

Perioperative Unit Complex Redland Hospital Graduate Nursing Program

Unit Overview

The Redland Hospital - Perioperative Unit Complex consists of four (4) operating theatres, an endoscopy suite, recovery room with seven (7) bays for Stage I, three (3) bays for Stage II, five (5) chairs for Stage III, Surgical Admission Unit (SAU) and Central Sterilising Department (CSD).

There will be three Nursing Role Streams in One Program:

- Anaesthetic RN Stream,
- Intraoperative (Scrub/Scout) RN Stream
- Post-Anaesthetic Care Unit (PACU) RN Stream

Benefits of undertaking a graduate program in *Perioperative Nursing Practice*:

The Perioperative Introductory Program

- As a periop graduate, you will attend a 4-day Metro South Health conducted Perioperative Introductory Program.
- This is multi-modal, using supportive practice face to face teaching and simulation sessions; underpinned by theoretical frameworks and adult learning principles that focus on experiential, relevant, real, and timely education.
- Learning is delivered in a safe supportive environment where participants can develop skills, knowledge and situational awareness

2026 Graduate Program Overview

Orientation + 4 Days Perioperative Introductory Program

Queensland Health Transition Support Program (TSP) Sharepoint Module + Workbook

Four (4) Study Days

Shifts: Intra-op 0745 – 1715,

PACU various starts 8hr day shifts

Rotation to Three (3) Major Streams

Rotations: Anaesthetic role, Scrub Scout Role, & PACU role, with additional allocations to CSSD, SAU & Acute Pain Service

Literature Support

The Perioperative Graduate Program utilises the Queensland Health Transition Support Program Perioperative (TSP-P):

- Phase 1 & 2: Essentials of Perioperative Nursing Care Practice Module
- Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing Practice:
 - Part A. Fundamentals of Nursing Practice Module
 - Part B. Anaesthetic Nursing Practice Module
 - Part C. Post-Anaesthetic Nursing Practice Module
- Intraoperative Nursing Care Practice Module
- Perioperative Paediatrics Module

Past *Perioperative Unit* graduates are now working as

- Scrub/Scout Nurse
- Clinical Nurse
- Clinical (Nurse) Facilitator

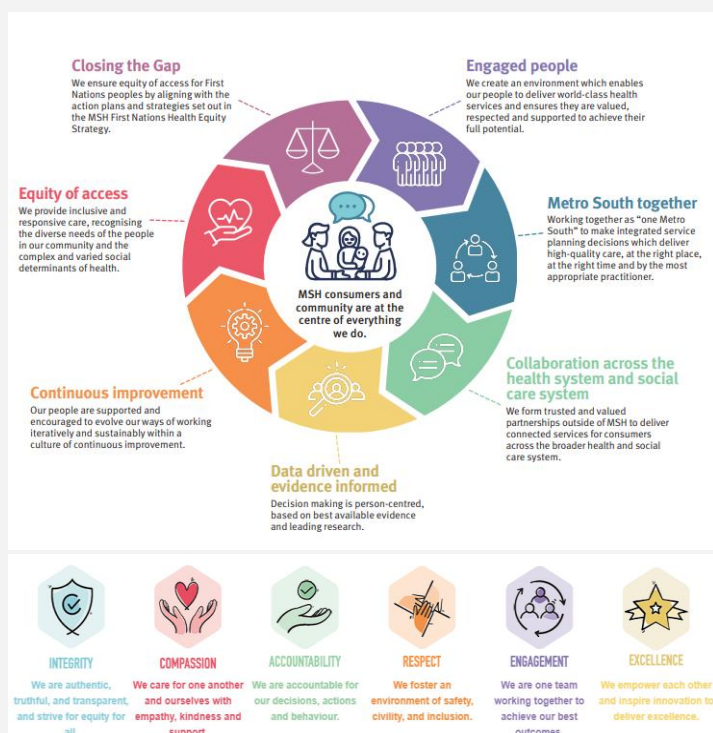
Testimonials...

"I completed my perioperative graduate program in 2019. It was such an amazing journey to be around like-minded people. I created life-long friendships with my fellow graduates whom I still work with to this day.

The graduate program has opened a world of possibilities for my career. I am now a Nurse Educator for a perioperative program working across all Metro South supporting the clinical immersions of rural and remote nurses into our theatres. I love that my passion for providing patient care has been incorporated with my passion for teaching leading me to where I am today. I can't imagine any of this would have been possible without being a part of the perioperative graduate program.

-Kirsty, Nurse Educator for SWIM Project

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



Testimonials...

"I was extremely fortunate to be offered a grad program in periop. The Perioperative department is extremely specialised, and with little to no exposure of this department in uni, it was something I was a bit nervous to come into. With the graduate program, I feel supported rotating in each area; I built my knowledge and became more confident in no time. Safe to say I will remain in the periop department for the foreseeable future."

-Breana, Scrub/Scout RN

"I started my journey in Nursing as a graduate Nurse in 2014. It was one of the bravest and best decisions I have made in my career so far. I had never been in an Operating Theatre, and I had to start from scratch to grasp this unique working environment. I had lots of challenges, but also really good teachers and mentors in my journey.

Ten plus years on and am still here and acting as a Clinical Nurse in Anaesthetics.

Looking forward to many more years of learning and growth."

-Abi, A/CN Anaesthetics

"My experience in the perioperative grad program was a large learning curve and presented challenges, but it was in the best way possible. I learnt a lot, and felt supported by preceptors and colleagues, and felt accommodated in the learning environment. I am so glad I had the opportunity to be a Logan periop grad, and I am still enjoying my role!"

-Kat, A/Periop Clinical Facilitator