

Position Description

Position Title	Health Care Worker
Position Number	30010721
Division	Community and Public Health Services
Department	Simpkin House- SDCP
Enterprise Agreement	Health and Allied Services, Managers and Administrative Workers (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2021-2025
Classification Description	Health Care Worker Grade 1 to 2
Classification Code	IN37 – IN38
Reports to	Nurse Unit Manager
Management Level	Non Management
Staff Capability Statement	Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement

Bendigo Health

With more than 4,500 staff and volunteers and covering an area a quarter of the size of Victoria, Bendigo Health, is an expanding regional health service offering the advantages of city life combined with the beauty and freedom that comes from living in a regional area.

Bendigo Health is a 700-bed service that treats more than 45,000 inpatients, triages more than 65,000 emergency attendees and welcomes more than 1,600 newborn babies in a year. In addition, more than 15,000 operations are performed in our operating theatres and more than 100,000 occasions of services are provided in our clinics to outpatients.

The organisation provides services in emergency, maternity, women's health, medical imaging, pathology, rehabilitation, community services, residential aged care, psychiatric care, community dental, hospice/palliative care, cardiology, cancer services and renal dialysis to the people of the Loddon Mallee region.

With our main campus based in Bendigo, our services extend throughout the Loddon Mallee with sites in areas such as Mildura, Echuca, Swan Hill, Kyneton and Castlemaine.

Demand on services is increasing rapidly with Bendigo being one of Victoria's fastest growing regional cities.

Our Vision

Excellent Care. Every Person. Every Time.

Our Values

CARING – We care for our community

PASSIONATE – We are passionate about doing our best

TRUSTWORTHY - We are open, honest and respectful

All staff at Bendigo Health should have, or aspire to the personal qualities, knowledge and skills as described in the Bendigo Health Staff Capabilities Statement. Refer to link at top of page.

The Community and Public Health Services Division

The Community and Public Health Services Division has a primary focus on improving the health outcomes of the communities in our region. With a range of local and regional programs supporting place-based health promotion, prevention, care and support, they work collaboratively with other Divisions and regional partnerships and networks to support quality outcomes. The Division has a strong leadership role in the Loddon Mallee Region and is committed to ensuring processes are in place to deliver on our vision.

The Division provides support for the Public Health Unit, Community Services, Aged Care Residential Services (200+ residents), Infection Prevention & Control and Public Private Partnership (PPP). It has key roles in public health, inclusive of health promotion and prevention, Aboriginal Services, vaccination/testing clinics, infection control practices, Bendigo Hospital maintenance, carer support and community nursing.

In addition, the Community and Public Health Services Division holds the professional portfolio of Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer. Nurses are the largest work group within Bendigo Health and the position is focused on supporting our nursing workforce to feel valued and empowered.

Residential Services

Residential Services provides accommodation for 265 -280 older residents of Bendigo and surrounding areas who require low and high level care. Our facilities are spread over multiple campuses.

Golden Oaks Complex is located in Stoneham Street, Golden Square. It includes:

- Golden Oaks Nursing Home which also incorporates Transition Care Program beds.
- Carshalton House.

Gibson Street Group is located in Gibson Street, Bendigo. It includes

- Gibson Street Complex joining Joan Pinder Nursing Home and Stella Anderson Nursing Home.
- Simpkin House is located at 6 Gibson Street, and consists of a 9 bed Specialised Dementia Care Program unit and 30 older person mental health residential service beds.

The Residential Services team provide high quality of care in all our residential care facilities. Our homes accommodate and care for some of the most vulnerable older people in our community. The team strives for service excellence through innovation and constantly monitoring our care standards and seeking to do things better.

The Position

This role works with the Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP) team to deliver care services in the SDCCP Unit funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. The SDCCP Unit offers temporary care with a goal to stabilise and reduce a person's behavioural symptoms with a supported transition into a less intensive care setting.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

1. Specific responsibilities

- Provide safe person-centred care, including assessment, intervention, individualised care planning, evaluation of residents with supporting documentation as delegated and supervised by the RN in charge
- To provide and promote safe, recreational, person-centred, psychosocial, goal-orientated care, supporting residents to promote rehabilitation and build on their capabilities in an interdisciplinary environment with the aim of transitioning out of the SDCP following stabilisation.
- Undertake the full range of resident's personal care requirements, whilst respecting everyone's privacy and right to self-determination.
- To monitor the impact of personal care and maintain ongoing communication with the Nurse Unit Manager, Associate Nurse Unit Manager (or senior person in charge) regarding the health and functional status of individuals
- Report client changes in health and functional status or changes in care interventions to the Nurse Unit Manager, Associate Nurse Manager, Registered Nurse (or senior person in charge) client and carer and interdisciplinary team to ensure immediate and ongoing care/health interventions
- Implement and comply with Bendigo Health Policies and Procedures
- Ensure compliance with Food Safety Program Guidelines.
- Participate and commit to Quality Programs and ongoing improvement activities using the framework of the Aged Care Quality Safety Standards.
- Provide a safe environment for residents, staff, family and visitors to the home.
- Report any maintenance requirements of the home.
- Maintain accurate records, statistics and reports as needed.
- To participate in staff development and training as required under the National Dementia Education and Training Standards Framework for SDCP staff (in addition to mandatory training).

2. Residential services specific activities

- To maintain a practical working knowledge of Aged Care legislation inclusive of the Aged Care Quality Standards
- You are required to notify your employer and document all reportable incidents (serious incidents) of alleged or suspected to have occurred to a residential care recipient (consumer), in connection with the provision of residential care, or flexible care provided in a residential setting: unreasonable use of force against a consumer including (• unlawful sexual contact, or inappropriate sexual conduct, inflicted on a consumer • psychological or emotional abuse of a consumer • unexpected death of a consumer • stealing from, or financial coercion of, a consumer by a staff member of the provider • neglect of a consumer • use of physical or chemical restraint of a consumer (other than in the circumstances set out in the Quality of Care Principles) • unexplained absence of a consumer from the service) so that the appropriate response can be undertaken to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of residents, and to meet record keeping responsibilities under the Act.

Generic Responsibilities

Code of Conduct - The Victorian Government's Code of Conduct is binding on all Bendigo Health staff. Contravention of a provision in the code may constitute misconduct and/ or regarded as a breach of the employee's employment agreement and will be dealt with under the organisations Counselling and Disciplinary Action Policy.

Compliance with policies and procedures - All Bendigo Health's policies and procedures are set out in its clinical and managerial policy manuals located on the intranet under PROMPT and in hard copy. All staff must ensure they comply with policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Occupational Health and Safety - Every staff member has the responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and the safety of others, to cooperate with Bendigo Health's OH&S policies and to participate in appropriate safety education and evaluation activities. All staff are expected to participate in reporting any health, safety and wellbeing issues. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Infection Control - Every staff member has the responsibility to minimise incidents of infection/ cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the public. All staff must adhere to the policies and procedures as set out in Bendigo Health's infection control manuals. Any breach in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Confidentiality - All information concerning Bendigo Health, its patients, clients, residents and staff should remain strictly confidential. Any unauthorised disclosure of such information may result in disciplinary action.

Quality Improvement - Bendigo Health is dedicated to improving the quality and safety of health services by providing care within the following domains of quality: Consumer Participation, Clinical Effectiveness, Effective Workforce and Risk Management. As a result, we apply the concept of the quality cycle for all our quality activities, initiatives and projects thereby ensuring the best possible care and treatment results are achieved. The underlying principle of the cycle is that an activity is not complete until evaluation shows that it has been effective and reached the desired outcome. As a Bendigo Health employee you have a responsibility to participate in and commit to ongoing quality improvement activities using and measured against the framework of the Aged Care Quality Safety Standards.

Diversity – Each person has a right to high-quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors, which might include aspects such as cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, age and socio-economic status. Every staff member has a responsibility to recognise and respect diversity. Inclusiveness improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst staff.

Employees are required to carry out lawful directions outlined above or delegated to them. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

Key Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Certificate III or IV in Aged Care and at least 2 years' experience (full time equivalent) as a Health Care Worker
2. Experience in aged care or inpatient care, especially caring for people living with dementia
3. Ability to build effective relationships and work within a team
4. Demonstrated highly developed interpersonal and communication skills
5. A personal approach which is positive, enthusiastic, friendly and helpful
6. Sound literacy, documentation and communication skills (including computer literacy)

Desirable

7. An understanding of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD)
8. Current Food Safety Certificate
9. Previous experience working in a Specialised Dementia Care Program (SDCP)

Mandatory Requirements

National Police Record Check A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be completed by all new staff prior to commencement at Bendigo Health.

Immunisation As a health provider dedicated to providing quality patient care, we all need to be aware of the critical importance of infection control. Each staff member has a responsibility to comply with Bendigo Health's Staff Immunisation Policy and various infection control policy and procedures. All staff are required to provide evidence of vaccinations prior to commencement at Bendigo Health

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Check Where applicable, completion of a clear National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Check must be undertaken for all positions providing services under the NDIS. A NDIS check is required to be completed prior to commencement at Bendigo Health where the position involves working within a Disability Service or providing service under the NDIS.

All Bendigo Health sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Bendigo Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.