

RCH Graduate Nurse Program (Combined Mental Health) 2026

Application Form

Please complete this form and upload to your RCH Careers application in the 'Cover Letter' field.

About you

APPLICANT DETAILS			
Name:		Email	
Residential Address:			
University:		Course	

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF
Please complete each of the questions below in 150-200 words. Do not exceed space provided.
<p>Transition to practice: The Combined Mental Health Stream Graduate program (inclusive of 6-months in the Banksia Mental Health Unit and 6-months on the Kelpie Adolescent & Rehabilitation Ward) promotes the development of nursing skills and knowledge across both mental health and general adolescent settings. What motivated you to apply to be part of this program?</p>
<p>RCH Values: Courage Effective communication with young people and their carers in a mental health inpatient setting is vital. Can you describe a clinical situation where you demonstrated effective communication strategies? Include how you adapted your approach to meet the needs of the individual, and any considerations you made to ensure your communication was appropriate and therapeutic.</p>

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RCH Values: Kind

Maintaining professional boundaries when working with young people can be particularly challenging. Can you tell us about a time during clinical placement when you have had to consider professional boundaries? What was your approach and what was the outcome?

RCH Values: Courageous

RCH encourages its team members to always work with determination, ambition and confidence. Please describe a time when you were under pressure at work or on clinical placement and tell us how you utilised your key people or resources to enable you to remain calm, compassionate and focused.

Clinical Placements and Appraisals

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS AND APPRAISALS

Please provide the details of your relevant clinical placements, which must match the appraisal documentation provided with your application. (Mental Health placement, most recent other placement)

MENTAL HEALTH PLACEMENT

Year of study the placement completed	
Facility where the placement completed	
Clinical specialty/area of the placement	
Name and position of the person who completed the summative appraisal	

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CLINICAL PLACEMENTS AND APPRAISALS CONTINUED	
OTHER PLACEMENT	
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References

Please provide details of **two clinical nursing referees who can describe your clinical practice** (i.e. a clinical teacher or preceptor) as per your PMCV registration.

REFERENCE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL REFERENCE	
Referee Name:	
Organisation:	
Job Title:	
Relationship to you (i.e. preceptor):	
Contact Email:	
Contact Number:	
REFERENCE 2 – CLINICAL REFERENCE	
Referee Name:	
Organisation:	
Job Title:	
Relationship to you (i.e. preceptor):	
Contact Email:	
Contact Number:	

Thank you for taking the time to apply for the Graduate Nurse Program (Combined Mental Health) at The Royal Children's Hospital. Please upload this form in place of a cover letter via the RCH Careers job application.