

Registered Nurse GradStart 2025

Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital – Metro/Rural Exchange Stream



Why choose us?

We are committed to ensuring our 1st Year Transitioning to Professional Practice Registered Nurses are supported and nurtured throughout their transition program to enable a smooth and enjoyable start to their career in Nursing.

Join us and you will be part of a dynamic, dedicated, caring, compassionate, professional and person-centred workforce where nursing first began over 200 years ago!

Our hospital and program

Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital (SSEH) is located on the site of Australia's first Hospital – right in the heart of the vibrant city of Sydney!

Sydney Hospital provides general and specialist health care to the public and community including 24-hour emergency care services, general medicine including a close observation unit, peri-operative services, day surgery and specialist hand surgery. Sydney Hospital's dedicated Hand Unit is a centre of excellence and tertiary referral centre for hand trauma, abnormalities, and diseases of the hand.

Sydney Eye Hospital is a centre of excellence and quaternary referral centre for eye health conditions. It performs a vast amount of public eye surgery and provides emergency eye care, ophthalmic health services for inpatient/ outpatient and community outreach programs.

The Transition to Professional Practice Metro/Rural Exchange Stream is a unique program in partnership with Far West Local Health District, which will enable you to experience the difference between working in the 'big city' in a metropolitan hospital and in a rural/remote area. Typical six-month rotations between SSEH and Far West, can be in any of the following areas:

Metro – Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital
Emergency Department
Medical – including Close Observation Unit
Surgical – hand and eye specialty

Rural – Far West Local Health District
Broken Hill Base Hospital
Menindee Health Service
Dareton

Commencement date

One Intake during 2025 – February

Transition Framework

Our Transition to Professional Practice Framework incorporates the four core transition principles of induction, person-centred work culture, learning and development, and support.

The Registered Nurse Program – Metro/Rural Exchange Stream, is designed to develop and enhance your skills and knowledge as a first year Registered Nurse to implement safe, quality patient care within a supported clinical learning environment. We take great pride in enabling transitioning nurses to develop as competent, responsible and accountable Registered Nurses.

Our Transition to Professional Practice Program is committed to a person centred and facilitated learning approach, whereby you as the transitioning nurse continue to be self-determining and responsible for your learning and professional development.

By selecting Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital - Metro/Rural Exchange Stream, our Transition to Professional Practice Program over the six months you are with us, offers the following:

- Nursing experience in a specialist teaching hospital in the heart of Sydney
- Five day corporate and tailored nursing orientation program
- One rotation at SSEH selected from a variety of clinical areas over a 6-month period (you will then transfer to Far West Local Health District for your second 6-month rotation)
- Ongoing support, guidance and facilitation from preceptors and other clinical resource staff including clinical nurse educators, nurse educator, clinical nurse consultants and a nurse manager who is responsible for the implementation and management of the Transition to Professional Practice Program
- A regular program of first year transitioning nurse tailored education sessions, including access to the hospital wide in-service program, access to Study Leave and closed group Clinical Supervision to support reflective practice.
- Nursing employment following completion of the program in a department/unit/ward based on position availability
- NSW Health State-wide uniforms
- Annual leave
- Individualised career pathway planning and development
- Certificate of Achievement on completion of Transition to Professional Practice - Metro/Rural Exchange Stream Program

At Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital we receive excellent feedback from our first year Transitioning to Professional Practice Registered Nurses and pride ourselves on the high retention rate following completion of their 12-month program.

Transport

Located in the heart of Australia's most exciting and multicultural city, situated in picturesque grounds, the historical Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital is just a 10-minute stroll from the magnificent Sydney Harbour, including the Opera House and Botanical Gardens, and adjacent to the best shopping, food and entertainment facilities imaginable.

All of this and more is easily accessible with a 24-hour public transport network. The hospitals are close to Town Hall, St James, Wynyard and Martin Place train stations. Buses operate continuously from Sydney's Central Business District. Ferries arrive at Circular Quay, which is just a ten-minute walk away.

Subsidised on-site parking facilities are also available for your convenience.

Information and contact

If you require further information about what we offer or would like to arrange a visit to the hospital, please email or contact the Transition to Professional Practice Manager, Lynette Higgs:

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More information about [Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital](#)