**Expressions of Interest: Ethics for Clinical Practice (ECP) Program 2023- Nursing**

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***Increase your confidence and engagement in clinical ethics discussions***

The Children’s Bioethics Centre is pleased to announce another ECP program for nurses. It is a 3-day clinical ethics program specifically tailored to the needs and issues that arise in clinical practice for nurses at the Royal Children’s Hospital. It follows on from two successful and well-attended [Engaging Nurses in Clinical Ethics](https://www.rch.org.au/uploadedFiles/Main/Content/bioethics/Oct_Nov%20FORM_ENCE%20Expressions%20of%20Interest%202022%20v5.pdf) (ENCE) programs in 2022, and an ECP program for Allied Health practitioners earlier this year.

The aim of the ECP program is to increase confidence and engagement in clinical ethics discussions and decision making. The overall purpose is to optimise input into clinical ethics issues for all involved in patient care at RCH. The program will have an intake of approximately 16 nurses from across the hospital.

The course is aimed at nurses at any level. It consists of 3 study days over 4 weeks held on site at RCH. There will be no virtual option for attendance unless the course must be fully online due to a change in COVID restrictions. Clinicians will be required to use their professional development leave for these study days.

The dates for the Nursing ECP Program in 2023 are:

Thursday, 5th October, Thursday 19th Oct and Thursday 9th November, 2023.

**Applications for the ECP course close: Sunday 18th June**

Topics covered include:

- Introduction to clinical ethics

- Clinical Ethics (issues, challenges, questions) in paediatric practice

- Recognising ethical issues: Reflective practice and narrative ethics

- Ethics concepts that can help in thinking about ethical problems

- Zone of Parental Discretion

- Deciding with children

- Experiencing ethical challenges in everyday clinical practice

- Moral distress and moral regret

- Addressing ethical challenges in everyday clinical practice

- How to talk about ethical issues

- Allied health advocacy

Day 3 will also include a supported ethics simulation with an actor.

To be eligible to apply for this program you must be:

1. Able to commit to all program dates.
2. Have your Manager or Department Head approval.

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**The ECP program**

The *Ethics for Clinical Practice (ECP)* program run through the Children’s Bioethics Centre will be offered at RCH in 2023 in Oct/Nov for RCH Nurses. The aim of the ECP program is to increase clinician confidence and engagement in clinical ethics discussions and decision making. The overall purpose is to optimise ethical awareness at RCH.

Each of the 2023 programs will have an intake of approximately 16 clinicians from RCH. The course is aimed at nurses at any level.

Each course consists of 3 study days over 4 weeks. Clinicians will be required to use their professional development leave for these study days.

Topics covered include:

* Introduction to clinical ethics
* Reflective practice and narrative ethics
* Using frameworks for ethical decision making
* Zone of Parental Discretion
* Deciding with children
* Moral distress and moral regret
* Ethical issues in paediatric palliative care
* How to talk about ethical issues
* Advocacy

Day 3 will also include a supported ethics simulation with an actor.

To be eligible to apply for this program you must be:

1. Able to commit to all program dates below.
2. Have your Manager or Department Head approval.

If we receive more applications than positions available in the course we will be selecting participants from a variety of wards/ departments based on their application scored against a rubric.

**Program Objectives**

1. To upskill participants in clinical ethics knowledge, frameworks and common ethical issues in the paediatric setting.
2. To increase participant confidence and skill in taking part in ethical discussions.
3. To increase confidence in participants in initiating a formal ethics process.
4. To enable participants to develop the skills to act as a clinical ethics resource in their area.
5. To increase ongoing clinician involvement in clinical ethics at RCH.

**Commitment**

Applicants must be able to commit to 3 full study days 8.30-4pm:

Thursday, 5th October

Thursday, 19th October

Thursday 9th November

**How to apply**

1. Fill in your part of the application form below
2. Ask your Manager/ Department Head to endorse your application by completing their section. Note applications without Manager/Department Head approval will not be considered
3. Submit your application by emailing to [bioethics@rch.org.au](mailto:bioethics@rch.org.au) by:

**Sunday 18th June**.

Successful applicants will be notified by **Monday 26th June, 2023.**

**Applicant Details**

Name:

Ward or Department:

Position:

Previous ethics experience or training (for planning purposes only, previous experience/training will not affect the application outcome):

Please list any other professional development you have completed in the last 2 years:

Please outline why you are applying for this program:

Please outline how you might use the knowledge gained from this program to benefit your ward/department:

**Applicant Signature**

Signature:

Date:

**Manager/Head of Department Details**

Name:

Ward or Department:

Position:

Will you support this applicant in attending the study days on the dates above?

(Note participant will be required to use PD leave) Yes/No

Please comment on the applicants qualities that would enable them to make the best use of this opportunity:

Please comment how you might support this applicant to utilise the knowledge gained in this program to benefit your ward/department:

**Manager/Head of Department Signature**

Signature:

Date:

**Questions?**

Contact the CBC: bioethics@rch.org.au