

ADVANCED CLINICAL SKILLS PROGRAM

This program provides a supportive environment to further develop knowledge and skills in:

- Advanced life support
- Anaesthesia management
- Arterial blood gas analysis
- Assisting intubation
- Blood product administration
- Cervical spine immobilisation
- Chest x-ray interpretation
- Electrocardiograph interpretation
- Fluids and electrolytes
- Hemodynamic management
- Pain management
- Pathology interpretation
- Patient assessment
- Peripheral intravenous cannulation
- Trauma management
- Triage
- Urinary catheterisation
- Ventilation

COLAC AREA HEALTH

- Respect
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Innovation
- Quality
- Partnership

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Opportunity

The advanced clinical skills program is a specialist rotational year available for any division one registered nurse, grade two or higher. It provides the nurse with the opportunity to further develop their clinical skills in a supported environment.

Professional Development

Learning and professional development is facilitated by the use of educational packages, skill competency assessments, education sessions and exposure to acutely unwell patients at Colac Area Health and Barwon Health.

Educational Support

A high level of clinical support with constructive feedback provided by Educators, Nurse Unit Managers, Associate Nurse Unit Managers, and Mentors.

Program Structure

- 52 weeks full-time
- 4 monthly rotations:
 - Acute Care Unit
 - Emergency Department
 - Peri-Operative Suite
- Clinical placements:
 - Barwon Health
 - Rural Ambulance Victoria

Acute Care Unit

The 43 bed acute care unit sees a variety of patients including; medical, palliative, oncology, paediatric, midwifery, high dependency, ophthalmology and cardiology.

Emergency Department

The emergency department provides 24 hour access to emergency care and has an average of 7000 presentations per year. Both adults and children present with minor through to life threatening conditions. Presentations include cardiac, respiratory, psychiatric, drug and alcohol, trauma, gynaecological, urological, medical and surgical.

Peri-Operative Suite

The operating suite comprises of two theatres, a 7 bed day surgery unit, central sterilising department, and conducts approximately 1250 procedures a year. Types of surgery include general, urological, optical, endoscopic procedures, dental, obstetric, gynaecological, and orthopaedic.