

Position Description

Position Title	Registered Nurse (RN)		
Department / Division	Butterfly - Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) / Critical Care		
Classification	Registered Nurse Grade 2 Year 2 – Year 8 (YP3 –YP9)	Employment Status	Part-Time / Full-Time Fixed-Term / Ongoing
Position reports to	Nurse Unit Manager – Relevant area		
Location	The Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville		

The Royal Children's Hospital

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) has cared for the children and young people of Victoria since it was founded in 1870. As a tertiary and quaternary centre, the RCH cares for the most critically ill and medically complex paediatric patients in Victoria. In addition to providing a full range of clinical services, the hospital also supports many health promotion and prevention programs. With more than 6,000 staff, 12 wards and 350 beds, the RCH is the major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria, and also provides care for children and young people from Tasmania, southern New South Wales and other states around Australia and overseas.

We are the state's busiest paediatric Emergency Department, often experiencing more than 300 presentations on any given day. The RCH is committed to working with health services across the state and plays a significant role in many critical state and nationwide services. We work collaboratively with hospitals to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time, for the benefit of all Victorian children. The Royal Children's Hospital is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Click here for further information on our Commitment to Child Safety: <http://www.rch.org.au/quality/child-safety/>

In April 2016, the RCH became the first Australian hospital to implement the world-leading 'Epic' electronic medical record (EMR). RCH has a strong focus on supporting the successful delivery of the Parkville Connecting Care program – a shared EMR with the Royal Women's Hospital, The Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

The RCH is located within the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct, which is home to more than 45 world-class biomedical organisations, with collectively more than 50,000 of the brightest minds working together to make the Precinct number one in the Asia Pacific region.

Further information on the RCH including the new RCH Strategic Plan 2019-21 Great Care, Everywhere is available at [<http://www.rch.org.au>](http://www.rch.org.au)

ROLE PURPOSE

An RCH Registered Nurse is responsible for ensuring that clinical practice and delivery of care is consistent with RCH and Nursing Midwifery Board of Australia Standards. You will be responsible for providing comprehensive, safe, evidence-based practice across a range of contexts, to facilitate optimal health outcomes; performing self-assessment of scope of practice and competence related to assigned responsibilities as discussed with the care delivery team; retaining responsibility for individual actions and accountability for care provided.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

Professional Practice

- Fulfil duty of care by practicing within scope of practice in accordance with Australian Nursing & Midwifery Council guidelines
- Integrate nursing health care knowledge and skills to provide safe and effective care
- Utilise patient IT systems to document and record nursing activity

Critical Thinking and Analysis

- Demonstrate analytical skills in assessing and evaluating health information

- Use best available evidence, standards and guidelines to evaluate nursing performance
- Participate in professional development to enhance nursing practice

Provision and Coordination of Care

- Participate in quality improvement activities
- Conduct comprehensive and systematic nursing assessments to improve the quality of nursing care
- Use a range of assessment techniques to collect relevant and accurate data

Collaborative and Therapeutic Practice

- Plan nursing care in consultation with others (i.e. multidisciplinary health care team)
- Establish, maintain and appropriately conclude therapeutic relationships
- Determine, in consultation with others as necessary, priorities for resolving health needs of individuals
- Plan for continuity of care to achieve expected outcomes
- Prioritise workload based on individual needs, acuity and optimal time for intervention

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential:

- Current registration as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) administered through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (APHRA)
- Demonstrated commitment to ongoing personal and professional development, as evidenced in a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) record/Professional practice Portfolio.

Desirable:

- Flexibility and availability for shifts across wards will be highly valued
- Minimum 2 years acute Nursing Experience

Other Requirements:

- Employees are required to undertake a National Criminal Record Check and a Working with Children Check prior to commencing employment
- Employees are required to maintain a valid Working with Children's Check throughout their employment
- A current, full drivers licence for the State of Victoria which is appropriate for the type of vehicle being driven, and comply with any restrictions on their licence (e.g. wearing glasses) while undertaking hospital duties (If applicable)
- Employees are required to maintain compliance with RCHs "Staff Immunisation - Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases" procedure

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills both written and verbal
- Demonstrated ability to work within a multidisciplinary team and autonomously as required
- Effective time management and organisational skills
- Ability to work well under pressure and be flexible to changing priorities and environment
- Proven ability to work independently and demonstrated initiative in performing duties

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All employees are required to adhere to the Royal Children's Hospital Values:

- Unity - We work as a team and in partnership with our communities
- Respect - We respect the rights of all and treat people the way we would like them to treat us
- Integrity - We believe that how we work is as important as the work we do
- Excellence - We are committed to achieving our goals and improving outcomes

RCH COMPACT

All new and existing employees commit to the RCH Compact to contribute to a strong and respectful culture.

- *We do better work caring for children and families when we also care for each other*
- *I bring a positive attitude to work – I share, I laugh, I enjoy other's company*
- *I take responsibility for my behaviour and its impact on others*
- *I am curious and seek out ways to constantly learn and improve*
- *I celebrate the good stuff, the small stuff, the big stuff – it all matters*
- *I speak up when things aren't right*
- *I value the many different roles it takes to deliver great patient care*
- *I actively listen because I want to understand others and make better decisions*
- *I am inclusive and value diversity*
- *When it comes to teamwork, I don't hold back – I'm all in.*

QUALITY, SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT

RCH Employees have a responsibility and accountability to contribute to the organisation's commitment to Quality, Safety and Improvement by:

- *Acting in accordance and complying with all relevant Safety and Quality policies and procedures*
- *Identifying risks, reporting and being actively involved in risk mitigation strategies*
- *Participating in and actively contributing to quality improvement programs*
- *Complying with the requirements of the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards*
- *Complying with all relevant clinical and/or competency standards*
- *Complying with the principles of Patient and Family Centred Care that relate to this position*

The RCH is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, all members of the LGBTQI community and people with disability.

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