

Gradstart and Midstart Program



In 1889, Berrima District Cottage Hospital opened with six beds and over the years the hospital increased in size and expanded its services. In 1968, the name changed to Bowral & District Hospital and it has grown into a major rural hospital servicing the southern highlands. It is the only hospital in our District that is located outside of Sydney.

Bowral & District Hospital is a medium-sized vibrant hospital in the beautiful Southern Highlands, close to Sydney, Canberra and Wollongong. The hospital provides a wide range of services to the community including critical care, emergency care, general medical, surgical, orthopaedics, palliative care, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatric, cardiac rehabilitation and geriatric care. Bowral & District Hospital is committed to working with the community to ensure that changing health needs are recognised and considered in all clinical services planning and delivery.

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| Stream | Gradstart RN / Gradstart RM / Midstart • Emergency/Acute Care, Medical / Surgical, Critical Care/High Dependency, Midwifery, Womens Health, Paediatrics, Operating Theatre, Recovery, Surgical Short Stay, Renal Dialysis. |
| Duration | Offers a 12 month program Includes 2 x six month rotations. |
| Intake dates (subject to change) | Intakes are March and May each year. |
| Rotations / specialties | To provide you with a range of experiences, each applicant is typically offered a rotation on an inpatient ward and then a specialty unit (subject to numbers and availability) Ward - Medical, Surgical, Palliative Care, Rehabilitation Specialty - Emergency Department, Operating Suites, Recovery, Paediatric, Intensive Care, High Dependency, Coronary Care, Midwifery |
| Orientation and support | We offer a one day dedicated face-to-face orientation at the start of the program Four days supernumerary time is then allocated at each rotation Preceptorship Gradstart Coordinator |
| Study days / education | Five days targeted study days throughout the year. |
| Other information | Options for second year development in emergency nursing, critical care nursing, peri-operative nursing. |