paediatric oncology nursing

specialty transition program

**Program Description**
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead Oncology Services focuses on the care and welfare of infants, children, adolescents and young adults with oncological conditions. The program is designed to support staff new to the paediatric oncology setting to acquire knowledge and skills through formal and work based learning opportunities while providing care for children and their families with oncological conditions.

The Paediatric Oncology Specialty Transition program intends to equip the nurse with the skills and confidence to successfully integrate theory with practice in the paediatric oncology setting. There are two wards within Oncology Services and participants will rotate through both Camperdown and Variety Wards to offer a diversified paediatric oncological clinical experience.

Participants will be aligned with either Stream A or Stream B. Stream A is for participants that were not a part of the First Year Registered Nurse Transition Program in Oncology Services. Stream B is for those who completed the First Year Registered Nurse Transition Program in Oncology Services (Camperdown and Variety Wards).

**Program Length**
The Paediatric Oncology Nursing Program is a twelve month program.

**Attendance/Requirements for completion**
The Paediatric Oncology Program consists of attendance at these study days/workshops:

- Nursing Management of Children with Cancer (2 day program)
- High Dependency Study Day
- Cytotoxic Administration Study Day

This Speciality Transition Program also consists of satisfactory completion of:

- Learning Goals
- Workbook
- Clinical scenario assessments
- Written case presentation
- Written reflective essay
- Clinical competencies
- Paediatric Oncology Nursing Clinical Assessment
- Clinical experience hours including Outreach services, Oncology Treatment Centre, adolescent and Young Adults and Long Term Follow Up.

**Why undertake this Program?**
To enter into the paediatric oncology workforce in a supported program
To gain knowledge and clinical skills in paediatric oncology nursing
To experience the role of the paediatric oncology nurse throughout the patient journey

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