

Meet Our Nurses – Rebecca Abbey

CURRENT POSITION

Clinical Support Nurse

POSITION DESCRIPTION (What does your role involve?)

My role involves working with new nursing staff and new graduates to Peninsula Health to support their transition to the clinical environment. I work alongside them to support their clinical learning in a practical and applied way.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT PENINSULA HEALTH?

I have been in my current position for 10 months and working at Peninsula Health for 2 years.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED IN NURSING AND IN WHAT AREAS? (Nursing experience)

I completed my undergraduate training in 2000 and have been nursing for almost 6 years. I established the foundations of my career working in acute Medical/Surgical wards gaining a broad range of nursing experience in these areas. I have also worked in speciality areas including Emergency and Coronary Care and went on to spend a year working as a Care Coordinator in Aged Care.

In 2005 I commenced on Nurse Bank at Peninsula Health working in a variety of clinical areas giving me excellent overview of the health service from which to move across into my current position.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE NURSING AS A CAREER?

Initially I chose nursing as a career because I really enjoy being with people and caring for and supporting them. Since that time I have found nursing to offer both a dynamic and challenging career path and in my present role I really enjoying working with new nurses embarking on this journey.

WHAT ARE THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF YOUR JOB?

In Nurse Education I am part of a great department where I am learning and being challenged all the time. It is very rewarding being part of a team which is constantly striving to achieve the best standards in nursing practice at Peninsula Health. I also really enjoy being part of the greater team that welcomes new nurses and helps them to develop their clinical knowledge and skills and feel part of Peninsula Health.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE CAREER PLANS?

At this time I would really like to continue working in Nurse Education and undertake further studies in both Professional Health Education and Advanced Clinical Nursing. I would love for this to lead to working as a Nurse Educator. Nursing is a great career in that it is flexible and there really are so many different pathways to choose from.