Refresher course for registered nurses

If you’re a registered nurse looking to get back into the workforce, this refresher course might be for you.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) is seeking expressions of interest from registered nurses who have been out of the workforce less than five years who would like to refresh their clinical skills.

SCHHS Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery Suzanne Metcalf said: “We have identified a need in the community and are really proud to be able to provide this course for Registered Nurses considering returning to the workforce.”

“The refresher course will allow nurses to brush up on their acute clinical skills and includes 120 hours supernumerary (unpaid) clinical practice time. The refresher nurse will work under the supervision of a registered nurse and undertake education and clinical practice modules.”

The 10-week program can be completed at the following facilities: Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital; Gympie Hospital; Nambour General Hospital; Caloundra Health Service; and Mental Health and Addiction Services.

To be eligible to attend the course you must have:
- current registration with AHPRA—no conditions
- less than five years out of nursing practice
- continuing Professional Development (CPD) points have been maintained
- Australian Citizenship or permanent residency
- Sunshine Coast, hinterland or Cooloola resident
- ability to work 120 hours unpaid (minimum of three shifts per week) for the duration of the program
- evidence of required immunisation
- evidence of current professional indemnity insurance
- prepared to work on the SCHHS casual pool on completion of the program.

Course requirements include:
- orientation and induction
- completion of some online learning modules prior to program commencement
- 120 hours of unpaid clinical placement (full or part-time, minimum three shifts per week, may include shift work)
- completion of learning modules applicable to placement
- successful completion of clinical assessment – demonstrated competency against the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Standards for a Registered Nurse.

To register your interest, please email scnurseeducatorgraduateprograms@health.qld.gov.au or phone 5202 3101 by close of business Friday, 25 August 2017.

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