

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

<b>Position Title:</b>	Enrolled Nurse
<b>Business Unit/Department:</b>	Geriatric Evaluation Management (GEM) & Dementia Management Unit (DMU) Ward GC – Sunshine Hospital
<b>Division:</b>	Division of Aged, General Medicine and Subacute Services
<b>Award/Agreement:</b>	Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement
<b>Classification:</b>	Enrolled Nurse Levels (2.1 to 2.7)
<b>Reports To:</b>	Unit Manager or Nurse/Midwife in Charge
<b>Direct Reports:</b>	N/A
<b>Date Prepared/Updated:</b>	17 October 2024

<b>Position Purpose</b>
<p>The Enrolled Nurse (EN) provides care within the parameters specified by their professional qualification and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). The EN works in collaboration with other health care providers under the indirect supervision of Registered Nurses or Midwives who delegate the care of clients within the individual EN's scope of practice.</p> <p>As a professional, the EN is accountable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maintenance of their own clinical knowledge, further education and working within the confines of their specific scope of practice at all times, in accordance with the boundaries set by their experience and skill.</li> <li>• Ensuring that they are registered to work as an Enrolled Nurse in Australia at all times whilst working as a nurse within Western Health and practice in alignment with NMBA Enrolled Nurse standards for practice</li> </ul> <p>The role of the EN, working within a multidisciplinary team incorporates the following activities: supervised clinical practice, coordination of individual nursing care, counselling, health promotion and teaching, consumer advocacy, collaborative consumer management, research, mentorship/preceptorship, interaction/liaison with multidisciplinary team, accurate and timely documentation.</p> <p>The EN will contribute to providing quality health and well-being services for our consumers demonstrating novice to proficient behaviours across the five domains of leadership, research, evidence-based practice, education &amp; learning and clinical expertise as identified in the Western Health Nursing and Midwifery Professional Practice Framework.</p>
<b>Business Unit Overview</b>
<p>The Division of Aged, General Medicine, and Subacute Services delivers high-quality healthcare to patients across various acute and subacute inpatient units, including General Medicine, Acute Aged Care, Geriatric</p>

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Evaluation Medicine, Rehabilitation, Transition Care, and Residential Aged Care at multiple Western Health locations. This division plays a crucial role in the healthcare continuum, offering acute care in emergency departments and inpatient wards through to subacute care and community support. The clinical teams also offer vital consultation services to all areas of the health service and the community. These services are designed to align with patient-centred goals, focusing on enhancing independence and managing chronic conditions within a framework of shared decision making. With a diverse workforce comprising 650 equivalent full-time positions and an annual operating budget of \$120 million, the Division also ensures timely access to care through its Subacute and Non-acute Assessment and Pathways (SNAP) service, facilitating smooth transitions between care settings for individuals.

To ensure that patients have appropriate and timely access to these services, the Division also provides a Subacute and Non-acute Assessment and Pathways (SNAP) service to facilitate pathways to the right care setting. Subacute and Aged Care Services play an integral role within the health care continuum, supporting patients to recover from an acute illness, maximise their independence and functioning and, in doing so, minimise long term health and community care needs.

This diverse group of services is fundamental in promoting an effective and seamless patient journey. The service goals include:

- To provide high quality and safe care
- To involve the patient in their care and provide a positive patient experience
- To enable people to achieve their best health outcomes
- To minimise long term care needs
- To support people requiring end-of-life care
- To improve patient flow by supporting clinically appropriate and timely transfer and where possible through direct admissions to subacute inpatient services

The care we deliver is underpinned by the following principles:

- Place the patient and their family at the centre of their care
- Ensure care is based on the best available evidence
- Embed an inter-professional approach to care
- Deliver care in the most appropriate setting
- Coordinate and integrate care across all settings
- Promote health independence and positive ageing
- Facilitate Advance Care Planning
- Support end-of-life care where clinically indicated

The Division will continue to innovate and develop services and treatment groups across the Western Health campuses to ensure Best Care for the community of Western Melbourne.

## Key Responsibilities



### Leadership

- Work collaboratively within the nursing team model of care
- Appropriately accept delegations within scope of practice
- Role model behaviours consistent with the professional Code of Conduct and organisational values and challenge others when their behaviour does not meet expectations
- Demonstrate initiative in supporting early career and less experienced staff
- Contribute to peer feedback
- Work within and towards the Nursing and Midwifery workforce plan



### Research

- Use evidence to support improvement to consumer care and practice

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- Be curious about ways to improve practice and outcomes
- Promote evidence based practice and share findings at internal and external forums
- Participate in quality and research projects as appropriate



### **Evidence Based practice**

- Using evidence-based practice, participate in evaluation of the progress of individuals and groups towards expected outcomes and reformulation of care plans.
- Be familiar with local and organisational policies, procedures and guidelines
- Contribute to adverse event investigations, and undertake individual and team-based reflective practice
- Be aware of Western Health's Strategic Priorities, and ensure activities align with these priorities
- Contribute to the update of procedures and guidelines as applicable
- Participate in new initiatives to enhance patient and consumer outcomes and experience, or staff employment outcomes and experience



### **Education & Learning**

- Contribute to the updating of educational information provided to patients and consumers, and their families and carers
- Support new staff through the orientation buddy role
- Participate in ongoing learning opportunities
- Showcase work and improvement activities
- Provide timely informal feedback to students, early career and novice staff



### **Clinical expertise**

- Implement planned nursing care to achieve identified outcomes
- Demonstrate accountability and responsibility for the care delivered
- Recognise changes in consumers' condition and take necessary action including reporting and escalation seeking appropriate assistance
- Accurately reflect the consumers requirements, outcomes or events within prescribed Western Health documentation, ensuring all legal requirements are met in regards to legibility of content and identity of reporter in accordance with Western Health policies and procedures
- Communicate effectively with team members and supervising registered nurse or midwife
- Role model best practice and reference latest research
- Identify clinical practice improvement opportunities and discuss with your manager
- Perform other nursing duties as required

In addition to the key responsibilities specific to your role, you are required to deliver on the [Key Organisational Accountabilities](#) which are aligned with the Western Health strategic aims.

## **Key Working Relationships**

### **Internal:**

- Unit Manager
- Associate Unit Manager
- Other nursing and midwifery staff
- Allied health
- Unit medical officers
- Divisional Director
- Operations Manager
- Director of Nursing & Midwifery

### **External:**

- Consumers, families and others as required

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<b>Selection Criteria</b>
<p><b>Essential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current registration as an Enrolled Nurse with AHPRA</li> <li>• Completed a Diploma in Nursing and / or IV medication endorsed in addition to base qualification</li> <li>• Experience as an Enrolled Nurse in an acute hospital setting</li> <li>• Demonstrate efficient organisational skills, particularly with respect to time management in the provision of care</li> <li>• Have excellent written and verbal communication skills</li> <li>• Have highly developed interpersonal skills</li> <li>• Demonstrate an ability to practice collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary health care team</li> <li>• A commitment to high quality, safe and person-centred care</li> <li>• Possess excellent clinical skills</li> </ul> <p><b>Desirable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialty practice experience</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>
<p>All employees are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain a police / criminal history check prior to employment</li> <li>• Obtain a working with children check prior to employment (if requested)</li> <li>• Obtain an Immunisation Health Clearance prior to employment</li> <li>• Report to management any criminal charges or convictions you receive during the course of your employment</li> <li>• Comply with relevant Western Health clinical and administrative policies and guidelines.</li> <li>• Comply with and accept responsibility for ensuring the implementation of health and safety policies and procedures</li> <li>• Fully co-operate with Western Health in any action it considers necessary to maintain a working environment, which is safe, and without risk to health</li> <li>• Protect confidential information from unauthorised disclosure and not use, disclose or copy confidential information except for the purpose of and to the extent necessary to perform your employment duties at Western Health</li> <li>• 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 Western Health</li> <li>• Be aware of and comply with relevant legislation: Public Administration Act 2004, Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 (OHS Regulations 2017), Fair Work Act 2009 (as amended), the Privacy Act 1988 and responsibilities under s141 Health Services Act with regard to the sharing of health information, the Family Violence and Child Information Sharing Schemes, Part 5A and 6A Family Violence Protection Act 2008, Safe Patient Care Act 2015, Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Act 2023</li> <li>• Be aware of and comply with the Code of Conduct for Victorian Public Sector Employees and other Western Health employment guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>General Information</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redeployment to other services or sites within Western Health may be required</li> <li>• Employment terms and conditions are provided according to relevant award/agreement</li> </ul>

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- Western Health is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing for its employees a work environment which is free of harassment or discrimination. The organisation promotes diversity and awareness in the workplace
- Western Health is committed to Gender Equity
- Western Health provides support to all personnel experiencing family and domestic violence
- 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. Western Health reserves the right to modify position descriptions as required. Employees will be consulted when this occurs
- Western Health is a smoke free environment

*I confirm I have read the Position Description, understand its content and agree to work in accordance with the requirements of the position.*

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Employee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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