

Introduction to Specialty Practice Paediatrics

Coordinator: Group Paediatric Educator



This program enables nursing staff to grow, develop and succeed through enhancing their practice in the specialty of paediatric nursing.

Eligibility

This is an introductory program for new or existing staff who have minimal experience caring for paediatric patients.

- > Ideally working in a paediatric unit at Epworth HealthCare or a unit which cares for a medium proportion of paediatric and adolescent patients, or who are interested in gaining further understanding of how to care for a paediatric patient and their families.
- > Working as RNs and ENs in year 2 or beyond.
- > Pre-approval by the applicant's Unit Manager.

Duration

- > 5 hours theory and practical - simulations (09.00-14.00)
- > 2-3 hours Online learning support (self-directed pre and post event resources accessed online)

Venue

Epworth Geelong and Eastern simulation centres



Learning content

- > Differences between adult and paediatrics
- > How to complete a paediatric assessment and taking routine observations
- > Paediatric fluid management, managing and securing cannulas for a paediatric patient
- > Paediatric medication
- > Resus 4 Kids
- > Outcomes and learnings from paediatric incidents
- > Child safety

Pre-requisite learning

- > Paediatric Basic Life Support- eLearn
- > Paediatric Medication and Intravenous Therapy- eLearn
- > Child Safety- advance eLearn

Related Standards

- > ARC guidelines - paediatrics
- > NSQHS Standards (e.g. Standard 8)

Pathway to further study

Those who successfully complete this program are eligible to proceed with external studies. Epworth supports and assists staff to apply for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (Paediatrics) through Melbourne University. This is a 1-year part time program. Epworth staff are able to apply for and may be eligible for Paediatric scholarships through the Susan Harris Foundation (part of Epworth Medical Foundation). Information about this course is available [here](#).