



## Nursing, Caloundra Health Service Renal Unit

### Location

West Terrace  
Caloundra QLD 4551  
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### Shift Times

Early (E)
0700- 1530

Shift times may vary dependant on the clinical requirements of each area, please ensure you are familiar with your rostered shift times and any variances at commencement of placement (weekend shift times etc.)

### Placement Details

The Renal Unit at Caloundra has 10 chairs and provides renal dialysis for outpatients. The focus is to provide holistic specialised nephrology nursing care to clients with chronic renal disease. Patients requiring renal dialysis will have a history of a variety of renal conditions and disease processes these may include;

- Glomerulonephritis
- Polycystic kidney disease
- Reflux nephropathy
- Congenital abnormalities
- Vascular damage due to hypertension/diabetes
- Idiopathic renal disease
- Post-transplant rejection.

The type of renal dialysis found in this renal unit are:

- Haemodialysis

### Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Assessment skills, observations, fluid assessment
- Lining dialysis machines
- Overall care of renal patients including patient education
- Knowledge and care of the renal patient who presents as an admission on a ward
- Care of and assessment of the Arterio-Venous Fistula (AVF)/Arterio-Venous Graft (AVG)
- Care of the haemodialysis dialysis patient
- Wound care
- Manual handling
- Documentation
- Caring for the patient with a chronic disease
- Medication administration
- Understanding renal failure

### Pre- reading/revisiting

Assessment and care planning for patients with changing health status, therapeutic communication, health education, anatomy and pathophysiology of the renal system and creation and care of an AV fistula is recommended prior to commencement of clinical placement: