



# South Metropolitan Health Service Mental Health Graduate Program for Registered Nurses

Build your Knowledge, Skills and Confidence in mental health nursing and take advantage of the great opportunities on offer.

## Registered Nurse Graduate Program (Mental Health)

The Registered Nurse Graduate program offers a 12 month program in mental health nursing in partnership with Notre Dame University (ND). Recruitment into this program is through the SMHS MH option via GradConnect, the WA Department of Health's centralised graduate recruitment website.

During the program, graduates will have the opportunity to work across a wide range of practice settings, gaining a broad range of clinical experience, and be provided with regular and ongoing clinical support, through site based preceptorship model.

## Benefits

- A 12 month full-time employment contract
- Formal study days provided by Notre Dame University
- 2 supernumerary days in each clinical area
- Excellent support from experienced mental health nurses and ward based education staff
- Rotational nursing roster (may include day, afternoon and nights)
- Ability to work in various locations

## Locations

Limited places are available at participating health sites and applicants are required to list their preferences (1 to 3) from the following health sites at time of application:

1. Fiona Stanley Hospital Mental Health
2. Fremantle Hospital and Health Service
3. Rockingham General Hospital

## Program duration

The program runs for 12 months full time. Programs commence in February and August each year.

## Course Delivery

The program includes 2 weeks of face-to-face learning at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle which aligns with the Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health.

This involves attendance at Notre Dame (full days) for a study block of two weeks, commencing in either February or August. A further two days will be provided within the following 4 months.

On successful completion of the graduate program, graduates will receive credit for two courses of study towards the Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health;

- NURS4024 Contemporary Mental Health Practice
- NURS4025 Interpersonal Communication

Graduates are provided these two courses during the SMHS Mental Health Graduate Program at no cost.

Graduates are then eligible to enrol in the remaining two courses of the Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health.

The remaining 2 courses required to attain a graduate certificate can be completed at a cost to the applicant:

- NURS4027 Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry
- NURSXXXX Postgraduate Mental Health Elective (Professional Role Development, Perinatal Mental Health)

Graduates pursuing further study to achieve the Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health may be eligible to apply for a Nursing and Midwifery Office Scholarship to cover the cost of these courses.

## How to apply

You can apply online via the Graduate Connect site at:

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Careers/Occupations/Nursing-and-midwifery/Graduate-nursing-and-midwifery>

When applying online, please select registered Nurse Programs then option “South Metropolitan Health Service, Mental Health Graduate Registered Nurse Program”. You will then be asked to identify your preferred site of employment.

Health Service Providers will liaise with the SHMS Site Program Coordinator for the completion of the application and enrolment process after employment.

## Further information

If you have a question, please contact the relevant Program Coordinator or NDU Postgraduate coordinator on:

1. **FSFHG:** Sally Hasson, NME & Susan Jones, NE: email [FSFHGGradNurse@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:FSFHGGradNurse@health.wa.gov.au)
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