

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	ICU Liaison Nurse
Directorate	Clinical Operations
Division:	Critical Care Services
Business Unit:	Intensive Care Unit
Enterprise Agreement	Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement
Reports to:	Nurse Unit Manager – Intensive Care Unit



MILDURA BASE PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Mildura Base Public Hospital (MBPH) was established as a new entity in September 2020. From day one, MBPH has aspired to provide exceptional patient care and be a leading healthcare provider in the north west of Victoria, known for its high level of professionalism, quality care and community engagement and positive and aligned workplace culture.

MBPH employs over 1200 staff and has 172 beds and provides a range of acute services in emergency, maternity, intensive care, rehabilitation, community services, psychiatric in and out patient care, palliative care, renal dialysis and chemotherapy service to the people of North West Victoria. The hospital also provides medical imaging and pathology services.

VISION

Mildura Base Public Hospital – providing exceptional care.

PURPOSE

To improve health outcomes for our tri-state communities by creating partnerships, leading culture and building our team to deliver sustainable services.

VALUES

All employees of the Mildura Base Public Hospital are required to uphold the HEART values of our organisation. For information on our **HEART** values and the expectations to uphold the values, please refer to **page 6** of this document.

INCLUSION

At MBPH, we firmly believe that fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion is essential to the success of our health service, our employees, our patients, and the wider community. We wholeheartedly embrace diversity and highly value the diverse experiences of individuals from all ethnicities, faiths, ages, disabilities, cultures, languages, gender identities, sexes, and sexual orientations.

We extend a warm welcome to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and non-binary, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ+) individuals, inviting them to be a part of our inclusive health service.

Aligned with our HEART Values, we are dedicated to further enhancing accessibility and promoting inclusive practices across all aspects of our workplace.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



POSITION SUMMARY

The ICU Liaison nurse demonstrates a high level of knowledge and skills facilitating learning in the clinical environment to promote the goal of delivering safe patient care. They provide consultation and clinical support for Medical, Nursing and Allied Health staff involved in the management of patients with complex care needs and who are at risk of clinical deterioration.

The ICU Liaison Nurse assists with the management of patients at risk of clinical deterioration:

By supporting patients on the ward who have been recently discharged from, or are waiting transfer to ICU, liaising with the Multidisciplinary health care team regarding specific care requirements

The ICU LN is a key member of the MET team, supporting the process of escalation of care to reduce the risk of harm to patients as a result of clinical deterioration

The LN supports the management of patients with high acuity and special assessment and care requirements throughout MBPH. The LN facilitates a proactive approach of identifying patients at risk of deterioration through Hospital rounding. This approach raises awareness and visualisation of the service while providing critical care expertise to “at risk” patients

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Direct patient care:

- Provide clinical nursing expertise and direction in line with clinical standards policies and procedures, providing high level nursing assessment, care planning and interventions/procedures
- Provide clinical nursing expertise through knowledge of new developments, and evidence based practice in discipline specific and related areas
- Act as a primary resource in relevant area and ensure the provision of high quality culturally sensitive patient care in partnership with patients, their significant others and other members of the multidisciplinary care team
- Work within the MET/code Blue system and facilitate the management of patients in the acute phase or as a bridge to transfer to ICU. Support the REACH process
- Provide patient follow up post MET and post transfer to wards from ICU to ensure patient stability
- Provide rounding support around the hospital including Ward areas and Emergency Department where patients may deteriorate

Nursing Leadership

- Communicates information and expectations clearly and concisely in a way that builds effective and collaborative working relationships with others
- Provides leadership in clinical situations requiring action
- Maintains a professional demeanour and serves as a role model for all nursing staff, both as a clinician and in line with MBPH HEART values
- As an expert resource, provide clinical knowledge and direction to ensure that clinical standards, policies and procedures promote a patient focused model of care

Quality Activities

- Develop, implement and monitor quality improvement activities and ensure safe work practices
- Active member of the Acute Deterioration Committee undertaking quality improvement projects and responsible for collection and evaluation of MBPH Code Blue data
- Participates in the review of MBPH clinical procedures and guidelines
- Obtains feedback through surveys to ascertain whether service standards meet stakeholder expectations and responds to deficits
- Identifies areas that require improvement through observation, audits, incidents and staff feedback and implements improvement initiatives

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees are required to comply with the Victorian Government's Code of Conduct. All staff must ensure they comply with policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work.

Employees are responsible to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and the safety of others, to cooperate with the group's OH&S policies and to participate in appropriate safety education and evaluation activities. All staff are expected to participate in reporting any health, safety and wellbeing issues. All staff must adhere to the policies and procedures as set out in the hospital's infection control manuals.

All information concerning Mildura Base Public Hospital, its patients, clients, residents and staff should remain strictly confidential. Any unauthorised disclosure of such information may result in disciplinary action. As a Mildura Base Public Hospital employee you have a responsibility to participate in and commit to ongoing quality improvement activities using the framework of the NSQHSS (National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards).

Any breach in compliance to any of the above general responsibilities may result in disciplinary action.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Registered nurse holding current registration with the Nursing and midwifery Board of Australia
- Post graduate Qualification in Critical Care Nursing with extensive experience in intensive care
- Recent experience working in a senior clinical ICU role (CNS or above)
- Current ALS accreditation
- Possess excellent clinical skills and demonstrate an ability to work with a diverse and complex professional workforce

- Demonstrate a commitment to the skill and knowledge development of staff
- Possess excellent communication skills and demonstrate negotiation, problem solving and analytical skills
- Possess fundamental information technology skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Demonstrated ability to consult and collaborate with others and work as an effective member of a team to deliver organisational outcomes
- Desirable: advanced cannulation skills

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Registration with Professional Association:

Registration with AHPRA

National Police Record Check

A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be presented to the Division of People and Culture by all new staff prior to commencement at Mildura Base Public Hospital.

Working with Children Check:

Mildura Base Public Hospital has a responsibility to provide a child safe environment. This position is a defined “child-related role” at Mildura Base Public Hospital. As such you must maintain a valid working with children check. In addition, you will be required to assist Mildura Base Public Hospital in providing a child safe environment by participating in any training or reporting required to ensure the protection of children in our care.

Immunisation Requirements

As part of your employment conditions, you will be asked to provide documented evidence of healthcare worker immunisation or immunity to communicable vaccine-preventable diseases prior to commencing employment with MBPH. If you do not provide satisfactory evidence that you have the required immunisation and you have commenced employment, consideration will be given to your ongoing employment and termination may result.

All Mildura Base Public Hospital sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Mildura Base Public Hospital's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY EMPLOYEE

I acknowledge having received and read the content of this position description (including but not limited to aspects of the role contained within) and understand the requirements of the position.

Employee Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____



Happy

WE ARE POSITIVE

As an organisation

We aspire to be happy in all our dealings with people. Everyday we strive to be the best version of ourselves, and we seek to continuously improve our organisation, ourselves and each other through personal and professional growth. We believe that happy people do their best work. We know that joy in our journey is invaluable to a sustainable and lasting success.

Individually

- Use positive language in interactions with staff, patients and community
- Honour the work we do and choose candour, respect and kindness everyday
- Focus on the positive aspects of a situation, what is going well and what can be learned
- Share in moments of joy
- Welcome others to MBPH
- Bring an energy to work that is infectious to others
- Provide growth opportunities and effective feedback to staff to ensure they are supported to achieve their best



Empathetic

WE ARE CARING

As an organisation

We put our patients first, and we listen and deal with their needs. We are compassionate people who make MBPH a place for healing, growth and success for patients, their families and our staff.

Individually

- Make time to actively listen and understand one another
- Walk in others' shoes
- Consider an individual person's needs when making decisions and recommendations
- Treat others how I would like to be treated
- Recognise and support one another
- Make decisions based on patient's needs and in consultation with others involved in care



Accountable

WE ARE COMMITTED

As an organisation

We take ownership of the actions and decisions made. We do the right thing in all our interactions. We reward based on great outcomes, and we are transparent in both our successes and failures. We use good judgement and everyday we make our patients' journey better.

Individually

- Be courageous in challenging the process to get a better result
- Ensure the project is clear on roles, responsibilities and timeframes
- Be engaged throughout
- Keep a 'whole of life' picture
- Comply with Code of Conduct; company policies and procedures; industry standards and legislation
- Be responsible for monitoring the right way to do things.



Respectful

WE ARE OPEN TO OTHERS

As an organisation

We build effective relationships and emphasise the importance of diversity and inclusion in our workplace. We recognise and value the views and the experiences our staff and patients bring to our organisation.

Individually

- Show pride in our roles and our workplace
- Recognise and understanding the influence of a person's situation, background and beliefs and how they can be shown due respect
- Include all backgrounds – gender/ age/sex/abilities/race/religion/sexual orientation/culture
- Be aware of assumptions and biases when making decisions
- Take care of and sustain our workplace, equipment and environment
- Embrace awareness for other perspectives and experiences



Team-based

WE ARE ONE TEAM

As an organisation

We do our best work when we collaborate within and across teams. Everyday we strive to be our best selves. We know that individual differences can strengthen teams and we trust and respect each others' contribution. We make sure we have the right people in the right jobs with the right tools, resources and equipment. And we know, no single person is bigger than the team.

Individually

- Acknowledge contributions of team members
- Seek to understand the bigger picture, collaborate with others openly and honestly
- Lend a hand, always
- Encourage connections with relevant internal and external stakeholders to meet patients' needs
- Collaborate and share knowledge within and across teams
- Connect with exceptional industry leaders to build capabilities
- Recognise and foster talents in others

LANGUAGE WE USE

"I choose..."
"I care..."
"I prefer..."
"I will..."
"I can..."
"Is there a better way to do this?"
"Can we explore that more so I can understand it better?"
"We will...us...we can..."

LANGUAGE WE DON'T USE

"I have to..."
"I must..."
"If only..."
"Ah well, that is because of XYZ..."
"Our processes do not let us do it"
"Things have always been done this way"
"Them and us"

THINGS WE DON'T DO

- Negativity, sledging, rumours or gossip
- Unprofessional, inconsistent or showing lack pride in our work
- See only problems, block progress
- Wait for others to do the work
- Do nothing
- Find fault, see obstacles
- Victim mentality
- Lack of understanding for others' needs
- Emphasis on status, hierarchy, egos
- Ignore, disregard and show lack of appreciation for a person's situation, background and experience when making decisions and reacting to situations
- We will not waste others' time or keep people waiting
- Dismiss the efforts of others to achieve an outcome

