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Annual Education Meeting (AEM) 2022

'Making a Splash in Critical Care'

20 & 21 October 2022: Sea World, Gold Coast



**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
CLOSES 26 AUGUST!**

REGISTER NOW

Are you waiting on your organisation to approve your leave and worried it will not be approved by the early bird deadline (26 August)? If so, we encourage you to complete the [expression of interest link](#) so the early bird rates can be honoured. This EOI link is available until midnight on Friday 26 August.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the AEM flyer to print for the tearoom!

ACCCN Courses & Webinars

ACCCN Online Journal Club

The ACCCN Online Journal Club met for the third time in August to discuss and critique the paper *Impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic on critical care healthcare workers' depression, anxiety, and stress levels*. A lively discussion was held examining all aspects of the study, with first author A/Prof Naomi Hammond joining the session to provide unique insights into how the research team conducted an international survey in the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next session will be held on the 16th of November at 1400hrs to critique the paper *Critical care health professionals' self-reported needs for wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic: A thematic analysis of survey responses*. Participating in an online journal club is a great way to keep up to date with the latest practice developments in critical care, as well as build your critical appraisal skills and meet other members of the critical care community. All critical care healthcare professionals regardless of expertise and experience are encouraged to participate.



ACCCN Online Journal Club

Wednesday 16th November 2022

2:00pm – 3:30pm (AEDT)

Via zoom, facilitated by NSW Branch

'Critical care health professionals' self-reported needs for wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic: A thematic analysis of survey responses' Elliott et al.

We look forward to the next session and hope you will be able to join us. [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

WA Study Day – Recognising & Responding to the Deteriorating Child



WA Study Day

RECOGNISING & RESPONDING TO
THE DETERIORATING CHILD

Saturday 17 September 2022

Royal Perth Hospital

8:30 – 17:30



Topics covered during the day will be:

- Assessment and management of the deteriorating child
- Paediatric Advanced Life Support overview
- Workshops & simulation scenarios on Paediatric clinical deterioration and management

Relevant for both registered & enrolled nurses with 7 hours CPD assigned - [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

ACCCN ALS Program

ACCCN offers a comprehensive range of Instructor, Adult and Paediatric ALS programs. They are suitable for all healthcare professionals (nursing, medical, defence force) to attend, but are specifically aimed at nurses and medical staff working in a critical care environment, or with critically ill patients.

Standards used throughout the course reflect the Australian Resuscitation Council Statements on Basic and Advanced Life Support; Biennial recertification. Annual re-certification is recommended for the Adult and Paediatric program. Bi-annual re-certification is recommended for the Instructor program.

Courses are run nationally – please [CLICK HERE](#) to find an upcoming course near you!

We are delighted to return to Townsville and offer both an Adult ALS Certification and Recertification in September. Limited spots still available.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register!



ACCCN Advanced Life Support Courses

Townsville University Hospital

Adult 2 Day Certification – 17 & 18 September 2022

Adult 1 Day Recertification – 18 September 2022

ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM

'ICU ON THE EDGE'

29 – 31 March 2023: Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia



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Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submissions Close on Wednesday 2 November 2022
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ACCCN ANZICS

Preparations for the ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM 2023 are well underway, and we are pleased to invite **Abstract Submissions** from those interested in presenting oral papers, oral posters and static posters. For further information please visit - <https://intensivecareasm.com.au/call-for-abstracts/>

ACCCN Grants & Funding

Are you thinking of attending a conference or educational/professional development activity? As an ACCCN member (minimum of 12 consecutive months) you are eligible to apply for a range of grants to support attendance at a professional development activity in the field of critical care.

We invite members to apply for the following national and state grants which are now open.

NATIONAL GRANTS

National Education Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022

Diane Chamberlain Research Seeding Grant

Closing date - 5.00pm, 25 September 2022

Rhonda Sanders Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022





STATE GRANTS

NSW/ACT Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022

QLD Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022

SANT Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022

TAS Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022

VIC Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 28 August 2022

WA Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing date - 11.59pm, 11 September 2022

Paediatric Advisory Panel

Please consider joining the **PICU Nursing Science Listserv**! This is an informal group of nurse scientists (and other professionals) interested in paediatric critical care research and science who meet on a monthly basis. They are in international group of scientists spanning over six continents! The group are exceptionally fond of students and those in training looking to share their ideas in progress, or research ideas to get feedback. Your research ideas do not need to be complete to be presented! This is why they call them "works in progress." This is also an excellent space to find potential collaborators and mentors in paediatric critical care. The meeting schedule varies month to month and make every effort to be respectful of time zone differences, though it is difficult to accommodate everyone's time zone due to their international nature. If you are interested in attending a meeting and/or presenting your work, please reach out to Martha at curley@nursing.upenn.edu.

Industry Updates

Congratulations to Amy Johansen on her appointment to the WFPICCS Board

Amy Johansen is a Clinical Nurse Consultant within PICU at RCH Melbourne with 20+ years of experience in clinical, education, leadership and research within Paediatric critical care. Nursing lead for the ECLS program at RCH and passionate about the provision of high-quality clinical care. Significant experience facilitating simulation education and a strong advocate for inter-professional team training. Research interests include ECLS Anticoagulation, ECLS Long-term outcomes and education program development. Current areas of focus are mentoring and coaching within healthcare and the development of psychologically safe workplaces to allow teams to thrive and patient outcomes to improve. She is a member of the Victorian ECMO Service (VECMOS) education subcommittee and Clinical Governance committee. Amy is also current member of the Australian college of Critical Care Nurses Paediatric Advisory Panel.



Message of Intent

I am passionate and excited to be part of WFPICCS, endeavouring to support the delivery of high-quality intensive care for all children regardless of geography. Increase PICU clinicians connectiveness and willingness to share experiences, research and knowledge to improve patients long term outcomes. Together we can enhance patients and families PICU experience but also their ongoing quality of life. I look forward to working with Johnny Millar and Ali Ferguson to represent the PICU Oceania community within WFPICCS



The Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Foundation

Update on ICF 2022 Grants Round

The Intensive Care Community responded enthusiastically to the ICF's call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs), with 39 EOIs received from nursing, medical and allied health clinician researchers. ICF uses a two-stage application process for grants, to reduce the burden for both applicants and reviewers. The EOIs were reviewed by a panel of experienced multidisciplinary critical care researchers with the highest ranked EOIs now being invited to prepare a full application.

For more information: info@intensivecarefoundation.org.au

Research Projects – Invitation to participate

The association between shift scheduling and burnout, insomnia and wellbeing in critical care nurses

Researchers at Deakin University are seeking registered nurses who currently practice within critical care areas such as Intensive care, Coronary Care, Peri-Operative units, and Emergency departments to participate in a research study. This study aims to explore the association between undertaking quick returns and increased risk of burnout, impaired wellbeing, and fatigue. A quick return can be defined as returning to the next shift in less than 11 hours. This is most evident within the rostering system as completing a Late (2 pm-10 pm) shift and then an Early (7 am-3 pm) shift (Late- Early). However, various shift models can include a quick return. This includes on-call models and potentially, overtime.

This study addresses a significant gap in current literature, as very little research, has been undertaken within an Australian context. The project will enable a better understanding of the factors that impact Critical Care Nurses' wellbeing. The online survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Participation is completely voluntary and anonymous. Participants will have the opportunity to go into a prize draw to win one of four \$50 Coles Myer Group vouchers.

https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_5jx2p65GZstoHno

The experiences and challenges of caring for a healthcare professional-patient, and the challenges of being a nurse-patient in a hospital setting

Are you a registered nurse who has cared for a health professional-patient in the last 3 years?

Have you had the experience of being a nurse-patient in the past 3 years?

If you have answered yes to either, or both questions, we would love to hear about your experiences by participating in a short online anonymous survey.

This survey will explore registered nurses' experiences and challenges caring for healthcare professional-patients and the challenges of nurses who have been nurse-patients themselves. Little is known about how to prepare registered nurses to care for other health professionals as patients and findings from this survey will inform future education and support of registered nurses.

You may access the Participant Information Sheet and Survey here:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=33R43LK3JRND93HK>

Employment Opportunities



ACCCN National Nurse Educator – Location negotiable – Work from home

As the National Nurse Educator you will develop, coordinate, and evaluate education programs for the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses educational programs. You will report to the CEO and work closely and collaboratively with the National Office and State Education Coordinators.

Key responsibilities:

- Development, implement, and evaluate critical care nurse education programs in diverse environment (online, written and face-to-face);
- Co-ordinate development of ACCCN position statements;
- Co-ordinate process for establishing and reviewing course accreditation by the ACCCN
- Schedule annual education program for ACCCN;
- Assist in smaller state-based education programs (incorporating administration components such as course registration, venue set-up and program scheduling); and
- Provide regular reports for the ACCCN National Board.

As the successful candidate you will:

- Be a member of Australian College of Critical Care Nurses;
- Hold current registration with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia;
- Have post graduate qualifications in nurse education (and equivalent experience);
- Demonstrate extensive critical care nursing experience;
- Experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of critical care nurse education programs;
- Demonstrated highly-developed knowledge and application of adult learning principles including ability to effectively teach, interact with, and assess multi-disciplinary learners in a range of formal and informal contexts;
- Demonstrated experience in collaboratively developing and implementing innovative professional development, education and health strategies using a range of appropriate audit/research approaches;
- Demonstrate exceptional written and verbal communication skills and a high-level attention to detail; and
- Demonstrate ability to complete projects against predetermined time frames.

Position Details:

- Part-time
- 32 Hours per week
- **Working from home**
- Salary packaging and meal entertainment allowance available

Application Details:

- Closing date - COB on Monday 5th September
- Applications only accepted via the Seek link - <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58105548?type=standard#sol=d193d11cfda034f5ac65ae152dd73c204756843d>

Tasmanian Health Service
Department of Health
Royal Hobart Hospital
Department of Critical Care Medicine

TASMANIAN
HEALTH
SERVICE



Would you like to work in beautiful Tasmania?

The Department of Health is seeking interest from suitable qualified applicants for a Registered Nurse (517824) vacancy.

Vacancy: Multiple positions. Permanent, full-time and part-time, shift work, working up to 76 hours per fortnight, commencing as soon as possible.

Duties:

RNs required for Royal Hobart Hospital ICU. This is a very busy 23 bed unit including HDU and is the tertiary referral centre for Tasmania. It receives ICU patients including general medical & surgical, trauma, NSU, CTU, Vascular, burns and complicated obstetrics.

ICU experience including ventilator proficiency, in a tertiary level facility will be highly regarded.

So what are you waiting for! If you have a can-do attitude and experience in ICU, including ventilator proficiency, we'd like to talk to you today!

To find out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Felicity Geeves
Nurse Unit Manager – Intensive Care on (03) 6166 8856 or via email felicity.geeves@ths.tas.gov.au

For more information and to APPLY NOW, click here

Closing date: 5 September 2022

Critical Care Registered Nurse Opportunities Victorian Heart Hospital

Australia's first Heart Hospital is opening soon!
Join us at Australia's only dedicated, purpose-built heart hospital.

We are seeking qualified Critical Care Registered Nurses (CCRN) to join in the following cardiac teams: -

- **Acute Cardiac Care** - embracing a new model of cardiac inpatient care our critical care nurses will care for a full range of acute, complex tertiary, quaternary cardiac patients for their entire length of stay.
- **Cath Lab** – a pioneer in many advanced cardiac catheterisation laboratory procedures and first in man trials to improve patient outcomes, our heart hospital is set to further cement our vision of “exceptional care, outstanding outcomes”.
- **Emergency** – the first dedicated cardiac emergency service in Australia with state of the art 22 bed capacity. You will have the opportunity to be an integral member of the part of a newly built cardiac emergency service that will deliver patient centred emergency care with access to cardiac care specialists.
- **ICU** – a 16 bed Cardiothoracic care and a nurse lead ECMO service providing excellence in care to complex cardiac patients. You will work in a newly developed cardiac team of critical care nurses.



For more information and to APPLY NOW, click here

Closing date: 26 August 2022

Monash Health
Registered Nurse
Emergency Department, Dandenong



Working in healthcare has never been more important or meaningful.

Monash Health has Ongoing Registered Nurse positions available with the opportunity to further progress your knowledge and skills with opportunities for post graduate studies within a supportive Education and Tertiary based environment!

A day in the life of a Registered Nurse in ED

We guarantee that no two days will be the same.

You'll enjoy the variety and challenge that comes from working with skilled senior staff and clinical mentors, while being supported by the leadership team across the program and across our large, complex health service. Your work will include:

- Patient centred provision of excellent care to our patients presenting to our Emergency
- Role modelling and mentoring likeminded employee's and working within the team collaboratively
- Participating in quality improvement across the program to support best practice
- We have ongoing full and part time opportunities across a 24/7 rotational roster

Ours is a highly connected team with strong shared values and a commitment to excellence.

For more information and to APPLY NOW, click here

Closing date: 29 August 2022

Monash Heart: Cardiothoracic, Cardiology & Respiratory Registered Nurses

The **Victorian Heart Hospital (VHH)** will be Australia's first dedicated heart hospital. The **VHH** will be an iconic structure facilitating the delivery of evidence based, patient centric, holistic models of care, ground breaking research and committed to leading education underpinned by an unwavering culture and passion for clinical excellence. By joining Monash Health's cardiac team now, you will be a part of the team that transitions into the brand-new facility after its completion. The **VHH** is planned to open in 2023, this new hospital provides an exciting opportunity to develop a unique patient centred model of care.



Ward 32 is a Cardiothoracic/Respiratory Unit and **Ward 32 West is Cardiac Day Unit**. There are 8 high dependency beds that care for patients post cardiac surgery requiring inotropes, NIV, temporary cardiac pacing. We have innovated with the development of a nurse led TOE-DCR program and are focused on nursing innovation.

We are seeking Registered Nurses (RN) to work across our Cardiothoracic, Respiratory and Cardiac Care Wards and be part of our highly skilled Nursing team at Monash Heart. Our Nurses work between the Cardiothoracic/Respiratory (32 Ward) and Cardiac Day Ward (32 West) and we have developed a highly skilled, agile and resourceful workforce that remains patient centric.

Currently available roles include Full & Part Time, Ongoing & Temporary fixed term roles. Flexibility to work a minimum of 0.6 EFT across a 24/7 rotating roster is sought.

For more information and to apply – CLICK HERE

Closing date: 7 September 2022

Northern Territory Health Registered Nurse/Midwife Perioperative Post Graduate Program

Northern Territory (NT) Health, specifically, Royal Darwin and Palmerston Hospital (RDPH) is offering registered nurses paid employment while completing their Graduate Certificate Perioperative (one year full time or two years of part time study).

The Employed Model Program is an exciting initiative through NT Health that supports registered nurses to gain employment, experience and certification in Perioperative Nursing.

There is a one year program available which will be Darwin based and candidates will be required to work across Royal Darwin and Palmerston Hospitals. Alternatively, there will be a two year option allowing candidates in their 2nd year to rotate to regional hospitals across the NT – Katherine, Gove and Alice Springs program (after completing all study requirements of the 12 month graduate certificate course).

Staff employed under this model of care will be financially supported to complete their Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing through a recognised University course.

Visit <https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/Search> and search vacancy number 70222812 to apply today!

Closing date: 11 September 2022



JESSIE MCPHERSON PRIVATE HOSPITAL



Registered Nurse (Our reference: #52674)
Jessie McPherson Private Hospital, Clayton

About Jessie McPherson Private Hospital

Jessie McPherson Private Hospital (JMPH) is a 115 bed tertiary level Private Hospital which has been co-located at

Monash Medical Centre Clayton since 1987. Ward 31 North is a 26 bed Cardiology / Cardiothoracic surgical unit that will re-locate to the Victorian Heart Hospital (VHH) in February 2023, with increased capacity to 48 beds. Our co-location with Monash Health provides a unique opportunity for access to world-renowned research and teaching facilities.

Jessie McPherson Private Hospital also has a wider official specialist role for greater Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate in such specialties as cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, neuro-surgery, gastroenterology, gastrointestinal surgery, high acuity maternity and neonatal services.

About Victorian Heart Hospital

The Victorian Heart Hospital will be an Australian-first heart hospital, bringing together the world's best in cardiovascular care, training and research. The Victorian Heart Hospital will improve the lives of those diagnosed, or at risk of cardiovascular disease with an iconic, purpose-built centre of excellence, enabling the integration of clinical and scientific resources and expertise.

VHH will be the first cardiac-specific, standalone hospital in Australia and will incorporate both public and private (JMPH) services to the local community and across the State.

We are seeking professional, passionate and dedicated Registered Nurses with acute clinical experience, ideally but not limited to the Cardiac specialty.

To view the full position description and to APPLY NOW, click here

Closing date: 30 September 2022

Monash Health: Registered Nurse – ICU
Monash Medical Centre Clayton
Dandenong hospital
Casey Hospital



The Monash Health ICUs provide a journey across the lifespan. In support of the growing needs of the community, our three Intensive Care Units at Monash Medical Centre Clayton, Dandenong hospital and Casey Hospital provides Victorians across the South East, with faster access to critical care and highly skilled staff when they need it most.

Each centre has its own specialty focus, and there is no better time than now, to grow your career within Monash Health's Critical Care Program.

No two days will be the same, and our Adult Intensive Care Units work uniquely while collaborating with other critical care areas and teams across all sites as one Program.

- **Monash Adult ICU** is a 25 bed tertiary referral centre. We specialise in Cardiothoracic, Neurosurgery, neurology, obstetrics, general medicine and surgery. We have over 1900 admissions per year and 600 of these are elective surgery and 1300 unplanned/emergency admissions.
- **Dandenong hospital ICU** is a 14 bed unit specialising in Colorectal, General Surgery, ENT, Orthopaedics, Plastics, Vascular and General Medicine patients
- **Casey Hospital** is a 12 bed general Medical/Surgical unit specialising in Urology, Obstetrics and post-operative surgical care.

We have a strong patient focus and provide opportunities for staff who are interested in working across sites and in other specialty critical care areas. Monash Health provides a unique opportunity to extend your clinical practice by working in ICU environments caring for patients from birth to their aged years if this interests you.

We have a strong education focus with exposure to the expertise of our team across our ICU units and a commitment to supporting new team members progress their individual interest areas.

Grow your Career as a Critical Care Registered Nurse

We are seeking suitably qualified nurses who are passionate about, and have demonstrated experience in ICU to become a valuable part of our critical care team. Yours is a pivotal front-line role providing care within a dynamic fast paced setting. You are committed to providing evidence based, patient and family centred care and you are motivated to seek all opportunities to further upskill and master your ICU expertise.

These are Ongoing Full or Part Time positions with availability to work across 24/7 rotational shifts.

When applying clearly highlight in your Cover Letter, and selection criteria, which site is your preference.

To view the full position description and to APPLY NOW, click here

Closing date: 21 October 2022