

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Core Midwife – Maternity

RESPONSIBLE TO: Charge Midwife Manager

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand (Nelson Marlborough)

Our vision: All people live well, get well, stay well. Kaiao te tini, ka ora te mano, ka noho ora te nuinga.

Our mission: Working with the people of our community to promote, encourage and enable their health, wellbeing and independence

Our Values – Ā Mātou Uara:

Respect: We care about, and will be responsive to, the needs of our diverse people, communities and staff.

Innovation: We will provide an environment where people can challenge current processes and generate new ways of working and learning.

Teamwork: We create an environment where teams flourish and connect across the organisation for the best possible outcome.

Integrity: We support an environment which expects openness and honesty in all our dealings and maintains the highest integrity at all times.

PURPOSE OF POSITION

To work in partnerships with clients of the Nelson Marlborough Health Maternity Unit to achieve optimum health and well-being through appropriate assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation and education

RESPONSIBILITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
<p>Management of Midwifery Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet individual needs through assessment and planning of care in partnership with the woman and, where indicated, in association with other practitioners • Education is integral to midwifery practice. • Maintenance of capability for emergency response at all times • Work in partnership with other practitioners and agencies. The welfare of the neonate being paramount. 	<p>The women's birth plan is followed, adapted in response to changing needs, and is continuous throughout the childbearing process Women are informed, advised and assisted appropriately postnatal Education in self care and parenting is continuous Response to emergency situations is appropriate and effective Relevant information is provided to other agencies and practitioners in a timely fashion.</p>
<p>Workload Organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use professional judgement to prioritise care • Anticipate work flow each period of work and organises resources and process accordingly • Documentation is promptly provided • Actively contributes to conservation of resources. 	<p>Ability to prioritise workload and complete tasks according to policy is consistently demonstrated All service/client information is forwarded to Administration using correct processes and timeframes Comprehensive and relevant information is provided to other agencies on referral/discharge Actively models and practices conservation in use of all resources.</p>
<p>Inter-professional Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with other members of the health care team • Communicate effectively with all team members • Contributes to team problem solving. 	<p>All documentation, statistical forms and reporting is accurate, timely and objective Able to use appropriate & relevant communication skills including self-expression, listening & conflict management The midwife communicates appropriately with other providers in the woman's best interests.</p>
<p>Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take responsibility for own professional midwifery development • Contribute to the development and recognition of contemporary evidence based midwifery practice • Contribute to ongoing quality improvement in midwifery practice and service delivery • Participate in annual performance review process including review of performance goals and identification of areas for professional development. 	<p>Midwifery practice is evidence based.</p>

RESPONSIBILITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Internal & External Networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop effective and supportive interpersonal relationships with peers and other health workers • Use correct channels of communication. 	<p>There is positive feedback from customers about the staff member's area of responsibility</p> <p>Positive feedback from internal and external colleagues.</p>
Quality Improvement	<p>A quality, customer-focused service is provided at all times, which follows best practice</p> <p>Participation in quality improvement processes in your area of work.</p>
General	<p>Obligations contained in Appendices 1 & 2 are met</p> <p>Other duties as negotiated with your Manager.</p>

PERSON SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS

- NZ Registered Midwife
Additional qualifications recognised, but not required: General, General and Obstetric or Comprehensive Nurse
- Current NZ Registered Midwife practising certificate
- Further educational development at post graduate level an advantage

KNOWLEDGE

- Must have a knowledge and empathy for bi-culturalism and practices in a manner which the client determines is culturally safe
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office applications i.e.: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Keeps up to date with available information technology relevant to position
- Understands and complies with Te Whatu Ora Information Technology policies

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Experience as a registered Midwife, or for recent midwifery graduates, evidence of enrolment on the Midwifery First Year of Practice Programme (MFYP)
- Demonstrates proficient practice
- Demonstrated organisation and time management
- High standard of interpersonal verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to make autonomous decisions
- Demonstrates commitment to ongoing learning and self development
- Proficiency required in neonatal resuscitation
- IV cannulation insertion certificate desirable

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Demonstrates total commitment to woman centred care and quality standards
- Models and promotes caring, supportive and competent midwifery practice
- Values teamwork
- Shows adaptability and flexibility in work practices
- Able to relate openly to a diverse group of people
- Promotes and models effective teamwork
- Manages conflict constructively
- Able to show flexibility in meeting team goals and set own objectives
- Ability to work autonomously
- Ability to be accountable for actions
- Ability to prioritise and respond immediately to stressful situations
- Problem solving, decision making and time management skills

APPENDIX 1

General Responsibilities of an Employee of Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand (Nelson Marlborough)

1. Professional Responsibilities

As an employee of Te Whatu Ora you are required to:

- Maintain any qualifications, including registrations and practising certificates, required for legal and safe practice.
- Keep yourself up to date on knowledge, best practices and legislation relating to your work.
- Make a personal contribution towards effective and efficient working relationships within your team and with other Te Whatu Ora departments.
- Ensure you carry out your work in a way that is customer-focused and meets professional standards.
- In conjunction with your manager, identify your own training needs and plan to meet these needs.
- Manage your own time and prioritise your work effectively.

2. Health, Safety and Wellbeing

- Compliance with all health and safety legislative requirements.
- Compliance with the ACC Partnership Programme requirements.
- Compliance with all organisation-wide health and safety policies and procedures.
- Compliance with the Health and Safety Manual, any relevant chemical information and the emergency plan.
- Work is carried out in a healthy and safe manner and others are encouraged and assisted to work in the same way.
- Unsafe workplace conditions/practices (hazards) are identified, reported and mitigated/rectified early.
- Knowledge of identified hazards is kept up to date.
- Reportable event form is completed (via *Safety First*) for any accident or injury which has taken place at work, ensuring, in the case of injury, that your supervisor or manager is notified within 24 hours.
- Co-operation, support and promotion of occupational health and safety actions and initiatives in the workplace.

3. Right to Raise Concerns

- All employees of Te Whatu Ora are expected and encouraged to immediately ask questions, and raise any concerns/issues with their colleagues at their place of work, particularly if the care of a patient could potentially be compromised.
- All staff are expected to act professionally and to actively listen to the concerns or opinions of others being raised at the time.

4. Child Wellbeing and Protection

Te Whatu Ora is committed to identifying, supporting and protecting vulnerable children. The prevention of abuse and enhancing the wellbeing of children and their families aims to keep vulnerable children safe before they come to harm so they can thrive, achieve and belong. As an employee you are required to comply with all relevant legislation e.g. the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989. You are also required to:

- Contribute to and support the organisation's strong commitment to a child centred approach to protect children across the region.
- Act at all times in the best interest of the children and young people, putting their interests first.
- Ensure collaborative working practices and recording and sharing of information to address abuse, suspected abuse or disclosure of abuse in a timely and appropriate fashion.

5. Legislation, Regulations and Board Policies

You are required to be familiar with and adhere to the provisions of:

- All relevant acts and regulations
- All Board, hospital and department policies
- All relevant procedure manuals
- The “Employee Obligations” within Te Whatu Ora’s Disciplinary Policy.

6. Confidentiality

You are required to:

- Adhere to the Privacy Act 1993, the Health Information Privacy Code 1994 and subsequent amendments in regard to the non-disclosure of information.
- Maintain strict confidentiality of patient, applicant and employee information at all times.

7. Risk Management

You are required to:

- Support and promote actions and initiatives in your work area which enable risks to be identified and eliminated or reduced.
- Be especially aware of those risks which have high cost or safety implications.
- Complete an accident/incident report for any accident, incident or near miss which has taken place at work.
- Respond to complaints according to appropriate policies.

8. Security

You are required to:

- Wear your identification badge at all times when on site or when carrying out official duties.
- Notify Human Resources of any changes required for your ID badge.
- Report any suspicious or unusual occurrence to the security officer, orderly or telephone operator.
- Complete an incident report for any incident which has or might have compromised the safety of staff, patients and visitors.

9. Treaty of Waitangi

Te Whatu Ora is committed to its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. As an employee you are required to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi: Partnership, Participation and Protection.

10. Smokefree

Te Whatu Ora is a Smokefree Organisation. This applies to all staff and contractors working within Te Whatu Ora buildings, grounds and vehicles. Staff are required to comply with the policy and ensure all visitors, patients and others are informed of the policy. This also applies to Te Whatu Ora staff employed on Board business in the community.

APPENDIX 2

The preferred candidate is required to complete a Pre-Employment Health Questionnaire. The table below outlines the tests to be carried out - depending on the nature of the position applied for.

Condition	Information to include in Position Description
COVID-19	You are required to provide proof that you have completed your primary course of NZ approved Covid-19 vaccinations
TB Active	No person with active pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis (TB) is allowed to be at work in Te Whatu Ora
TB Latent	Staff who expect to have contact with patients or infectious materials must have assessment of previous TB exposure at the time of employment
BBV	No person who is susceptible to hepatitis B is allowed to have contact with patients or human materials (e.g., blood) unless they have taken part or agree to take part in a blood-borne virus education, prevention and vaccination program
MRSA	No person colonised or infected with methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) is allowed to work in clinical areas ¹ New staff who will be working in clinical areas should be screened for MRSA if they have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a chronic skin condition• been working in an overseas healthcare facility in the last year• been MRSA-positive in the last year
Skin	No person with a skin condition that by virtue of its site and type could be an infection risk is allowed to have contact with patients, food, microbiology samples or sterile items
Measles/Rubella	No person who is susceptible to measles or rubella is allowed to have contact with pregnant women.
VZV	No person susceptible to varicella-zoster virus (chickenpox) is allowed to have contact with newborn babies or pregnant women
EPP	No person who has detectable hepatitis B e antigen or high levels of hepatitis B virus DNA in their serum is allowed to undertake or assist with exposure-prone surgical procedures ²

¹Clinical areas include inpatient medical and surgical wards (includes Medical Units, AT&R Units, Surgical Wards, Paediatrics, Day Stay, Neonates and Women's Health). Screening does not apply to staff working in outpatient areas (e.g., clinics, Radiology, Respiratory Function lab) or in DSS, Mental Health or Drug and Alcohol services (transmission of MRSA is less likely and infection is rare in these sites.)

²Exposure-prone surgical procedure = a procedure where there is the potential for direct contact between the skin (usually finger or thumb) of the health care worker and sharp surgical instruments, needles, or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) in a blind or highly confined anatomic site such as a body cavity or in poorly visualised and/or confined body sites. Such sites include body cavities encountered during emergency and trauma procedures, abdominal, cardiothoracic, obstetric/gynaecological, orthopaedic and oral surgery.