

Position Description

Position Title	Registered Nurse
Position Number	30028422
Division	Clinical Operations
Department	Ward 6A – Assessment and Treatment Unit (ATU) and Short Stay Observation Unit
Enterprise Agreement	Nurses And Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2024-2028
Classification Description	Registered Nurse Grade 2 Year 2 – 8
Classification Code	YP3 – YP9
Reports to	Nurse Unit Manager SSOU
Management Level	Non Management
Staff Capability Statement	Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement

Bendigo Health

With more than 5,000 staff and volunteers and covering an area a quarter of the size of Victoria, Bendigo Health, is an expanding regional health service offering the advantages of city life combined with the beauty and freedom that comes from living in a regional area.

Bendigo Health is a 700 bed service that treats more than 45,000 inpatients, triages more than 65,000 emergency attendees and welcomes more than 1,600 new born babies in a year. In addition more than 15,000 operations are performed in our operating theatres and more than 100,000 occasions of services are provided in our clinics to outpatients.

The organisation provides services in emergency, maternity, women's health, medical imaging, pathology, rehabilitation, community services, residential aged care, psychiatric care, community dental, hospice/palliative care, cardiology, cancer services and renal dialysis to the people of the Loddon Mallee region.

With our main campus based in Bendigo, our services extend throughout the Loddon Mallee with sites in areas such as Mildura, Echuca, Swan Hill, Kyneton and Castlemaine.

Demand on services is increasing rapidly with Bendigo being one of Victoria's fastest growing regional cities.

Our Vision

Excellent Care. Every Person. Every Time.

Our Values

CARING – We care for our community

PASSIONATE – We are passionate about doing our best

TRUSTWORTHY - We are open, honest and respectful

All staff at Bendigo Health should have, or aspire to the personal qualities, knowledge and skills as described in the Bendigo Health Staff Capabilities Statement. Refer to link at top of page.

The Clinical Operations Division

The Clinical Operations Division encompasses acute, cancer and mental health services. We provide a wide range of general medical, surgical and specialty services including but not limited to; Oncology, Cardiology, Renal, Emergency, Women's and Children's, Critical Care, Specialist Clinics, Cancer Clinics and Mental Health Services.

Within a state-of-the-art hospital, our Ambulatory and Critical Care, Medical Services, Surgical Services and Women's and Children's (including an Early Parenting Centre) areas use the latest technologies to provide excellent care. Our world class Cancer Centre uses a multi-disciplinary, integrated approach to treat specific cancers. The Cancer Centre offers medical oncology, radiation oncology, specialist nurses, clinical trials and cancer research, palliative care, and a Cancer Wellness Program.

The Mental Health Service provides psychiatric care and treatment across a large catchment covering the Loddon Mallee region. Family sensitive practice is central to our models of mental health care and best practice ensures the identification, inclusion and support of families, carers and children.

Each year our onsite Specialist Clinics provide over 100,000 service events, we also see more than 60,000 people in our Emergency Department and welcome around 1700 babies into the world. The Clinical Operations Division assists with the admission of more than 50,000 patients into the hospital each year.

The Ward 6A Team

The 6A team is part of Bendigo Health's Acute Ambulatory and Critical Care Directorate.

Assessment and Treatment Unit (ATU)

The Assessment and Treatment Unit is a 15 bed unit that provides care for acute cardiac, medical and surgical inpatients requiring ongoing assessment and treatment for up to 72 hours with a planned disposition to home. The ATU admits mixed patient cohorts from ED, Interventional Suite, stepdown CCU, Short Stay Observational unit and other inpatient units and works collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams to provide excellent care. From May 2025, a complex care room will support higher acuity patients with a cardiac focus.

Short Stay Observational Unit

The Short Stay Observation Unit is a fast paced, flexible unit that liaises directly with the Emergency Department to provide safe, timely access to care for Emergency patients.

The Position

The Registered Nurse Ward 6A is responsible for the safe, timely and flexible delivery of nursing care to patients and families admitted to the unit. This encompasses assessing, planning and implementing patient care in consultation with the multidisciplinary team, while striving to improve patient access to care through understanding current trends in Emergency nursing and KPI's. The successful candidate will be part of a dynamic team responsible for assessing and treating a wide cohort of patients with acute illness.

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Bendigo Health offers a supportive work environment that assists staff in understanding their work related responsibilities.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

- Providing safe and quality care in line with the Australian Nursing Council (ANC) national competency standards, the Code of Ethics and the Code of Professional Conduct for nurses in Australia and commensurate with level of clinical skills and experience.
- Assisting in the planning, delivery and evaluation of a high standard of nursing care in consultation with the health care team.
- Practising safe customer focussed direct patient care in a multidisciplinary environment.
- Developing and maintain professional nursing standards and practice.
- Assessing and providing health education needs for patients and carers.
- Documenting all patient care including all necessary computer data entry requirements.
- Demonstrating a sound understanding of directorate key performance indicators.
- Ensuring safe operation and cleanliness of clinical equipment.
- Promoting practices which comply with the policies and procedures of Bendigo Health and actively participating in the maintenance of relevant policies and procedures to ensure best practice.
- Participating in and contributing to team/departmental and organisational meetings as required.
- Participating in service development as required.
- Ensuring compliance with Bendigo Health risk management policy and guidelines.
- Providing leadership and direction and act as a positive role model providing mentorship and preceptorship to less experienced nurses, including undergraduates nursing students
- All staff work a rotating 7 day a week roster covering days evening and night shifts.

Employees are required to carry out lawful directions outlined above or delegated to them. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

Generic Responsibilities

Code of Conduct - The Victorian Government's Code of Conduct is binding on all Bendigo Health staff. Contravention of a provision in the code may constitute misconduct and/ or regarded as a breach of the employee's employment agreement and will be dealt with under the organisations Counselling and Disciplinary Action Policy.

Compliance with policies and procedures - All Bendigo Health's policies and procedures are set out in its clinical and managerial policy manuals located on the intranet under PROMPT and in hard copy. All staff must ensure they comply with policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Occupational Health and Safety - Every staff member has the responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and the safety of others, to cooperate with Bendigo Health's OH&S policies and to participate in appropriate safety education and evaluation activities. All staff are expected to participate in reporting any health, safety and wellbeing issues. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Infection Control - Every staff member has the responsibility to minimise incidents of infection/ cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the general public. All staff must adhere to the policies and procedures as set out in Bendigo Health's infection control manuals. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Confidentiality - All information concerning Bendigo Health, its patients, clients, residents and staff should remain strictly confidential. Any unauthorised disclosure of such information may result in disciplinary action.

Quality Improvement - Bendigo Health is dedicated to improving the quality and safety of health services by providing care within the following domains of quality: Consumer Participation, Clinical Effectiveness, Effective Workforce and Risk Management. As a result, we apply the concept of the quality cycle for all our quality activities, initiatives and projects thereby ensuring the best possible care and treatment results are achieved. The underlying principle of the cycle is that an activity is not complete until evaluation shows that it has been effective and reached the desired outcome. As a Bendigo Health employee you have a responsibility to participate in and commit to ongoing quality improvement activities using the framework of the NSQHSS (National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards).

Diversity – Each person has a right to high-quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors, which might include aspects such as cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, age and socio-economic status. Every staff member has a responsibility to recognise and respect diversity. Inclusiveness improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst staff.

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Key Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Current registration as Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia.
2. An understanding of relevant Key Performance Indicators applicable to the department
3. Current Acute Nursing Experience
4. Flexibility to operate in an environment of change and continuous improvement
5. Ability to work as part of a team, as well as to work independently
6. Ability to interact and communicate with a diverse range of people at all levels

7. Ability to give excellent customer service to both internal and external customers and a personal approach which is positive, enthusiastic, friendly and helpful

Desirable

8. Cardiology experience and understanding of current trends of Cardiac Nursing
9. High level of self-confidence
10. Ability to introduce new concepts through innovation, influencing, negotiating and persuasion skills

Mandatory Requirements

National Police Record Check A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be completed by all new staff prior to commencement at Bendigo Health.

Immunisation As a health provider dedicated to providing quality patient care, we all need to be aware of the critical importance of infection control. Each staff member has a responsibility to comply with Bendigo Health's Staff Immunisation Policy and various infection control policy and procedures. All staff are required to provide evidence of vaccinations prior to commencement at Bendigo Health

Registration with Professional Regulatory Body or relevant Professional Association For example, AHPRA, AHRI, RACS etc. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

All Bendigo Health sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Bendigo Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.