Perioperative Nursing Specialisation Program
Your Career Starts Here

Congratulations! Completing your nursing qualification is an amazing accomplishment and your hard work has opened you up to a world of new opportunities. We understand that you are considering your next move carefully and want to make the best choices for your future career.

The Specialisation Program at Burnside comprises around 30 study modules that are assessable and aligned with the perioperative nursing graduate diploma at the University of Adelaide.

Burnside Hospital’s Specialisation Program is an excellent choice to support your progression into the Graduate Diploma in Nursing Science (Perioperative Nursing) at the University of Adelaide. Our program has been specifically designed with the University faculty to build to your specialised perioperative degree following your nursing graduation.

We are the only private hospital to partner with the University on a course tailored for perioperative nursing, allowing you study modules while you’re working, access to workbooks and contact with lecturers.

More info on the degree is available via: adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder

The Program

Once accepted, you’ll be offered a 12 month paid employment contract which is structured to develop a foundation of skills to support your ongoing career in the perioperative environment.

The Burnside Hospital program covers all perioperative specialist nursing areas across scrub / scout, post-op (recovery), anaesthetics and the short stay procedure unit (day surgery).

We only take small numbers of graduates so we can ensure you have individualised assistance and education both in and outside of the operating theatre. You won’t just be a face in the crowd!

Preceptorship model

Our preceptorship model works on a professional ‘buddy’ system, so you’ll be partnered with an experienced perioperative nurse who can support you through your program, share skills and knowledge, ask questions and debrief what you are learning.

Individual Practitioner Support (IPS)

IPS is a flexible program of support designed around your individual needs in addition to the educational components of the program. You are given one on one time with a facilitator to develop your holistic practitioner skills, such as leadership, change management and conflict resolution,
It’s All About YOU

The Burnside Perioperative Service comprises five operating theatres, day surgery facilities and a CSSD.

Our strategic directives are future-focused and we acknowledge the fast pace of medical technologies. In collaboration with our surgeons and consumers, Burnside will remain at the forefront of clinical treatments to provide contemporary care for tomorrow’s patients.

As a Specialisation Program participant at Burnside, your career is nurtured by a dedicated Clinical Educator who will help you retain currency and master new skills. You’ll have access to weekly education sessions run in-house and also education provided by external facilitators such as visiting specialists, company representatives and the University of Adelaide faculty. In addition, our Clinical Educator will assist you to consider your career options and set goals for your development.

You’ll also be given two paid study days each year to explore interests in the perioperative field and the opportunity to apply for training scholarships each year.

Other benefits include:
- Salary packaging options
- Competitive Enterprise Agreements
- Free car parking
- Onsite café
- Picturesque location close to shops and the CBD

Laura’s Story

Laura completed her Bachelor of Nursing placement at Burnside and was impressed by the caliber of theatre staff and surgeons that she had been working alongside. Following her 12-month graduate program, she was employed as an RN in our Perioperative Service and has since worked her way up to be a Clinical Nurse Coordinator.

‘The best thing about Burnside is our people. My team has always encouraged me to extend my professional development and I recently completed the Grad Dip Nursing Science (Perioperative) with Burnside’s support. While it can be daunting to take on new tasks and training, my team is always cheering me on!’
Welcome to Burnside

With an uncompromising commitment to patient care and our dedication to nurturing a dynamic, team orientated, collegial environment, Burnside Hospital is truly a great place to work.

We are a proudly not-for-profit, patient-centred, stand alone private hospital in Adelaide, delivering integrated healthcare to 13,000 patients each year.

Our vision is to sustainably serve current and future generations of the Burnside and broader South Australian communities by delivering excellent outcomes for patients.

Our team is an essential part of who we are, what we stand for and what we do. That’s why we place great emphasis on attracting the right people, nurturing their potential and supporting them to thrive in our progressive organisation.

To Apply
Applications open in August / September each year and are advertised via the Burnside Hospital careers page on our website. Applications should include a covering letter, academic transcript and resume.

Enquiries are welcome to the Manager of the Perioperative Services on (08) 8202 7226

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