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| **Position Title:** | Registered Midwife and/or Nurse This position description is a supporting document to an employee’s “Letter of Appointment” and “Variation to Letter of Appointment” |
| **Department:** | Acute Ward |
| **Classification/Award:** | **Award:**  Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020**Classification:**  Registered Nurse / Midwife Grade 2 (YP3-11) |
| **Performance Review:** | A six month probation will apply to this position (6 months from date of commencement). Performance reviews will then be held annually. |
| **ROLE**  |
| Within an interdisciplinary team, the Grade 2 Registered Midwife and/or Nurse role is to provide evidence based patient centred care within their scope of practice. This care is to be delivered as allocated or requested by the nurse in charge within the birthing suite and/or the acute ward, and the urgent care centre. |
| **ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS** |
| Reports to: Nurse Unit Manager Liaises with: All South Gippsland Hospital Staff Foster and Toora Medical Centre staff  |
| **KEY RESULT AREAS** |
| * Provision of contemporary, evidenced based best practice midwifery and/or nursing care
* From a patient centred care model, assess, plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate care, being sure to recognise, respond and escalate changes in a patient’s condition
* Acceptance of professional accountability within the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board professional standards and SGH Policies, Procedures and Clinical Guidelines.
* Delegation and supervision of midwifery and/or nursing care is appropriate
* Provision of education for patients, students and colleagues within scope of practice and from an evidence base
* All verbal and written communication is effective and consistent with the National Communicating for Safety Standard and SGH Policies, Procedures and Clinical Guidelines.
* Active participation in quality improvement opportunities including audits, reporting and reviewing incidents via Riskman and identifying opportunities for improvement
* Adherence to the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards, and relevant legislation for the role
* Compliance with SGH Policies, Procedures and Clinical Guidelines.
* Active participation in discharge planning processes
* Demonstrated achievement of 20 hours CPD in midwifery (where applicable) and nursing
* Perform other duties reasonably required as directed
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| **SPECIALIST SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE** |
| * Demonstrate willingness to undertake relevant training / course to develop skills and acquire knowledge
* Ability to participate in the Performance Appraisal.
* Work within scope of practice according to qualifications and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board as applicable to a Registered Midwife and/or Nurse and in accordance with SGH policies, procedures, clinical guidelines.
* Registered Midwives Only – competency in neonatal resuscitation and FSEP – minimum Level 2
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| **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE** |
| * Each employee is required to satisfy the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board Registration requirements as a Registered Nurse / Midwife for this role
* Minimum of 2 years post initial registration as a Registered Nurse / Midwife
* Current competency in Basic Life Support
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| **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA** |
| * Current Registration with Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board as a Registered Nurse / Midwife
* Ability to provide evidence based midwifery and/or nursing care as part of a multidisciplinary team
* Ability to work across all shifts on the roster including night duty and weekends
* Demonstrated experience and expertise in nursing and midwifery care (where applicable)
* Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills including verbal and written communication
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| **MANDATORY COMPETENCIES** |
| Unless an employee is able to produce authorised evidence of successfully completing a approved mandatory competency, the employee will be required to successfully complete the competencies within the first six months of employment. Each employee is required then to successfully complete mandatory clinical competencies annually. |
| **Organisational Values** |
| South Gippsland Hospital staff work with each other according to the Values listed below and the behaviours these values require when carrying out business. These values are: **Adaptability -**  **being flexible and accepting of new ideas and change for the better****Mutual Respect – We treat others the same way that we would like to be treated****Accountability – We accept responsibility for our actions, attitudes and mistakes****Trust- We act with integrity and can count on each other****Excellence – We do our best at all times and look for ways to improve**It is expected that staff will also work according to these Values when working directly with other staff, clients and members of the community.  |
| **Occupational Health and Safety** |
| All staff are expected:* to comply with safety instructions in their work environment and to familiarise themselves with OH&S procedures. In addition, staff have the following responsibilities:
* to take reasonable care of their own health and safety as well as that of other people who may be affected by their conduct in the workplace.
* to seek guidance about new or modified work procedures.
* to ensure that any hazardous conditions are eliminated or minimised and that near misses and injuries are reported immediately to the supervisor.

If the role includes people management duties, these include the requirement to manage the health and safety of people under your control and support the actions contained in SGH OH&S policies. |
| **Infection Control**  |
| An effective, integrated organisation-wide Infection Control Program is dependent upon the support, recognition, motivation, commitment and integrity of every staff member. All staff members have a responsibility to maintain infection prevention and control knowledge levels commensurate with the requirements of the position description and to adhere to the organisation's Infection Control Prevention and Control policies and procedures at all times. |
| **Education** |
| SGH is committed to education. All staff have a responsibility to undertake their own professional development and actively participate in the education of others. This may involve colleagues, health professionals from other disciplines or educating students. Inter-professional education is strongly encouraged and supported and is integral to a small rural hospital. |
| **Confidentiality**  |
| Confidentiality is a matter of concern for all persons who have access to personal information about patients, clients, residents or employees of South Gippsland Hospital. Staff must understand and accept that in accessing this personal information they hold a position of trust relative to this information. In recognising these responsibilities staff must agree to preserve the confidential nature of this information.Failure to comply with this agreement may result in disciplinary action and may include termination of employment. |
| **Quality and Risk Management**  |
| In order to help ensure continued patient safety and quality of care:* Staff are required to participate in the development and maintenance of a quality service through the application of professional standards; participation in quality improvement activities; and compliance with the policies, procedures, practices and organisational goals and objectives of SGH.
* Staff are required to contribute to the development and maintenance of the SGH Risk Management Framework and apply the framework to identify, evaluate and minimise exposure to risk.
* Staff are required to abide by the Code of Conduct for Victorian Public Sector Employee
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| **Special Requirements** |
| * New staff will be required to satisfactorily complete a Police Records Check prior to commencing employment.
* Should your role require you to drive a South Gippsland Hospital vehicle, a current Victorian Drivers Licence is required. Loss of licence or any licence infringement must be reported by the employee to Management immediately.
* A completion of pre-existing injury or illness declaration will be required prior to appointment to the position.
* All employees of South Gippsland Hospital are bound to work according to the policies and procedures of South Gippsland Hospital, the Industrial Agreements that provide their terms and conditions of employment, any Scopes of Practice and professional codes of conduct established for your profession, the Code of Conduct for Victorian public sector employees and the provisions of the Fair Work Act, as amended from time to time.
* All employees are required to familiarise themselves with these Policies and Procedures, Agreements, Scopes of Practice, Codes of Conduct and the relevant provisions of the Fair Work Act particularly those which relate to working harmoniously with other staff.
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**INCUMBENT STATEMENT**

I, have read, understand and accept

*(please print name)*

the above Position Description.

Signed: Date

Copy to staff member: □ Yes □ No

Details certified correct by:

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