

Position Description

Registered Psychiatric Nurse Grade 2

Classification:	Registered Psychiatric Nurse: Grade 2 Y2-Y8 (NP21-26, NP70)
Business unit/department:	Mental Health Division
Work location:	Austin Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)
Agreement:	Victorian Public Mental Health Services Enterprise Agreement 2020-2024
Employment type:	Parental Leave Cover
Hours per week:	32
Reports to:	Nurse Unit Manager
Direct reports:	N/A
Financial management:	Budget: Nil
Date:	September 2026

Position purpose

As a Registered Nurse at Austin Health, you are responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating evidence based nursing care in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team to achieve optimal healthcare outcomes for our patients.

The Registered Nurse is a key member of the health care team responsible for ensuring nursing professional, organisation, legal and ethical standards are met. The Registered Nurse is responsible for supervising and delegating to other health professionals such as Enrolled Nurses.

About the Directorate/Division/Department

The Mental Health Division provides care and services through a comprehensive range of teams to meet the needs of mental health consumers and carers throughout Victoria. Services are located across Austin Health campuses and in the community.

All mental health services work within a clinical framework that promotes recovery-oriented practice and supported decision making. This approach to client wellbeing builds on the strengths of the individual working in partnership with their treating team. It encompasses the principles of self-determination and individualised treatment and care.

In 2016, the Victorian Government introduced the Safewards model throughout all public mental health services. It is designed to create a safe and supportive environment; to improve therapeutic relationships and increase the potential for collaboration between staff and consumers. Austin Health is committed to the Safewards model through ongoing education and resourcing. All mental health clinicians are expected to have a sound understanding of the model and its application in clinical practice

The CIPU is a 12 bed unit which:

- Provides specialist inpatient psychiatric assessment and treatment for young people up to the age of 12 years with severe emotional and/or behavioural disturbance,
- Provides two types of admission: Crisis and Planned – during which both assessment and treatment can be accommodated,
- Children are admitted on a voluntary basis and with a primary care giver
- All members of the household are encouraged to attend, and flexible arrangements are made for anyone who has a caregiving role.
- There is an associated Austin Hospital School administered by the Department of Education and Training.
- All mental health services work within a clinical framework that promotes recovery oriented practice and supported decision making and works strongly with families carers and the community systems around the child.
- This approach to client wellbeing builds on the strengths and improving the developmental trajectory of the child and focusing strongly on working in partnership with their community treating team.

Position responsibilities

Direct Clinical Care:

- Act as clinical mentor/preceptor to entry to practice/ nursing students.
- Utilise patient assessment information to adjust the care plan to meet health care needs
- Facilitate active patient involvement in adapting goals of care and ensure patient
- Escalate to the multidisciplinary team to modify the plan of care where abnormalities in assessment information are identified, and the clinical situation is unfamiliar or unexpected.
- Document comprehensive care priorities including discharge planning that is aligned with goals of care and patient assessment information.
- Prioritise and deliver care within scope of practice and according to nursing care plan.
- Facilitate active patient/family participation in delivery of goals of care, including handover.
- Recognise and seek support when input is required from senior/experienced staff.
- Recognise normal baseline and abnormal patient information; ensure escalation of care where abnormal findings are identified.
- Complete all clinical requirements of nursing orientation and induction module.
- Make appropriate referrals to the multidisciplinary team to pre-empt needs of the patient and follow up that the referral has been actioned.
- Maintain current contemporaneous documentation regarding patient care delivery.



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- Recognise when care is outside of expected trajectory and escalate concerns.
- Actively participate in huddles and handover process recognising deviation from handover content to clinical presentation.

Education

- Contribute to the education and development of other nurses at ward/unit level, as appropriate, to own role and level of experience.
- Offer feedback to others that is specific, supportive, and non-judgmental.
- Participate in professional development activities within clinical environment such as involvement in ward/unit portfolios.
- Maintain professional practice portfolio to reflect development of knowledge and skills over time.
- Increase scope of practice by participating in core competencies relevant to specialty practice.
- Identify opportunities for educational resources/ strategies to assist in delivery of bedside teaching.

Research

- Assist in development of Austin Health evidence based guidelines.
- Understand research evidence and supporting guidelines related to area of nursing practice.
- Understand the importance of research in the development of nursing practice.
- Support local research activities including literature review and data collection.

Support of Systems

- Understand the Austin Health vision and strategic priorities.
- Understand the Austin Health Nursing Vision: Austin nurses working alongside Austin Nurses 24/7 to deliver reliable, safe, person-centred care.
- Work within the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards providing evidence-based nursing care.
- Ensure practice compliance for all relevant guidelines and procedures.
- Model professional behaviours and actions when risk and incidents are identified.
- Understand and follow workplace safety principles.
- Contribute to workplace safety audits.
- Understand Austin Health Clinical informatics systems including Cerner, First Net, PACS, Patient Journey Board, EMR, ATLAS, etc.
- Demonstrate safe and ethical practice within health informatics systems.

Professional Leadership

- Provide appropriate delegation, supervision and support to all staff as per NMBA Decision Making Framework.



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- Reflect on own values, beliefs, communication style and experiences and consider how this influences own workplace behaviour.
- Role model Austin Values in daily practice.
- Clearly recognise own accountability for actions and behaviours as delegated as per NMBA Decision Making Framework.
- Recognise, acknowledge and value the unique contribution of individuals.

All Employees:

- Comply with Austin Health policies & procedures as amended from time to time
- Comply with the Code of Conduct and uphold our values, and diversity and inclusion commitments.
- Maintain a safe working environment for yourself, colleagues, and members of the public. Escalate concerns regarding safety, quality, and risk to the appropriate staff member, if unable to rectify yourself
- Comply with the principals of patient centered care.
- Comply with Austin Health mandatory training and continuing professional development requirements.
- Work across multiple sites as per work requirements and/or directed by management.

Selection criteria

Essential skills and experience:

- Knowledge of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 and other relevant legislation.
- Demonstrated knowledge of recovery and collaborative clinical practice
- A positive approach to ongoing self-education and skill development
- A flexible, innovative team-oriented approach to service delivery
- A positive approach to change and diversity

Desirable but not essential:

- A current Working with Children Check – no restrictions
- Hold a Victorian Driver’s license – no restrictions

Professional qualifications and registration requirements

- Registered Nurse registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Postgraduate qualification in Mental Health nursing or equivalent.



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Quality, safety and risk – all roles

All Austin Health employees are required to:

- Maintain a safe working environment for yourself, colleagues and members of the public by following organisational safety, quality and risk policies and guidelines.
- Escalate concerns regarding safety, quality and risk to the appropriate staff member, if unable to rectify yourself.
- Promote and participate in the evaluation and continuous improvement processes.
- Comply with the principles of person-centered care.
- Comply with requirements of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and other relevant regulatory requirements.

Other conditions – all roles

All Austin Health employees are required to:

- Adhere to Austin Health's core values: *our actions show we care, we bring our best, together we achieve, and we shape the future.*
- Comply with the Austin Health's Code of Conduct policy, as well as all other policies and procedures (as amended from time to time).
- Comply with all Austin Health mandatory training and continuing professional development requirements.
- Provide proof of immunity to nominated vaccine preventable diseases in accordance with Austin Health's immunisation screening policy.
- Work across multiple sites as per work requirements and/or directed by management.

General information

Cultural safety

Austin Health is committed to cultural safety and health equity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People. We recognise cultural safety as the positive recognition and celebration of cultures. It is more than just the absence of racism or discrimination, and more than cultural awareness and cultural sensitivity. It empowers people and enables them to contribute and feel safe to be themselves.

Equal Opportunity Employer

We celebrate, value, and include people of all backgrounds, genders, identities, cultures, bodies, and abilities. We welcome and support applications from talented people identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, people with disability, neurodiverse people, LGBTQIA+ and people of all ages and cultures.

Austin Health is a child safe environment

We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. Austin Health has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse and commits to protect children. We take allegations of abuse and neglect seriously and will make every effort to mitigate and respond to risk in line with hospital policy and procedures.



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