

# **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Title: Practice Nurse

**Enterprise Agreement:** Community Sector Multiple Enterprise Agreement 2009

Classification: Level 6.1 - 7.1

**Usual work location:** The Junction Youth Health Service, Club 12/25, Level 2, 30 Scotts Crossing, Canberra

Cost Centre: 170

**Usual hours of work:** 76 hours per fortnight (part-time negotiable)

**Position Objective:** The Practice Nurse will work as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide holistic support and

therapeutic services to young people aged 12 to 25, with a particular focus on young people who are at risk or experiencing homelessness. The Practice Nurse will liaise regularly with the clinical team

and management, and supply onsite and outreach nursing services as required.

**Position Responsibilities:** 

- Provide nursing care, support, education, referral and advocacy to young people with an emphasis on linking them into health services in their own communities.
- Use comprehensive clinical skills and reasoning to undertake nursing care with the RN scope of practice.

- Develop and manage the IT recall/reminder systems for Junction clients.
- Assist the Junction youth health workers with triage and general assessment of young people as required.
- Collaborate and contribute in the implementation and management of individual care plans for clients.
- Collaborate and contribute in the implementation and completion of health assessments for clients.
- Assist with minor procedures.
- Perform routine tasks requested by other clinicians, such as pathology collection, injections, vaccinations, suture removal, wound management, spirometry, and ECGs, etc.
- Undertake data collection and reporting.
- Monitor cold chain compliance.
- Maintain infection control, waste disposal (including sharps) and collection as required.
- Maintain and restock clinical rooms and store cupboards on a regular basis.
- Liaise and help develop partnerships with, and offer support to, general practices and allied health services across the ACT region around youth health issues through in reach service provisions within community GP practices.
- Attend Junction clinical team meetings, service evaluations and training as required.
- Be actively involved in all supervision, training, professional development and meetings, as required.
- Help manage three yearly accreditation cycles.
- Participate in the implementation of the Sanctuary Framework.
- Maintain professional standards in relation to service delivery, confidentiality, maintenance of

medical records and privacy as per the Junction Youth Health Service and Anglicare policies and procedures.

• In addition to these responsibilities and duties, undertake such other responsibilities and duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Youth Health Coordinator and Anglicare ACT.

#### **Key behaviours:**

#### Client Focus

Recognises, anticipates and focuses on specific client needs and advocates on behalf of the client.

#### <u>Interpersonal</u>

Establishes cooperative and productive relationships by understanding and responding to the needs of others.

#### **Job Motivation**

Is a self-starter and self-motivated and maintains a high level of enthusiasm for work responsibilities.

#### Outcome focused

Identifies and accomplishes challenging objectives by doing whatever is necessary to achieve the goal.

## Team Building

Promotes the achievement of results through cooperation and joint efforts between team members

#### **Key skills**:

- Ability to work autonomously and to work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships and work collaboratively with clients, internal and external services and stakeholders.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

#### Desirable:

- Proficiency in Best Practice Software
- Well Women's Training

- Asthma Education Training
- Diabetes Education Training
- Completion of an authorized immunization course

### **Key knowledge areas:**

- Understanding of the issues affecting young people, particularly young people who are homeless or otherwise at risk.
- Knowledge of chronic disease management.
- An understanding of alcohol and other drugs, their effects, and pharmacology.
- Knowledge of ACT youth and health services networks.

#### Key experience:

- 3-5+ years' experience in general practice or a youth health setting
- Demonstrated experience in providing advocacy, referral and support to people at risk or traditionally disadvantaged groups

#### **Qualifications:**

- Registered nurse with a current practicing certificate from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Basic life support certification
- Professional indemnity insurance

#### Reports to:

Regional Manager/Clinical Director