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## SHDH Hospital Discharge Coordinator - Enrolled or Registered Nurses (Full Time)

Are you an Enrolled or Registered Nurse looking for a change?

This position is a navigation role that supports the patient to ensure coordination of hospital discharge planning requirements. The role supports referrals to supports on discharge, supports aged care transition, and arranging post-acute care, home care, and other community support services either to be halted during the admission, recommenced on discharge or referred and commenced if not previously in place.

This position works in an interdisciplinary manner within the Health service at all times.

#### **Key Selection Criteria:**

If nursing, Registered Nurse with current license to practice from AHPRA division one.

- Minimum of five years of relevant specialty or equivalent level of experience?
- Highly developed communication and organisational skills
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills in systems and processes that support patient access, flow and discharge
- Demonstrated understanding of the organization's KPI's particularly associated with access and flow.
- Advanced assessment, problem solving, critical thinking and time management skills
- Demonstrated commitment to patient centered care and evidence-based practice in health service delivery.
- Post Graduate Qualifications in surgical/medical nursing or working towards.
- Membership of relevant professional interest groups with contemporary knowledge of contemporary nursing issues and current clinical practice.
- Ability to assists with health teaching for clients and their families and significant others.
- Ability to provide undergraduate nursing students with an understanding of the care co-ordination function within the hospital.
- Current National Police Record Check
- Current "Working with Children Permit".

Evidence of immunisation records/history as part of the Health Services Act 1988, 2020 Amendment (Mandatory Vaccination of Healthcare Workers), through either documentation or copy of serology report. It is required that there is immunization for all vaccine preventable illnesses.

#### **About Swan Hill**

About Swan Hill District Health: Work/life balance is of the utmost importance to us here at Swan Hill District Health. We provide a dynamic workplace with generous Employee Benefits and re-location assistance to successful applicants. Attractive benefits offered by the organisation include:

- Well supported team environment and Professional development and education programs
- Salary packaging benefit and employee wellness program
- Relocation assistance available

#### For More Information?

For a position description and information on how to apply, please visit: <a href="https://www.shdh.org.au/employment/">https://www.shdh.org.au/employment/</a> Applications will only be accepted if they contain a CV, Application for Employment form and Cover Letter addressing the Key Selection Criteria. Applications can be forwarded to: <a href="mailto:employment@shdh.org.au">employment@shdh.org.au</a>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



# POSITION DESCRIPTION Clinical Services

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Position:	Hospital Discharge Coordinator	
Classification:	Enrolled or Registered Nurse	
Department:	Clinical Services	
Reports to:	Director of Clinical Services, Access & Flow	
Position Summary:	This position is a navigation role that supports the patient to ensure coordination of hospital discharge planning requirements. The role supports referrals to supports on discharge, supports aged care transition, and arranging post-acute care, home care, and other community support services either to be halted during the admission, recommenced on discharge or referred and commenced if not previously in place.  This position works in an interdisciplinary manner within the Health service at all times.	
Responsibilities:	Responsibilities Care Co-ordination: Outcome:	
	<ul> <li>The Hospital Discharge Coordinator will facilitate access and flow of patients throughout SHDH by:</li> <li>Liaison with the Emergency Department team to support referrals to appropriate supports within the community after their Emergency presentation</li> <li>Early identification of patient needs and potential barriers to discharge from acute settings (Acute, Subacute predominantly and may include Medical Day Procedure Unit, Maternity and Theatre).</li> <li>Ensure completion of timely referrals to Better@home, Hospital in The Home, District Nursing Service, National Disability Insurance Scheme, Hospital Admission Risk Program, Community Rehabilitation Centre and other community services (Orange Door, Mallee Family Care, Child First, Home care services and others).</li> <li>Comprehensive knowledge of available community supports both internal and external to SHDH, and the process to refer to these supports with patient consent.</li> <li>Patient/client discharge planning is commenced on admission and is coordinated and planned in a way, which ensures a smooth transition from the acute clinical hospital environment to the Community setting.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Performance Indicators:</li> <li>Participates and contributes to discharge planning in consultation with the patient, carer and health-care team to ensure timely and essential post discharge support.</li> <li>Arranges Community support services including Post-Acute Care according to need, eligibility and availability. Manages Post-Acute Care requirements for eligible patients and provides necessary reports, follow-up liaison with service providers. Monitor 4-week Post-Acute Care clients.</li> <li>Acts as a resource for patients/carers and their families following the completion of the inpatient episode of care and ensures client satisfaction with arranged post -discharge services.</li> <li>Ensures documentation relating to discharge planning in patient progress notes at each time a change or referral is made to a</li> </ul>	
	person's plan.	

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Participates in Care Planning, Aged Care Assessment Scheme, and Family meetings with the Social Worker and other patient/carer planning meetings as required. This position will monitor hospital readmission rates, and this is considered a measure of the success of the role. This includes planned representations to Emergency Department. Liaison with Sub regional and small rural health partners for stepped down care for patients receiving care as close to home as possible. Supports the patient's transition (through readiness with assessments required for acceptance to residential aged care (RAC)) within the local area and attends weekly aged care meetings. Organizes domiciliary oxygen as per GP request. Works closely with all members of the Health care team, and in particular with the social worker team for matters of complex social matters. Ensures that patients who have frequent hospital admissions have support's put in place with the Multidisciplinary team, and community supports and programs to remain in the community and not re-present to hospital. Participates in specific projects, which facilitate improved access and flow and patient/bed management. **Key Selection Criteria:** If nursing, Registered Nurse with current license to practice from AHPRA division one. Minimum of five years of relevant specialty or equivalent level of experience? Highly developed communication and organisational skills Demonstrated knowledge and skills in systems and processes that support patient access, flow and discharge Demonstrated understanding of the organization's KPI's particularly associated with access and flow. Advanced assessment, problem solving, critical thinking and time management skills Demonstrated commitment to patient centered care and evidence-based practice in health service delivery. Desirable: Post Graduate Qualifications in surgical/medical nursing or working Membership of relevant professional interest groups with contemporary knowledge of contemporary nursing issues and current clinical practice. Ability to assists with health teaching for clients and their families and significant others. Ability to provide undergraduate nursing students with an understanding of the care co-ordination function within the hospital. **Current National Police Record Check** Current "Working with Children Permit". Evidence of immunisation records/history as part of the Health Services Act 1988, 2020 Amendment (Mandatory Vaccination of Healthcare Workers), through either documentation or copy of serology report. It is required that there is immunization for all vaccine preventable illnesses. Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) Single Interest Salary/Award: Employer Agreement 2021-2024. Infection Control: Each staff member has a responsibility to minimise exposure to incidents of infection/cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the general public. The risk minimisation strategies are to be supported by all staff adhering to the Infection Control Manual policies, procedures and

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	guidelines.
Continuous Quality Improvement:	<ul> <li>Each staff member is expected to demonstrate a commitment to best practice.</li> <li>All staff shall take responsibility for their own practice and share responsibility for creating and maintaining a system that provides safe, high quality health care.</li> <li>All staff will participate in quality improvement activities aimed at improving patient outcomes and maintaining accreditation standards.</li> <li>It is the responsibility of every staff member to be familiar with Health Service-wide and specific Department Policies &amp; Protocols</li> </ul>
Person Centered Care:	The Health Service supports in its values the philosophy of Person-Centered Care to ensure all people, including health service providers, clients, their carers and family members are respectfully cared for and encouraged to participate in the provision of quality health care.  We recognise diversity is part of every person & as such, providers of health care must be actively involved in developing models of care that are person centered.
Child Safety:	All children have the right to feel and be safe. Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. SHDH is committed to providing a child safe environment where children are safe and feel safe, and where their voices are heard about the decisions that affect them.  SHDH have zero tolerance to child abuse.  Each employee has a responsibility to adhere to this requirement. Any breach of this standard will result in disciplinary action.
Our Purpose:	Connected Care / Best Experience SHDH commits to meet the growing health care needs of our community through our new vision to provide better-connected care and to achieve the best care experience.
Privacy and Confidentiality:	SHDH are committed to protecting patient and staff privacy and confidentiality, as it is an important aspect of our commitment to providing high quality services. In accordance to both the Health Records Act and the Information Privacy Act, information should only be used and disclosed for the primary purpose of its collection.  Each employee has a responsibility with adhere to SHDH's Privacy and Confidentiality Policy, as it is a condition of employment. Any breach of the rules of privacy and/or confidentiality relating to health service business, patients or medical records will result in disciplinary action.
Mandatory Training:	All employees must be aware of and complete designated mandatory training within the required time frame.
Safety:	<ul> <li>RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the responsibility of every staff member to:</li> <li>Take reasonable care for their safety and the safety of others while at work.</li> <li>Report accidents, incidents and potential hazards as soon as reasonably practicable to their supervisor and record on VHIMS reporting system.</li> <li>Advise their supervisor if they have an injury or illness that may affect their ability to perform the inherent requirements of their position.</li> <li>Be familiar with emergency and evacuation procedures as detailed in the Emergency Procedures Manual.</li> <li>Complete all Mandatory training requirements as identified and directed.</li> <li>Comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and all SHDH O.H.</li> </ul>
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	& S. online Policies and Procedures.
Asset Management:	Staff with asset management responsibilities are required to adhere to the
Asset Management.	Asset Management Policy and Protocols.
Review:	Completion of My Work Plan on a yearly basis.
Previous Revision dates:	Revised March, 2011, August, 2001, April 2018, Dec 2020, Feb 2020
Current:	August 2023
Managers Name:	Kate Anderson, Director Clinical Services, Access & Flow
Managers Signature:	
Employees Name:	
Employees Signature:	



### APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FORM

(To be attached to application)

☐ Covering ☐ Respons	n for Employment forn g letter in support of ap se to Key Selection Cri ts Curriculum Vitae	pplication	with the following documents:
Position Appl	ying for		
General Inform	mation		
Name			
Address		<del></del>	
Contact	Home phone	<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Email</u>
Are you of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Origin?			
If no, what is y	our current Visa Statu of issue:		Expiry date//
Conditions of Employment			
to the position  Initial employ  6 month Require	applied for:  ment is subject to:  hs' probationary period  ement to work any shit	d ( <i>with a review at 3 months.</i> ,	tor Health Industry Awards and EBAs relevant
Hours of Wor	k –		(Availability)
Discipline/Mis	sconduct		
•	erienced discipline or r provide details:	misconduct action at any prev	vious employment? □ Yes □ No

Police and Working with Children Checks
Satisfactory Police Checks, and in some areas, Working with Children Checks are mandatory at the point of employment.
If you have a current Police Check and/or Working with Children Check, please show the check identifying
numbers and the date of issue:
Upon engagement, you will be required to provide the necessary information to complete a Check. Please note that it is a condition of employment that you maintain a current satisfactory Police Check and, if required, Working with Children Check.
Pre-existing Health and Injury Declaration
Swan Hill District Health (SHDH) is committed to achieving a safe working environment for all employees. As part of this, it is our objective to ensure potential employees are not required to work in duties that they are not able to perform safely. As part of the application process for employment with SHDH, we request you to disclose any pre-existing injury or disease which may be adversely affected by the performance of the inherent requirements of the position you have applied for – as described in the Position Description for the position.
Pursuant to S.41 (1) and (2) of the <i>Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013</i> , you are required to disclose to SHDH any pre-existing injury or disease that you have suffered of which you are aware, and could reasonably be expected to foresee, could be affected by the nature of this proposed employment.
Failure to make a disclosure, or the making of a false or misleading disclosure, would disentitle you to compensation pursuant to the <i>Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013</i> should you suffer any reoccurrence, aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation or deterioration of your pre-existing injury or disease arising out of, or in the course of, or due to the nature of with SHDH. SHDH will rely upon any failure to disclose in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013</i> as grounds for denying compensation in accordance with S.41 (1) and (2).
Should any alteration, change or rearrangement be necessary to enable you to carry out the inherent requirements of the position, we also request that you disclose these requirements. SHDH is an equal opportunity employer and will arrange any reasonable adjustment to enable a person with a disability to perform the inherent requirements of the position and therefore compete equally with other applicants for this position. Please disclose in the place below any pre-existing injury or diseases that you suffer from, or have suffered from, which could be affected by the nature of your proposed employment with Swan Hill District Health.
Disclosure advice: - (to be completed by the applicant)
I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of the above information and state that I have disclosed all relevant information in relation to my health and physical ability to carry out the inherent requirements of this position.
Signature of applicant: Date:/
NOTE: If providing this form electronically, you accept that the information is true and correct by the

action of submitting the form. You will be requested to sign the printed version at your interview if you are selected.

**Enquiries:** 

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