

Position Description

Registered Nurse Grade 2

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| Classification: | Registered Nurse Grade 2 YP3 – YP9 |
| Business unit/department: | Radiation Oncology Nursing – ONJ Centre |
| 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: | Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2024-2028 |
| Employment type: | Part-Time |
| Hours per week: | 32 |
| Reports to: | Nurse Unit Manager – Radiation Oncology – ONJ Centre |
| Direct reports: | N/A |
| Financial management: | Budget: N/A |
| Date: | January 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 and Registered Undergraduate Students of Nursing.

About the Radiation Oncology Department

Medical and Cancer Services Division

Austin Health is one of the largest cancer service providers in Victoria. A complete range of services are delivered to patients and their families, including, medical oncology, clinical haematology, radiation oncology, cancer genetics, palliative medicine, wellness and supportive care programs, an active

volunteer program and specialist cancer surgery. These services are all provided in an environment that integrates research, teaching and training.

Radiation Oncology Overview

Austin Health is one of four health service ‘hubs’ in Victoria which operate radiotherapy services. Austin Health operates two radiation oncology centres in Victoria under the State Governments hub and spoke model. The metro hub is based at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre (ONJ Centre) in Heidelberg and the Ballarat Austin Radiation Oncology Centre (BAROC) is housed in the Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre (BRICC). Both centres provide multi-disciplinary care including both nursing and allied health services, innovative and progressive approaches to treatment underpinned by the guiding principle of patient centred care and wellness for all patients.

The multi-disciplinary teams at both sites are committed to excellence in practice and care. Staff undertake a range of professional development activities, are involved in research trials and liaise and consult with a wide range of specialists and health care professionals to ensure the care offered is at the leading edge of technology. The equipment at both sites is state-of-the-art, and the treatment options available ensure every disease site is treated according to best practice.

The ONJ Radiation Oncology Department runs weekdays and some public holidays. The department is located on Level 2 in the ONJ Centre. There are 3 Linac Machines, 1 MR Linac machine, 1 MR Simulation Machine and 1 CT Simulation Machine within the department. There is also a Brachytherapy service that runs twice a week and Superficial Treatment as well. The department provides patient centred care and treatment to inpatients and outpatients that are referred to the service.

Position responsibilities

Role Specific:

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 understanding through ‘teach back’.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 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.



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Professional Leadership:

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

Selection criteria

Essential skills and experience:

- A commitment to Austin Health values
- Registered Nurse registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- A patient focused approach to care
- Experience working in a Multi-disciplinary team
- Ability to learn different IT systems and EMR
- 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:

- Experience in Oncology Nursing – particularly Radiation oncology Nursing
- Post graduate certificate in Cancer Nursing or equivalent education
- A sound understanding of information technology including clinical systems, applications relevant to the Management of rostering and risk management reporting or as required for the role and/or department.
- Experience in use of MOSAIQ

Professional qualifications and registration requirements

- Current AHPRA Registration – Registered Nurse



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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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