

## **Position Description**

### **Aged Care Nurse.**

**Title:** Specialist Aged Care Nurse (Working in General Practice)

**Aged Care Team** - This position provides a great opportunity to work in an innovative aged care team comprised of registered nurses, GPs and RACFs. It is a unique position for a nurse to visit RACFs with the GPs, liaise with families, RACF staff, specialists and allied health professionals. This is a General Practice position not employed to work for an RACF

**Position Description:** To provide high quality assessment skills to clients of the New Aged Care, within the criteria of:-

**Accountable and responsible to:**

Kellie Tobias Director of Clinical Services

**Essential Qualifications.**

- Division 1 Registered Nurse or Division 2 EN
- Current AHPRA Registration
- New Graduates will also be considered
- Current drivers licence and own car
- MUST be able to work in a team and independently
- Must be self-motivated and system orientated

**Desirable Qualifications.**

- Post graduate degree in Community or Gerontology nursing.
- District Nursing or Community nursing experience.
- Have successfully completed an Assessment course through a recognised agency.
- Aged care & sound knowledge of the ageing process is an advantage
- Primary health experience preferred
- Wound Care.
- Computer literacy.

## **Role Statement.**

**To provide optimal clinical care to people within the local community and RACFs, which meets the client's needs and those of their family and carers.**

- Apply recognised standards of assessment, identification of goals, management of these goals, evaluation and follow up.
- Apply best practice principles to clinical care.
- Deliver an equitable standard of care regardless of clients and colleagues different values, beliefs, culture and social context.
- Recognise and practise within scope of his/her own practice.
- Readily seek feedback regarding own standard of practice.
- Ensure client confidentiality.
- Assess and interpret clinical indicators of general health status and apply this information to guide clinical decisions. Report any abnormalities.
- Maintain accurate documentation of patient assessment and goals.
- Liaise with doctor, who is the primary care giver and other members of the patients' multidisciplinary team, and participate in case conferencing and care plans for the client.
- Provide a safe environment for clients and staff and promote safe practice requirements, ie/infection control or sharps disposal.

**To participate in Quality Assurance and Accreditation Activities occurring within the medical practice, with a focus on community and aged care:**

- Participate in regular peer reviews.
- Contribute to accreditation activities as advised by management staff.
- Participate in data collection for research and /or assessment of practices within the medical practice or community in relation to aged community care.
- Provide and maintain relevant resources for health professionals and clients.
- Be aware and participate in projects occurring in the community that pertain to aged community care.

**Actively participate in Professional Development thus maintaining consistency of performance standards:**

- Seek support from colleagues to identify learning needs.
- Participate in professional development and continuing educational activities.
- Use available resources when presented with unfamiliar information or unfamiliar situations.
- Utilise the internet, with recognised web sites and regular professional journals as a source of information.

**To interact within the local community & RACFs, thus enhancing the role of NAC in community and aged care assessment.**

- Be aware of local aged care services and maintain contact and create partnership with these agencies.
- Exchange information with community agencies to promote awareness of service delivery, leading to appropriate referrals between agencies.
- Participate in information sessions organised by other agencies & ACAT team.
- Provide feedback to staff at NAC in regards to groups and services available in the community that are suitable to the aging population and how to refer into these agencies.

**Provide support to practice management in the following areas:**

- Computer skills- appointments/recalls/data entry
- Accreditation
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**Signed** .....

**Date** .....

**Practice Manager** .....

**Date** .....

This position is to be reviewed in 6 months –