

Mercy University Hospital, Cork is a Catholic Voluntary Hospital founded in 1857 by the Sisters of Mercy. It is a centre of National and International excellence, renowned for its research and tertiary services and is a teaching hospital of University College Cork. The Mercy University Hospital provides specialist in-patient, day-patient out-patient services and accident and 24/7 emergency services in the centre of Cork City.

We are currently looking for candidates to fill the following position(s);



Clinical Nurse Specialist (1year contract)

Dementia Care

(Under the Governance of Mercy University Hospital Cork CLG.)

The post holder will be required to work as a key member of the relevant specialist team; in many cases this will be the geriatric team but not always. They will provide comprehensive physical, psychological and emotional assessment and support to people with dementia and their families/carers throughout their disease trajectory.

Responsibilities - The post holder will be responsible for;

- Provide a specialist nursing service for patients with dementia that requires support and treatment through the continuum of care.
- Provide for early identification and assessment of the patient with cognitive impairment.
- Undertake a comprehensive patient assessment, including physical psychological, social and spiritual elements of care utilising validated assessment tools for example: Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE), Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS), and others as appropriate.
- Identify the services required for patients with dementia ensuring diagnostics and rehabilitation are achieved promptly.
- Support the delivery of sub speciality clinics/memory services in conjunction with the consultant.
- Liaise with the Specialist Geriatric Team / Old Age Psychiatry Team /Neurology and other teams ensuring that the most appropriate care is provided to patients.

Eligibility Criteria - Candidates:

- Be a registered nurse on the live register maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
- The person must be registered in the division in which the application is being made.
- Have acquired a level 8 post registration Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)9 major academic award relevant to the specialist area Dementia prior to application. A Gerontology post graduate qualification may also be considered*
 - I. Have extensive experience and clinical expertise i.e. a minimum of 5 years post registration experience in the division of the register in which the applicant is currently practising

And

 - II. Have a minimum of 2 years' experience in the specialist area (caring for the person with dementia) in a relevant setting (acute/community setting as appropriate)

And

 - III. Have the ability to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility within his/her scope of practice
 - IV. Must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development.

Closing Date for Applications: 1pm, Monday 14th May 2018

1. Email

E-mail a letter of application together with your CV and names and numbers of 3 referees to:

recruitment@muh.ie

2. Post

Send 3 hard copies of your CV together with a letter of application and names and numbers of 3 referees to:

Human Resources, Mercy University Hospital,
Grenville Place, Cork, Ireland

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