

Education Workshop

Breast Care Nurse Practicum

NSW Breast Cancer Institute and The College of Nursing



BCI westmead
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This five day program is designed for registered nurses who are currently caring for patients diagnosed with breast cancer. The NSW Breast Cancer Institute in collaboration with The College of Nursing developed this program to support rural nursing staff in gaining postgraduate and clinical training in breast cancer diagnosis and management. Successful applicants will attend the week-long practicum at the NSWBCI. This program is funded by the NSWBCI.

It is expected that students will have successfully completed The College of Nursing course Breast Cancers 112 (or equivalent) of their postgraduate studies or can demonstrate sufficient clinical experience in breast care nursing (one page outline).

It is highly recommended that students read and become familiar with two National Breast Cancer Centre publications:

- Multidisciplinary meetings for cancer care: a guide for health service providers; and
- Specialist Breast Nurse Competency Standards and associated educational requirements.

Program outlines

- Diagnostic and assessment procedures.
- Patient centred, multidisciplinary approach to care and support.
- Understanding choices and logistics of various treatment options.
- Care co-ordination of patients with specific clinical conditions, for example care of seromas, wounds, lymphoedema and ongoing treatment effects.
- The role of the Specialist Breast Nurse related to the 5 Domains of practice.
- Assessment and treatment of oncological emergencies related to advanced breast cancer.
- 40 CPD points will be awarded.

Breast Care Nurse Practicum dates:

23 – 27 May 2011

18 – 22 July 2011

12 – 16 September 2011

Venue: The NSW Breast Cancer Institute, Westmead

Closing date: 3 weeks prior to course commencement

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