

TRANSITION TO PRIMARY CARE NURSING PROGRAM (TPN)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does the Transition to Primary Care Nursing Program start?

The Program dates:

- July 2017 – June 2018 and
- January 2018 - December 2018

How many nurses will be part of the Program?

The number of nurses accepted will depend on the number of places available within General Practices. Each nurse will have the opportunity to work in at least 2 participating practices, meaning each practice will support at least 2 nurse graduates as an employee over the duration of the Program. This is similar to GP registrar 6 month rotation i.e. 1 nurse per 6 month rotation.

What is the selection process for nursing graduates?

To be eligible to apply for the Transition to Primary Care Nursing Program, nurses must:

- Be completing their Bachelor of Nursing course
- Be eligible for registration as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia prior to the agreed date for the commencement of employment
- Be an Australian Citizen or hold a visa that allows ongoing full-time employment in Australia
- Be proficient in the English language (IELTS of 7 or equivalent)

What are the eligibility requirements for General Practices?

General Practices that are accredited and currently employ or contract the services of a Primary Care Nurse are eligible to participate.

Who employs the nurses?

Participating general practices will be required to employ the graduate nurses allocated to them, equal or close to 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) for 12 months. The graduate nurse is required to work at least 50% of the time that the Practice nurse is employed, but can cover other days/hours that there is no nurse.

What role will our existing Primary Care Nurse have in the Program?

The practice's existing nurse will play an important preceptor role for the graduate nurses and will also receive support and training from the Transition Program Coordinator.

Is the nurse covered by our Practice Insurance?

General enquiries indicate that the graduate nurse should be covered by your practice's medical indemnity insurance as per regular employees, however we recommend contacting your insurance provider regarding the terms and conditions relevant to your practice policy.

For more information, visit:

[http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/documents/default.aspx?record=WD13%2F11357&dbid=AP&checksum=KisG5dvdiowUWQTSj8hyVw%3D%](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/documents/default.aspx?record=WD13%2F11357&dbid=AP&checksum=KisG5dvdiowUWQTSj8hyVw%3D%25)