowned for our world-class beaches and cafes and restaurants to tickle your taste-buds, The fascinating coastline and atmosphere will have you in awe the minute you arrive. Offering a mix of historic buildings, impressive beaches and coastal walks coupled with boutique restaurants, transport links and a vibrant nightlife, you'll never be short of things to do in this progressive community.

### Transport

Prince of Wales Hospital is well serviced by the light rail and also by a regular public bus service to and from the city and surrounding beaches. For further information you may wish to view the Transport Infoline [www.transport.nsw.info](http://www.transport.nsw.info)

### Parking

Onsite parking is available for a fee in the privately managed car-park with a wait list available for nurses who wish to obtain a staff discounted parking space. There is limited on street parking in neighbouring streets.

### Accommodation

There is no on-site accommodation at Prince of Wales Hospital however, there are many short and long-term options available within the local area.



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## Information & Contact

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<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/prince-of-wales-hospital>

More about South East Sydney Local Health District is available at:  
<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>