
Mansfield District Hospital

Position Description

REGISTERED NURSE – OPERATING THEATRE

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VALUES & EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

The Mansfield District Hospital Values & Expected Behaviours are based on the *Application of Public Sector Standards, Fair and Reasonable Treatment Guidelines, Merit in Employment Guideline, Reasonable Avenue of Redress Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Victorian Public Sector Employees.*

We value our Staff and have faith that they will express a positive attitude by actively modelling and promoting our expected behaviours:

Quality

We believe that excellence of service and the provision of high quality, effective and accessible health services will be achieved by working in partnership with other health care providers to plan, strengthen and deliver innovative, cost-effective and integrated health care services.

Behaviours to support value

- Seeking to achieve best use of resources
- Maintaining professionalism in all our interactions
- We will demonstrate openness and fairness when dealing with others
- Use our knowledge and skills to perform our duties to the best of our ability

Integrity

We believe it imperative to be open, honest, transparent and ethical in our decision-making and business transactions to ensure equitable access to a safe, high quality healthcare service is available that upholds and respects the dignity and rights of all stakeholders.

Behaviours to support value

- Providing frank, impartial and timely feedback to requests for information
- Identifying and encouraging best practice in our interactions with colleagues
- Seek to resolve conflict rapidly and constructively
- We will honour confidentiality
- We will treat people equally
- Actively implementing, promoting and supporting human rights
- Making decisions and providing advice on merit without bias, caprice, favouritism or self interest

Support

We believe in providing a fair and equitable environment for our staff that supports access to education and training opportunities, fosters a culture of safety and teamwork, and values the experience and knowledge of all employees.

Behaviours to support value

- Being honest, open and transparent in our dealings with our colleagues
- Using powers responsibly
- Reporting improper or inappropriate conduct
- Identifying and avoiding conflicts of interest in our daily practice.
- We will treat others fairly and objectively considering all relevant facts and applying fair criteria
- Working to clear objectives in a transparent manner
- Our staff will ensure freedom from discrimination, harassment and bullying
- We will use our colleagues' views to improve outcomes on an ongoing basis.
- We will communicate courteously
- Discuss differences in a clear and calm manner
- Refrain from using behaviours that are abusive, intimidating and patronising

Sustainability

We believe that the future of our organization and of our community will only be enhanced by the development of genuine environmental sustainability initiatives.

Behaviours to support value

- Accepting responsibility for our decisions and actions
- Cultivating and maintaining relationships that support the goals of the organization
- Actively implementing, promoting and supporting our values

MANSFIELD DISTRICT HOSPITAL

POSITION DESCRIPTION**1. POSITION DETAILS**

Position Title:	Registered Nurse
Classification:	RN (YP2 – YP11, depending on years of experience)
Agreement:	Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020 or its successor.
Salary:	As per award
Hours of Work:	Hours negotiable Rotating shifts
Tenure:	Permanent
Location:	The position will be located in a variety of hospital locations, including Acute, Buckland House, Bindaree Retirement Centre or the Visiting Nursing Service.

2. JOB SUMMARY

This position is responsible for providing comprehensive and high quality nursing care to patients/ residents of Mansfield District Hospital.

3. REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

This position reports to the Associate Nurse Unit Manager on a day-to-day basis, and the Nurse Unit Manager for human resource/ operational issues.

4. KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES**Clinical Management:**

- Ensure the delivery of nursing care to patients/ residents that is safe, effective and compliant with the standards of practice for Registered Nurses.
- Ensure a sound knowledge of Infection Control and Prevention Practices including Hospital Acquired Infection, Aseptic Technique, Hand Hygiene and Standard and Additional precautions.
- Actively report and document changes to the health and well-being of patients/ residents and changes to patient/ resident needs.
- To act in the 'Anaesthetic Nurse' position:
 - Responsible for the nursing care of patients and for assisting the anaesthetist in the safe administration of anaesthesia.
 - Assesses the health status of the patient and gathers data which is retrievable and communicated to the appropriate persons.
 - Utilises data obtained and knowledge of environment and safety elements in the planning of patient care.
 - Undertakes specific nursing activities according to the plan of care for the patient.
 - Participates in the evaluation of patient care delivered.

- Seeks out opportunities for personal and professional development.
 - Participates in educational activities within the operating suite.
 - Uses and promotes effective communication.
 - Applies knowledge of occupational health and safety requirements to the work environment.
- To act in the 'Scout Nurse' position:
 - Assist in the "Time Out" procedure at commencement of case
 - Give direct nursing care and support to the patient, according to needs.
 - Be concerned at all times with the patient's safety, welfare and comfort.
 - Be a "guardian" of aseptic technique observing for infractions.
 - Supply the sterile team with every necessary item to perform the operation efficiently.
 - Certify, along with the scrub nurse, to correctness of swab, packs, needle instrument counts.
 - Use equipment and supplies economically and conservatively.
 - Direct and coordinate nursing activities within the operating room
 - Meet the requirements of the 'Scout Nurse Duties & Responsibilities' in the Operating Theatre Work Instruction manual
 - To act in the 'Scrub Nurse' position:
 - Maintain asepsis and sterile technique.
 - Anticipate the needs of the surgeon and to supply such needs.
 - Assist efficiently within the sterile field as requested by the surgeon
 - Use supplies conservatively and economically.
 - Perform all duties in a manner consistent with good patient care and good operative technique.
 - To act in the 'Recovery Nurse' position:
 - Assesses the health status of the patient and gathers data which is retrievable and communicated to the appropriate persons.
 - Utilises data obtained and knowledge of environment and safety elements in the planning of patient care.
 - Undertakes specific nursing activities according to the plan of care for the patient.
 - Participates in the evaluation of patient care delivered.
 - Seeks out opportunities for personal and professional development.
 - Participates in the educational activities within the operating suite.
 - Uses and promotes effective communication.
 - Applies knowledge of occupational health and safety requirements to the work environment.
 - Participates in quality assurance activities within the operating suite.
 - Encourage the involvement of residents' family and friends.
 - Participate in the organisation's quality improvement program.
 - Participate in the organisation's accreditation processes.

Human resources:

- Provide direction, preceptorship and supervision for new staff, inexperienced staff or students to ensure that the required standards are achieved.
- Assist with the orientation of new staff
- Participate in the Unit's staff meetings, raising any concerns, ideas or suggestions for improvements in the delivery of nursing care to patients/ residents.

Self Management:

- Further own education by updating and maintaining skills and knowledge.
- Ensures that the mandatory training requirements of the position are achieved and maintained.

Portfolio management:

- Participates in the functioning of the Unit, by assuming responsibility for an identified portfolio.
- Provides regular progress reports in relation to the identified portfolio

Quality & Safety:

- All staff have a direct responsibility to ensure the organisation provides safe and high quality health services. It is also the responsibility of all staff to develop and maintain a working knowledge of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (NSQHSS), Common Community Care Standards and Aged Care Standards relevant to their position.

Consumer Participation

- Ensure the service focus is patient –centred including enabling and encouraging consumers to participate effectively in their treatment and planning, delivery and evaluation of health services.
- Participate , respond and take corrective action to consumer complaints as required in accordance with MDH’s complaints policy
- Ensure feedback from consumers including complaints and satisfaction
- Foster a culture of patient self management

Occupational Health and Safety:

- In order to comply with Occupational Health & Safety Legislation, each employee is required to:
 - Adopt work practices that support the OH&S policy.
 - Take reasonable care for his/her own health and safety and that of others in the workplace that may be affected by their actions.
 - Participate in meetings, fire drills, training and other OH&S activities.
 - Use equipment in compliance with relevant guidelines.
 - Ensure that all incidents, hazardous conditions or injuries are reported immediately to the supervisor or relevant authority

5. KEY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- Complies with the nursing profession’s Standards of Practice
- Provides high quality, dignified and safe nursing care that meets the needs of individual patients/ residents.
- Has a two-way approach that encourages patient/resident participation leading to successful patient/resident health outcomes.
- Maintains a competent level of knowledge in the use of all hospital/ nursing home equipment.
- Hospital Policy and Procedure is adhered to at all times, including NO-Lift and Infection Control.
- OH&S legislation is complied with at all times.
- Demonstrates a sound knowledge of emergency procedures
- Demonstrates evidence of contribution to the Unit functioning by means of an identified portfolio.
- Appropriate professional development is undertaken.

6. KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**Essential**

- Registered Nurse – current Australian Health Professional Registration Board (AHPRA) registration
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills.
- Proven ability to prioritise tasks
- Experience as an effective team member.
- Demonstrated computer skills to include e-mail management, word processing and file management.
- Current Working with Children check .

Desirable

- Completion of, or working towards a recognised educational qualification for a perioperative nursing.
- Is able to competently use the IT products: WORD & OUTLOOK and management information in a computer environment utilizing products.

7. PERFORMANCE REVIEW:

A performance review will be conducted within 3 months of appointment, performance reviews will then be conducted annually. The position description will form the basis for performance appraisal however specific key performance indicators may be developed in consultation with the supervisor. If performance does not meet expectations or additional staff development/ guidance is required, additional performance review meetings will be arranged. The employee can request additional performance reviews at any time, in writing, to the supervisor.

8. OTHER CONDITIONS

All hospital staff are required to have a pre-employment police check which must be renewed every three years. It is organisational policy that staff who do not hold a current police check will be unable to be rostered for duty.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT – REGISTERED NURSE

Under Occupational Health and Safety, potential risks associated with this position are detailed below. Employee familiarity and compliance with emergency procedure codes apply to all areas of the hospital.

Aspects of Normal Workplace	Frequency	Comments
Work Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Area for the management of patients • Administrative and office environments • Training facilities and rooms • Traveling or driving in cars 	Constant Occasionally	Core business activity May be away from the workplace
Single beds for patients. All beds are fully electric. There is no requirement to lift bed heads or foot ends. Height adjustment is via a button.	Constant	No Lift training to have been completed
Office area for the completion of reports, computer operation, phone usage, handwriting. Fully adjustable ergonomic equipment is available.	Constant	More than one area within each workplace

<p><u>Work Activity</u> Exposure to Substances. Hazardous substances are part of the hospital workplace (e.g. blood). Protective equipment and procedures are in place to prevent contact.</p>	<p>Intermittent</p>	<p>Atopic individuals are required to declare their condition for individual assessment</p>
<p><u>Patient Handling</u> A “No-Lift” programme is vigorously supported at Mansfield District Hospital. Daily mobility assessments are required as a minimum. Whenever patient lifting is required the appropriate equipment <u>must</u> be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching and stretching (e.g. bed making) more than 30cm • Bending forward (e.g. assisting with daily hygiene) • Bending forward squatting, assisting with activities of daily living (e.g. dressing) 	<p>Constant Intermittent Intermittent Intermittent</p>	<p>Annual competency training is required Can be spaced out over whole shift but usually only a few minutes at a time</p>
<p><u>Clerical work</u> Handwriting of reports. Telephone conversations, computer operation which may include data entry</p>	<p>Intermittent</p>	<p>Substantial self management over the duration of each episode</p>
<p><u>OH&S Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in hazard information identification and improvement strategies • Correct and safe use of all equipment • Correct and safe use of all protective equipment • Follow safe working procedures and systems 	<p>Continual Continual Continual Continual</p>	<p>Includes but not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hazard Reports ▪ Electrical equipment ▪ Use of gloves ▪ Emergency procedures
<p><u>Work relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional interaction with medical, nursing and admin staff • Interact with colleagues and other hospital staff • Members of the public • Patients and relatives 	<p>Continual Continual Continual Continual</p>	
<p><u>Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual Handling • Emergency Management • CPR • Attendance at seminars and conferences • Include any requirements related to the National Safety & Quality Health Service standards • To attain 20 CPD points annually to maintain AHPRA registration 		<p>No Lift training includes maneuvering equipment (which may be on carpet) May involve lifting 13kg fire extinguishers Involves bending over for short periods of time May involve sitting for extended periods of time</p>

This document provides a summary of the role and duties of the position and forms the basis for periodic review of departmental and individual performance.

As an occupant of this position, I have noted this statement of duties and agree to perform the duties indicated and observe all requirements of the organisation’s policies and procedures.

Signature.....

Name:

Date: