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Employment for nurses and midwives

Nurses and midwives choose to work in South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health for many reasons:

- Valuable experience is gained in some of the State's finest hospitals and community health services and in one of the leading Area Health Services in NSW.
- Employment diversity is possible through the choice of facility and their location – from large metropolitan principal and specialist referral hospitals to mid-sized district hospitals and smaller sub-acute facilities in the rural south coast.
- Opportunities to specialise in a particular area of interest are readily available because, within this Area Health Service, a complete range of clinical specialties is provided.
- The professional development of staff is widely encouraged within a collective culture of learning, sharing, research and scholarship. It is actively promoted by local employers, being viewed as an important investment in our workforce and a positive influence on the delivery of health care.
- Excellent career advancement opportunities are available at all levels of the organisation – in wards, units and departments, in local facilities and services, in the Hospital Networks and in the cross-Area Clinical Streams.

But most of all, nurses and midwives choose to work where they are valued.

Enrolled nurses, registered nurses and midwives who are interested in working in the hospitals and community health services that make up South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health can access information and contact us in a variety of ways:

Health Jobs

www7.health.nsw.gov.au/healthjobs/

All positions currently being advertised can be viewed on Health Jobs, a website sponsored and supported by NSW Health. Using the search facility, insert "South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra" for details of the positions and their respective contacts to enable you to obtain more information.

Our website

<http://nursing.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au>

Alternatively, lodge an expression of interest directly from our nursing and midwifery website. By supplying general information about yourself and a few details of your request, we can begin the process of assisting you almost immediately.

Print media

Advertisements with contact details for enquiries regularly appear in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper, generally on Thursdays.

Direct contact

- Write to a hospital of your choice stating details of your request and supplying your resume, if appropriate.
- Phone or email the Nursing and Midwifery Services in the hospital of your choice to make an appointment, collect an application package or discuss your opportunities.

NOTE: *South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health is committed to equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety, ethical practices and the principles of cultural diversity. A smoke free environment is promoted.*

General information

- Work practices in all our hospitals are flexible, meaning that you can work full time, part time or join our hospital casual pools in order to choose the particular hours and days you want.
- The majority of wards run a 24 hour service and so in most instances, rotating shifts are essential - a benefit being that the penalty rates boost your salary.
- Naturally there are also services that operate within the normal business hours of 9am to 5pm such as out patient departments and most community health services and in these environments more regular working hours are available.
- At this time, accommodation on health service premises in South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health is very limited. Workforce services in the individual hospitals are able to offer general advice on accommodation options in their locality.

Registration lapsed?

If you are interested in working with us but need to restore your professional registration, contact the Nurses and Midwives Board of New South Wales on (02) 9219 0222 or 1800 241 220 (toll-free number for residents of country NSW) or visit:

www.nmb.nsw.gov.au

You can also write to them at:

PO Box K599, Haymarket NSW 1238
or call in to their Sydney office:
Level 2, 28-36 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills.

Reconnect with nursing and midwifery

Re-entering the public health system workforce after an absence of several years can be daunting given the health care system does not stay unchanged for very long. Reconnect is an initiative of NSW Health offering clinically focused and fully supported employment for registered nurses, registered midwives and enrolled nurses in public hospitals.

Mental Health Connect is a similar initiative for nurses who want to enter the field of mental health.

Interest can be registered in either program by telephoning toll free 1800 330 933.

More information can be obtained from:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/reconnect.html

Overseas qualified nurses and midwives

South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health is able to offer registered nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorship of up to four years under arrangements between the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and the NSW Health Department.

The requirements necessary for Temporary Business Sponsorship to proceed are:

- That professional registration with the Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW (NMB) has been obtained
- That a formal offer of employment by one of the hospitals in South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health has been made and
- That Private Health Insurance cover with an Australian health insurance provider for the duration of the sponsorship has been taken out.

It is recommended that nurses and midwives qualified outside Australia refer to the comprehensive information on our nursing and midwifery website before completing an expression of interest.