

Position Description

Position Title	Nurse Unit Manager – Specialised Dementia Care Program
Position Number	30028610
Division	Community and Continuing Care
Department	Aged Care Residential Services
Enterprise Agreement	Nurses And Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2024-2028
Classification Description	Nurse Unit Manager Level 2 Grade NM3
Classification Code	NM11
Reports to	Director of Nursing – Gibson Street Group
Management Level	Tier 3 - Business Manager
Staff Capability Statement	Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement
Mandatory Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Police Record Check • National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Check • Aged Care Banning Order Register • Registration with Professional Regulatory Body or relevant Professional Association • Key Personnel check • Drivers Licence • Immunisation Requirements

Bendigo Health

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Our organisation is a child safe organisation, committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults, children and families will be supported to express and be proud of their culture in an environment that is culturally safe and supported.

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

The Position

This role works with the Director of Nursing Gibson Street Group (DON) to deliver care services in the Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP) funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. The SDCP offers temporary care with a goal to stabilise and reduce a person's behavioural symptoms with a supported transition into a less intensive care setting.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

- Assume management responsibility for the SDCP unit.
- Liaise with all staff acting as resource for staff, facilitating and promoting quality resident care.
- Provide clinical leadership and act as a positive role model to all nursing staff.
- Complete SDCP program Performance Reports as required for SDCP KPI's and guidelines.
- Assist the DON with any projects or reports that may be necessary. Ensure the necessary reports are completed and the DON are informed.
- Ensure the facility is appropriately staffed for each shift by maintaining rosters, recruitment and the payroll system (Kronos) with the right staffing mix to meet the residents and the SDCP unit's requirements.
- Ensure and promote safe, recreational, person-centred, psychosocial, goal-orientated care, supporting residents to promote rehabilitation and build on their capabilities in an interdisciplinary environment with the aim of transitioning out following stabilisation.
- Ensure completion of all clinical documentation including residents' assessments, care plans, behaviour support plans, risk assessments, clinical monitoring and the resident of the day process are completed.
- Ensure the management and completion of complex management plans, adverse events and clinical reviews.
- In consultation with the health care team, resident and carers, provide, assist and supervise the planning, delivery and evaluation of a high standard of quality care, inclusive of nursing care which reflects resident's choice and clinical care needs to promote dignity of choice.
- Provide responsible management of human, financial and environmental resources within the home.
- Monitor and manage nursing staff performance, promote and develop professional nursing standards and practice ensuring that annual mandatory education and competencies are satisfactorily completed and continual learning needs are identified.
- Work in consultation with the Residential Aged Care Quality Consultant to ensure the SDCP has a comprehensive quality system, including audits completed as scheduled with appropriate follow up undertaken, DHHS indicator data is collated, the SDCP unit's business plan and quality improvement plans are developed, implemented, monitored and evaluated.
- Manage important issues including mandatory reporting, resident complaints, adverse events, coroners, after hours and notify the DON, AHM or other health care team members as required.
- Monitor consumer concerns, assist with the resolution and refer matters to the DON.

- Be responsible for maintaining own education as required under the National Dementia Education and Training Standards Framework for SDCP staff (including annual mandatory training in fire/emergency, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, infection control & safe manual handling), and maintain a personal record of activities completed.
- Maintain a practical working knowledge of Aged Care legislation inclusive of the Aged Care Quality Standards.

Key Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Bachelor of Nursing with current AHPRA registration
2. Completion of or working towards post graduate qualification in Gerontology or Dementia
3. Minimum of 2 years' management experience working in residential care, dementia or older person's mental health specific unit or Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP)
4. Demonstrated knowledge of Aged Care Quality Standards, Aged Care legislation and Specialist Dementia Care Program service delivery principles
5. High level leadership and interpersonal skills and proven ability to develop and manage staff in a complex and changing environment.
6. Team orientated as well as self-directed and ability to work independently.
7. Strong knowledge of residential funding (AN-ACC) and proven experience with developing and efficiently managing budgets.
8. High level written, and verbal communication skills, problem-solving, planning skills and the ability to meet deadlines and provide required information.
9. An understanding of quality and risk management, and a demonstrated achievement in and commitment to continuous quality improvement.
10. An understanding of and experience in HR management and employee/industrial relations.

Generic Responsibilities

All Bendigo Health staff are required to:

- Adhere to the **Victorian Government's Code of Conduct**
- Uphold **Occupational Health and Safety** responsibilities, including self-care, safeguarding others, and participating in safety initiatives and reporting.
- Comply with all **Bendigo Health policies and procedures**, including those related to clinical, managerial, and standard work practices.
- Follow **Infection Control** procedures to prevent cross-contamination and ensure the health and safety of all.
- Maintain **strict confidentiality** regarding all organisational, patient, and staff information.
- Engage in **continuous quality improvement** activities aligned with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (NSQHSS).
- Recognise and respect **diversity**, fostering inclusive practices in the workplace and service delivery.
- Support research activities in alignment with the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework to ensure high-quality, safe, and ethical clinical trials and research practices across Bendigo Health

- Staff must carry out all lawful and reasonable directions and comply with relevant professional standards and ethical codes.
- Safeguard children and young people in our care, by ensuring that your interactions are positive and safe, and report any suspicions or concerns of abuse by any person internal or external to Bendigo Health.
- Maintain ability to perform the inherent requirements of this role. Inherent requirements are the essential tasks necessary to perform this role, including reasonable adjustments. Bendigo Health is committed to a safe workplace that supports all employees. The role may require specific physical and cognitive abilities, which can be discussed with the manager during recruitment or at any time. We understand that personal circumstances can change and impact your ability to meet these requirements; additional policies are available to guide you through this process. Please request the relevant procedures for more information.

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