Why Choose us?

The Maternity Units of St George Hospital and The Sutherland Hospital have combined to offer a comprehensive maternity service across the two sites. St George has led the way for innovative models of care, which include; the first publicly funded home birth program in NSW and Caseload Midwifery. It is considered both nationally and internationally as a centre of excellence for high and low risk maternity care. St George births approximately 2,600 babies a year. At Sutherland Hospital all women are offered a continuity of antenatal care model and there are plans to extend this model into the postnatal period and the birthing suite. Sutherland births approximately 1300 babies per year.

St George Hospital is situated adjacent to Botany Bay in the southern suburbs and convenient to the airport and services the area is bounded by Cooks River in the north, Georges River in the south, Botany Bay in the east and Salt Pan Creek in the west. St George Hospital provides newly graduated nurses and midwives with exposure to a wide range of specialist clinical experiences and educational opportunities. Staff are encouraged and supported to undertake some of the many courses offered through both the hospital and the Area Health Service.

Sutherland Hospital is close to some of Sydney's great beaches at Cronulla and to the beautiful Royal National Park. Cronulla is a lively suburb, with many restaurants, cafes, bars, restaurants and a cinema. At Miranda, just 10 minutes walk away from the hospital, there is a Westfield Shopping Centre and cinema complex. Sutherland Hospital has a particularly friendly and supportive work environment, where all staff are considered valuable team members. We work together to provide our community with an excellent standard of health care.

Our services include

- Continuity of care programs including caseload and the Home Birth programme
- Midwives’ Clinics
- Midwifery Student MGP clinic (St George)
- Midwifery Student lead centering group (Sutherland)
- Doctor's clinics
- Young Mums’ Groups Midwifery student supported group (St George)
- Community antenatal services based at various Early Childhood Centres in the area.
- Centering Pregnancy Groups including a group for Chinese women
- High Risk antenatal clinic

Commencement date

The anticipated commencement date is February 2018 dependent on University calendars.
Employment Conditions

St George Hospital / Sutherland Hospital is offering a twelve-month training program for student midwives undertaking their Diploma of Midwifery and the Master of Science (Midwifery).

There is an extensive orientation including supernumerary ward orientation days.

Rotating rosters

Students are employed for four days a week on a seven day rotation roster, and attend University on one day. Opportunity for continuity of care is built into the rotation as the students spend the same day each week in the antenatal clinic where they follow women through their pregnancy. Annual Leave

Four weeks annual leave is accrued during the 12 month program, with two weeks allocated via the roster planner during the 12 months.

Rotations through clinical areas

Students are offered clinical rotations through Sutherland Hospital and St George Hospital based on their needs and our requirements. This will include rotations to gain experience in antenatal, intrapartum care as well as both hospital and community postnatal care. The students are provided with a 12 month clinical rotation planner detailing their rotations. All students complete 16-18 weeks at Sutherland & 32-34 weeks at St George Hospital. During the placement at St George each student will have a 6 week rotation working with one of the Midwifery Group Practices. Antenatal allocations will be to one of the Midwifery Models of Care options. These are:
  - Student lead midwifery group practice
  - Young Mums Group
  - Student lead centering group.

Students are allocated to one of these models for the 12 months.

Expectations

There is an expectation of student midwives by the universities that students must have a defined number of encounters with women, and a defined number of births attended in order to fulfil registration requirements. The system of antenatal care in the Southern Sector supports continuity of care. Students are encouraged to recruit their women evenly spread over the year.

Transport

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St George Hospital is close to both rail and bus services. Kogarah is the closest railway station and is only a five minute walk from the hospital campus.

Sutherland Hospital is a 10 to 15 minute walk to either Caringbah or Miranda railway stations. Sydney Central Business District is 30 minutes by train. There are also frequent trains to Wollongong. The hospital is within easy access to the southern beaches of Sydney by bus and train. There are also plenty of car parking spaces available for staff and visitors to the hospital.

Information and contact

If you require further information please contact:

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