

The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH)

Nursing Fact Sheet



The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) is a world-class health facility and is the leading cardiothoracic hospital in Australia, providing excellence in nursing care to patients for over 63 years. We are part of Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS), the largest and most diverse health service in Queensland. TPCH has one of Australia's most dynamic nursing workforces, employing more than 2,000 nurses on the TPCH campus in clinical, management, education, and research roles. We have a reputation for having a "can do" attitude and a friendly, welcoming culture.

Nursing Workforce Unit (Nursing Pool)

The Nursing Workforce Unit is a centralised unit that is comprised of a permanent and casual nursing pool. It employs Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses and Assistants in Nursing to provide nursing leave coverage to all departments within TPCH, seven days per week 24 hours per day. The Nursing Workforce Unit also employs Clinical Nurses and Administration Officers who are dedicated to supporting the functioning of the unit.

Permanent Nursing have experience working in an acute hospital setting for a minimum of 12 months and are allocated to a clinical area based on workforce demand for that shift. Potential applicants would be available to work a non cyclic roster of early, late, and night shifts across 7-days/week.

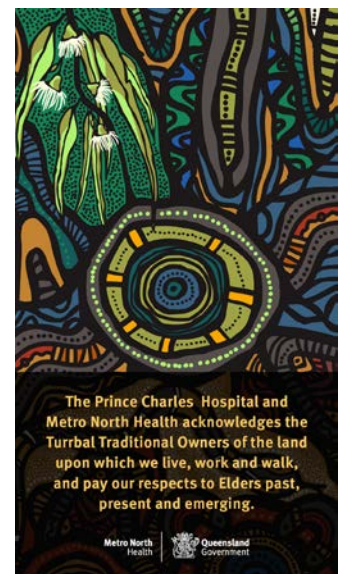
Casual Nursing staff can provide their availability and are booked for a shift into a clinical area based on workforce demand. Potential applicants for casual roles would have experience working in an acute hospital setting for a minimum of 12 months and would be available to work minimum two shifts a week to remain active on the casual pool.

Note: TPCH do not provide maternity or neonatal services.

Internal Medicine Services

Internal Medicine Services provides comprehensive medical specialty services across inpatient units, ambulatory and outpatient services. Of the patients admitted to the service, a large proportion are frail and elderly with social and functional problems. These patients also have chronic diseases and multiple co-morbidities and require complex care and rely on the services from many health care professionals both within and outside the hospital. Below is a list of services within Internal Medicine Services and the specialty clinical wards:

- Infectious Diseases ward
- Medical ward
- Medical assessment and day unit
- Rehabilitation and acute stroke unit
- Cognitive Assessment and Management Unit
- Geriatric Evaluation and Management
- Palliative Care
- Other Medicine and Geriatric subspecialties including endocrinology, diabetes education, neurology, rheumatology, wound and stoma service, rehabilitation day therapy unit, advanced care planning and more.



Heart Lung Program

As the premier cardiac hospital for Queensland and northern New South Wales, we provide tertiary and quaternary services at TPCH comprising the specialties of Cardiology Medicine and Thoracic Medicine. Within the program there are 60 cardiology ward beds, 16 coronary care (CCU) and 4 chest pain assessment service (CPAS) beds, 24 thoracic ward beds, 14 cystic fibrosis beds, interventional cardiac catheter and electrophysiology laboratories, and outpatient and outreach services. Heart lung inpatient units include:

- Medical cardiology
- Heart failure unit
- Thoracic medical unit
- Adult cystic fibrosis centre
- Coronary Care Unit
- Cardiac Catheter Lab

Specialty nursing positions support the services within the Heart Lung Program including heart and lung retrieval and transplantation, heart failure, acute coronary syndrome, cardiac rehabilitation and angioplasty, congenital heart disease, percutaneous valves, pulmonary hypertension, sleep disorders, core thoracic, cardiac, and respiratory indigenous outreach, heart lung outpatient clinics, and heart lung research.

Emergency and Paediatric Services

Adult Emergency Department (AED) is a designated level five (Clinical Services Capability Framework) (CSCF) tertiary referral facility. The AED provides a 24-hour, 7-day service to patients with a diverse range of presenting complaints and treats over 76,000 presentations annually. The service is supported by six resuscitation bays, 21 acute beds, nine ambulatory care spaces and 16 short stay unit beds.

Children's Emergency Department and Paediatric Services including Ward and Outpatients Departments offers specialist children's health services and includes a children's emergency (12 treatment spaces), inpatient (20 beds) and outpatient services (9 rooms) in modern, well-equipped facilities.



Minor Injury and Illness Clinic (MII Clinic), Kallangur Satellite Hospital is a 16 hour per day, 7 days per week service that supports the Kallangur Community for minor injuries and illnesses, this service opened in December 2023 and has an average of 75 presentations per day. The MII Clinic has close relationships with the health care workers at The Prince Charles Hospital and has an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hub that supports the health of First Nations people.

Patient Access and Flow

The Transit Lounge promotes early discharges and transfer of patients from clinical areas to an alternative area whilst still providing a high level of care to patients and families of TPCH who are discharging or transferring from the facility.

Medical imaging department offers the full range of imaging services in addition to specialty imaging such as Cardiac CT—CTCA, ECG gated CT, Cardiac MRI, stress perfusion imaging, pulmonary angiography, venography, right ventricular assessment, exercise MRI, aortograms; CT pulmonary perfusion, Pulmonary angiogram, embolisation and balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA).

Surgery and Critical Care Program

- Surgery and Critical Care Program is comprised of:
- Acute surgical wards managing cardiothoracic, general, vascular, urology and orthopaedic surgery.
- Adult Intensive Care Unit - The ICU utilises a multidisciplinary model of care for both adult elective and emergency services requiring haemodynamic, renal and ventilator support including:

- Heart and lung transplantation
- Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) insertion and management
- Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)
- Therapeutic Plasma Exchange
- TPCH ICU is part of a road based ECMO Retrieval Service for Southeast Queensland, which is coordinated through Retrieval Services Queensland, as well as the ECMO aeromedical retrievals service.



- Post Anaesthetic Care Unit and Day Surgery Unit, Anaesthetics and Acute Pain Services, Central Sterilising Services Department
- Gastroenterology and Hepatology Service including Endoscopy and Procedural Services
- Surgical Outpatients and Preadmission Services
- Surgery and Critical Care Specialty Services including Blood Management, Urology and Preoperative Surgical Care
- Operating Theatres - The Operating Theatres service at TPCH conducts up to 10,000 procedures annually and is at Clinical Service Capability Framework (CSCF) Level 6. The unit consists of 12 operating theatres which provide elective and emergency surgery to patients across a range of surgical specialties including: General, Orthopaedic (including fractured neck of femur and robotic surgery), Thoracic, Urology, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery; Organ Transplant (Heart and Lung); Cardiac supportive procedures including Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygen (ECMO) and Ventricular Assist Device (VAD); Plastic surgery related to complications of cardiac surgery.

TPCH Expansion

In June 2023, the Queensland Government announced it will invest \$2.3 billion in Metro North Health infrastructure projects, including a \$360 million expansion program for The Prince Charles Hospital. The Prince Charles Hospital Expansion will deliver a new Acute Services Building, expanded and new Adult and Paediatric Emergency Departments, expanded and new Paediatric Outpatients Department, new Paediatric Operating Theatres, green spaces and courtyard gardens, and 93 new beds, including 56 paediatric beds that will result in TPCH becoming the second largest paediatric service in Queensland. The project will deliver significant improvements to TPCH campus and is set to create an environment of healing that encourages better patient recovery and wellbeing. The project is due to be completed by 2027

Additional information

Free onsite parking available until March 2025 pending construction of a brand new multistorey car park facility

Onsite Café

On campus childcare facilities

Easy access to TransLink bus network

Range of accommodation options in surrounding area

Close to Westfield Chermside shopping centre providing easy access to shops, restaurants and services.