



# Mental Health Transition to Practice Program for Registered Nurses

Build your knowledge, skills and confidence in mental health nursing with the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) Mental Health Transition to Practice (TTP) Program for Registered Nurses in association with Edith Cowan University (ECU).

## Why Choose NMHS Mental Health TTP Program?

NMHS contains Western Australia's largest mental health service caring for youths, adults and older adults. Services are delivered through inpatient units, community mental health clinics and day therapy and outreach programs to a catchment area of almost 1 million people.

Newly qualified Registered Nurses at NMHS are provided with the opportunity to consolidate their professional practice in a welcoming and supportive environment. During the program, newly qualified nurses will have the opportunity to work across a wide range of mental health practice settings, gaining a broad range of clinical knowledge and experience. Newly qualified nurses are provided with regular and ongoing clinical support through a site based preceptorship model to enable a smooth transition from student to practicing Registered Nurse.



**Our Vision** Excellence in healthcare for our community.

**Our Mission** To improve, promote and protect the health and wellbeing of our patients, population and community.

**Our Values** Care, Respect, Innovation, Teamwork and Integrity.



## TTP program inclusions

- One year contract of employment
- **Partnership with ECU** to undertake two funded units of post graduate education
- Access to ongoing professional development days
- Supernumerary clinical practice at the commencement of each clinical area
- Excellent support from experienced mental health nurses and educators
- Rotational nursing roster (may include day, afternoon and nights)

**Locations** The TTP program will include two clinical rotations across the following sites;

- Graylands Hospital
- State Forensic Mental Health Services
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Mental Health Service
- Osborne Park Older Adult Mental Health Service
- Lower West Older Adult Mental Health Service
- King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mental Health Mother and Baby Unit

## Post Graduate education inclusions

**Units:** Newly qualified nurses enrol in the Master of Clinical Nursing Course but may exit from the course with a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing (Mental Health) on completion of three 20 credit point units:

1. Contemporary Issues in Mental Health (CMH5109)
2. Assessment in Mental Health (CMH5110)
3. One of the following elective units:
  - Community Mental Health
  - Forensic Mental Health
  - Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health
  - Drug use and Addictive Behaviours

**Cost:** Two units will be funded by the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office:

1. Contemporary Issues in Mental Health (CMH5109)
2. Assessment, Intervention and Skills in Mental Health (CMH5110)

The cost of the third unit will be the responsibility of the applicant. Grants can be applied for through the NMO for support with the course.

For further course information and fees for the elective unit please contact Edith Cowan University via their [website](#)

## Further information

If you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact the graduate program coordinator on [NMHSMHGraduateProgram@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:NMHSMHGraduateProgram@health.wa.gov.au) or (08) 9347 6773.

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