

Gradstart and Midstart Program

Primary and Community Health



Through the Primary and Community Health Services, patients have access to a range of community-based prevention and early intervention health services, including acute and post-acute health treatments and programs. Our team links patients to a mix of health disciplines to create ongoing health care management plans for the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

Community Health Nursing (CHN) is provided to people of all ages across the District. Services operate seven days a week, from 7:30am to 8:00pm. Services are provided in different environments according to client needs, including at home or at a health care centre. Any person may make a referral to CHN, including general practitioners, hospital wards, emergency departments, non-government services as well as clients and their families. CHNs provide a post-acute care, Hospital in The Home (HITH) service, including the administration of intravenous antibiotics and medications, injections and anticoagulation management, wound care (both acute and chronic), palliative care, integrated care and general nursing, including catheter care.

Stream	Gradstart RN, Primary and Community Health
Duration	Offers a 12 month program across the four of the major Community Health Centres at Bankstown, Fairfield, Hoxton Park and Rosemeadow.
Intake dates (subject to change)	Intake is in March each year.
Rotations / specialties	Each applicant will gain experience and knowledge during their 12-month placement as a Community Health Nurse (CHN) in a range of specialties including Wound Care, Hospital in the Home (HITH), Palliative Care and Continence Care. They will also gain skills in providing holistic care as an autonomous practitioner in the community.
Orientation and support	We offer a dedicated face-to-face orientation for each of the new nurses at the start of the program. The role will remain supernumerary until the Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE) has worked with each graduate nurse until they feel confident to visit by themselves. Regular clinical supervision is also offered to staff as well as ongoing professional development. Preceptorship. Gradstart Coordinator and local CNE.
Study days / education	Five targeted study days throughout the year and a Gradstart program is provided by SWSLHD Primary and Community Health.

