

**Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Expression of Interest
NSW Specialist Nursing Practice of Advanced Liver Disease
Education Program
Commencing April 2020 – 9-12 month (approx) program**

An exciting opportunity exists for suitably qualified registered nurses to partake in an advanced liver disease education program. The program has been designed for registered nurses currently caring for patients with liver disease. The aim of the program is a structured learning package which provides registered nurses with the specialist knowledge to assess and manage patients with advanced liver disease (cirrhosis with portal hypertension) as well as the skills and support to become a “local nurse leader/role model” in patient management.

The program includes mentoring by a hepatologists, clinical placements (RPAH or St George Hospital), face to face “class-room” teaching (RPAH), on-line learning as well as assessment tasks. A small amount of funding is available to cover travel/accommodation costs during visits to Sydney for rural/regional nurses.

Nurses who complete the program can be awarded credited recognition of prior learning (6 credit points) by University of Sydney and other Universities for the type of subjects that fall into the category of Assessment and Clinical Judgement.

A panel of nurses will decide on the most appropriate applicants. If demand exceeds the number of available mentors places may be limited.

Selection Criteria:

- Currently registered with AHPRA (Registered Nurse Division 1) and 3 years hepatology post registration experience
- Currently employed, permanently working full-time or part-time as a registered nurse within the NSW public health system in a “liver/hepatitis” service and regularly providing care to patients with advanced liver disease.
- Demonstrated support from local employing authority showing the leave of absence for the required period of the clinical placements and education days; and mentoring will be approved.
- Willingness to be mentored and willingness to complete the whole program including all assessments
- Demonstrated high level written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work professionally in a team and be a role model
- Ability to plan, conduct and evaluate patient care
- Computer skills including word processing, powerpoint and intranet applications
- Completion of online module prior to first study day

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If you are interested your application should include:

- A covering letter including why you would like to partake in the program and where you would prefer to attend for the majority of clinical placement days e.g. RPAH or St George
- A document in which you address the selection criteria
- Please also provide the following:
 - **A letter from your employer** in the following format:
 - On your Health Service letterhead from your immediate manager
 - Dated and signed by your manager (within the last three months)
 - States your name
 - States the title of your position
 - States your employment status (full-time or part-time) **vi.** States how long you have been employed in this position
 - States the location of your workplace
 - States support for you to partake in all the modules
 - States support for your role in management of advanced liver disease patients
 - **A letter of support from your local Hepatologist/other relevant specialist** in the following format:
 - On their letterhead
 - States your name and position
 - States support for you to partake in all the modules
 - States support for your role in management of advanced liver disease patients

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Closing date for expression of interest or applications: February 17, 2020