

Kangaroo Island Community Outreach Nurse Practitioner Candidate



The Australian Government has provided funding to deliver a Kangaroo Island Community Outreach Program, including a Nurse Practitioner Candidate.

Frequently asked questions

What is a Nurse Practitioner Candidate?

A Nurse Practitioner Candidate is a Registered Nurse with the experience, expertise and authority to assess and treat people of all ages with a variety of health conditions.

Nurse Practitioner Candidates are undertaking additional university study, working towards a master's level to become a Nurse Practitioner, the most senior and independent clinical nurses in our health system.

How is a Nurse Practitioner Candidate different to other Registered Nurses?

- Nurse Practitioner Candidates are senior Registered Nurses with an expert level of skills and knowledge.

Who will Nurse Practitioner Candidates see?

The Nurse Practitioner Candidate will assess and/or facilitate the management of:

- People with complex chronic health conditions requiring further assessment and follow-up.
- People in the community who do not currently access services, for example Aboriginal consumers.
- People with barriers to accessing health services, for example barriers such as transport and/or mobility.
- People unable to get timely access to a GP and who are likely to present to the Emergency Department.

Can a Nurse Practitioner Candidate prescribe medications and order tests?

No, a Nurse Practitioner Candidate cannot prescribe medications, blood tests, X-rays or ultrasounds until they have completed their studies and been endorsed as a Nurse Practitioner.

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Do I need a referral to see the Nurse Practitioner Candidate?

- Yes, you will need a referral from either a GP or other health professional, such as a community nurse, physiotherapist, hospital or other health related service, such as Junction Australia.
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander consumers can self-refer by contacting the Nurse Practitioner Candidate.

I don't have transport, so how do I get seen by the Nurse Practitioner Candidate?

The Nurse Practitioner Candidate will provide outreach clinics in Parndana and Penneshaw and will also be able to provide home visiting if required (on a case-by-case basis).

Can I see the Nurse Practitioner Candidate if I am sick?

Yes, the Nurse Practitioner Candidate will provide clinical assessment and either provide treatment or may refer you on if you require more extensive treatment or need follow-up. Referrals may include to a GP, Community Health or presentation to the Emergency Department.

How often will the Nurse Practitioner Candidate be available?

- They will be available during business hours, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- Regular scheduled outreach clinics, at locations such as Penneshaw and Parndana, will be offered on a weekly basis.
- Frequency of appointments will be determined on a case-by-case basis to be determined between the consumer and the Nurse Practitioner Candidate.

How much will it cost me to see the Nurse Practitioner Candidate?

It will be a free service as they are employed by SA Health and funded by the Australian Government.

What if I have questions or feedback?

Contact our Nursing and Midwifery Advisor, Alice Steeb, on 0466 944 067 or via email at alice.steeb@sa.gov.au.