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Physiotherapist Grade 2 – General Physiotherapy +/- Paediatrics or Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy

Applications are invited from a Grade 2 Physiotherapist for the Physiotherapy Department. This position provides an exciting mix of clinical physiotherapy – provision of general Physiotherapy services across a broad range of areas with an opportunity, for suitably experienced and qualified staff, to provide physiotherapy services to the SHDH Paediatric Physiotherapy Service (including CWH/HACC clients, and Better Start for Disability Clients) and/or Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy Services to the SHDH Continence Clinic. Relevant qualifications are required, as per position description.

What does the job entail?

The Physiotherapy Department has a diverse role at SHDH, providing a broad range of physiotherapy and exercise physiology services across a variety of areas including;

- Clinical services, with responsibilities for 59 acute care hospital beds (including dialysis, day procedure and midwifery), and the Emergency Department
- Outpatient Physiotherapy Department, including general outpatients, paediatrics and women's health
- Community Rehabilitation Centre, including multiple group programs and 1:1 therapy
- Transition Care Program (inpatient and community based)
- Residential Aged Care
- Hospital Admissions Risk Program
- Lymphoedema Physiotherapy
- Better Start for Disability Paediatric Physiotherapy Services
- Swan Hill Specialist School Physiotherapy Services
- Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy to the SHDH Continence Clinic. The clinic provides both continence nursing and physiotherapy services for a wide range of client presentations.
- An inpatient sub-acute service is currently in development at SHDH, and the physiotherapy department will provide future services to this unit, including Rehabilitation, GEM, Palliative Care and Transition Care programs.

The Physiotherapy Department is currently staffed by eight Physiotherapists, three Exercise Physiologists and an Allied Health Assistant and is supported by an expanding Primary Care Division, including Health Promotion, Counselling, Dental, Community Rehabilitation, Aboriginal Hospital Liaison and Allied Health Departments.

Want More Info?

For enquiries please contact Jenna Mooney by email at jennamooney@shdh.org.au or by phone on 03 5033 9390.

Applications including the names of three referees should be forwarded to: Mr. Steven Wainwright, Human Resources Manager, Swan Hill District Health, PO Box 483, Swan Hill 3585, Victoria or email: hrmanager@shdh.org.au.

Applications will only be accepted if they address the Key Selection Criteria and include an APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FORM. Email applications are preferred.



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| Position: | PHYSIOTHERAPIST – FULL TIME (General Physiotherapy plus Paediatrics and/or Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy for suitably experienced/qualified applicants) |
| Classification: | Grade Two (level negotiable pending experience) plus additional allowance for eligible post-graduate qualification. |
| Department: | Physiotherapy |
| Reports to: | Chief Physiotherapist |
| Position Summary: | To provide general Physiotherapy services (on a rotational basis) to acute, midwifery, community outpatients, outreach, rehabilitative services, Transitional Care Program, Emergency Department and Aged Care Services, and for suitably experienced and/or qualified applicants, to provide Paediatric Physiotherapy services and/or Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy services to relevant areas. |
| Responsibilities: | <p>Clinical Skills and Abilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide physiotherapy services, as rostered, to patients in acute wards, Community Rehabilitation Centre, Midwifery, Transitional Care Program (TCP), Aged Care, Community Outpatients, Paediatrics, Emergency Department and Hydrotherapy. • To make an assessment of patient's conditions, establish treatment goals and implement techniques by which these goals shall be met in clinical practice. • Participate in preparation for childbirth and New Mother's classes as rostered. • Provision of outreach services. • Participate in teaching and education programs for nursing, allied health and other hospital staff in relation to physiotherapy, including back care and correct lifting seminars. Swan Hill District Hospital implements the No Lifting policy. • To provide recommendations, advice and assistance to other staff, clients and carers with regard to manual handling, patient mobility and use/application of equipment. • To prescribe and assist in the provision of appropriate aids and equipment. • Perform other related duties as directed by the Executive Officer and Chief Physiotherapist. • In rotation with other physiotherapy staff, to provide a weekend service as required. <p><i>Plus, for suitably qualified/experienced applicants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy Services, as rostered, to the SHDH Continence Clinic, including services to women, men and children for presentations such as urinary incontinence, fecal incontinence, post-operative recovery, postnatal recovery and pelvic pain. • Participate within the MDT setting within the SHDH Continence Clinic, including working alongside Continence Nurses and liaising with urologists and gynaecologists when required. • Provide Paediatric Physiotherapy Services, as rostered, to the SHDH Paediatric Physiotherapy Service, including infant-teen aged clients, with a broad range of presentations, including CWH/HACC and Better Start for Disability Physiotherapy Clients. • Provide Paediatric Physiotherapy Services to the Swan Hill Specialist School as required. |

Supervisory

The Grade Two Physiotherapist may be responsible for the support, supervision and education of:

- Grade 1 Physiotherapists, within clinical supervision, under the direction of the Chief Physiotherapist
- Other Pelvic Floor and/or Paediatric Physiotherapists (pending experience)
- Undergraduate Physiotherapy Students
- Work Experience Students

Personal/Professional Development

- To maintain an up to date knowledge and skill base to facilitate best possible client care.
- To maintain an active professional development program by:
 - Attendance and participation in relevant courses, workshops, lectures, etc.
 - Sharing of knowledge with other staff through inservice and journal club programs.

Customer Service

- To provide education and act as a resource to:
 - Other staff, students, clients and carers.
 - Community groups and other agencies as appropriate and required.
- To work in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct as set down by the Australian Physiotherapy Association.
- To comply with the Swan Hill District Health Code of Conduct.
- At all times promote good interpersonal relationships both within and outside of the Physiotherapy department, team and organisation.

Teamwork and Communication

- To make verbal or written reports on patient condition, progress and recommendations.
- To liaise regularly with Chief Physiotherapist and Department Heads on client and administrative matters relating to work areas.
- To attend team meetings as required and work in conjunction with other disciplines to achieve common goals.
- Effective delegation of appropriate tasks to the Allied Health Assistant.
- Participate in regular supervision sessions with the Chief or Senior Physiotherapist.

Plus, for suitably qualified/experienced applicants:

- To work closely with continence nurses within the SHDH Continence Clinic, alongside regular liaison with urologists/gynaecologists and other specialists as required.
- Participate in paediatric MDT meetings, and liaise with paediatricians and other specialty paediatric services as required.

Documentation and Administration

- Maintain statistics as prescribed
- To participate in written communication with specialists and medical staff as required.
- To record assessments, actions/treatment and progress in patient files.
- Maintain an up to date written program for any groups conducted.
- Participate in ongoing development, revision and implementation of policies and procedures.

Continuous Quality Improvement

- To recommend/discuss any new resources, processes, or equipment that may be required to maintain and further develop effective programs or treatments with the Chief Physiotherapist.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To participate in Quality Improvement activities within the Physiotherapy department, team and organisation as required. |
| Key Selection Criteria: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Physiotherapy or equivalent from a recognised university or college institution Current registration with APRHA Demonstrated experience and clinical skills across a broad range of physiotherapy areas/practice. To work independently, with initiative and without direct clinical supervision. Ability to work well in a multi-disciplinary team and with community members. Excellent communication and organisational skills. To be flexible and adaptable to varied clinical areas of physiotherapy To demonstrate experience in supervising students and/or junior staff members. Demonstrated experience of quality improvement in the healthcare setting, and knowledge of the Australian public health system <p>Desirable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in public speaking and providing group education Current Driver's License Experience and/or recognized qualification/training in Paediatric Physiotherapy, including experience in working with a broad range of children with a broad range of conditions, both individually and within a MDT. <p>AND/OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recognised qualification and/or experience in Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy that enables treatment of women and men within all matters of pelvic health, alongside experience working within a continence clinic or service, including an understanding of various roles of continence team members. <p>All applicants must be able to obtain a Medicare Provider number for SHDH site/s as required and commit to the contracted 100% donation model of MBS revenue to SHDH.</p> |
| Salary/Award: | Salary in accordance with the Allied Health Professionals Single Enterprise Agreement. Hours of duty as negotiated. |
| Infection Control: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each staff member has a responsibility to minimize exposure to incidents of infection/cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the general public. The risk minimization strategies are to be supported by all staff adhering to the Infection Control Manual policies, procedures and guidelines. |
| Continuous Quality Improvement: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each staff member is expected to demonstrate a commitment to best practice. 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. All staff will participate in quality improvement activities aimed at improving patient outcomes and maintaining accreditation standards. It is the responsibility of every staff member to be familiar with Health Service-wide and specific Department Policies & Protocols 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. |
| 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 |

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| | <p>participate in the provision of quality health care. 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.</p> |
| Just Culture: | All staff are expected to support a Just Culture in which reporting is actively encouraged, with an emphasis on learning from issues that arise as opposed to blaming those involved. |
| Hardwiring for Excellence Values - Standards of Behaviour | SHDH strategic direction has a specific focus on developing strong leaders by improving communication and accountability across the continuum. In line with the SHDH Organisational Values and Standards of Behaviour Charter 2017, staff are expected to align and demonstrate these behaviours, not 'sometimes' but 'always' so as to create and maintain a culture of high performance. |
| Privacy and Confidentiality: | <p>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.</p> <p>Each employee has a responsibility to 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.</p> |
| Mandatory Training: | All employees must be aware of and complete designated mandatory training within the required time frame. |
| Safety: | <p>RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the responsibility of every staff member to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take reasonable care for your safety and the safety of others while at work. • Report accidents, incidents and potential hazards as soon as reasonably practicable to your supervisor and record on VHIMS reporting system. • Advise your supervisor if you have an injury or illness that may affect your ability to perform the inherent requirements of your position. • Be familiar with emergency and evacuation procedures as detailed in the Emergency Procedures Manual. • Complete all Mandatory training requirements as identified and directed. • Comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and all SHDH O.H. & S. online Policies and Procedures. |
| Review: | Completion of My Work Plan on a yearly basis. |
| Date Written | November 2011 |
| Reviewed: | March 2013, February 2014, May 2015, July 2016, October 2017, Nov 2017 |
| Managers Name: | Jenna Mooney |
| Managers Signature: | |
| Employees Name: | |
| Employees Signature: | |

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 *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*, 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 *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013* should you suffer any reoccurrence, aggravation, acceleration, excerebration 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 *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013* 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.

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