

## Nursing - Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) Unit Profile - Acute Medical Unit (AMU) – IPU 5B/5C

### Location

6 Doherty Street  
Birtinya Qld 4575  
5B, Purple lifts, Level 5  
5C, Orange lifts, Level 5  
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### Shift Times

Shift times are outlined on the student roster provided before each placement period. These will vary between clinical areas due to the specific requirements of each unit. Operationally we are unable to accommodate roster changes.

- Full 7-day week roster working all shifts (inclusive of early, afternoon and night shifts)

### Placement Details

Acute Medical Unit AMU is a 64-bed general medical unit providing patient-centred, evidence-based care from admission to discharge to a diverse range of medical patients with undifferentiated, single or multi system diagnosis. This includes but is not limited to:

- Respiratory infections e.g., pneumonia, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), asthma
- Other infections e.g., urinary tract infections, septicemia
- Heart failure and shock
- 5B Butterfly Wing: Eating and obsessive-compulsive disorders.
- 5C Seaview: Dementia, delirium, and cognitive impairment

The AMU delivers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services through a multidisciplinary team-based model of care, led by consultants and interacting with all services across the care continuum, to provide:

- Medical management of presenting acute/chronic illness
- Rapid, high level patient assessment and discharge planning
- Early management and discharge of patients into the community
- Early identification of patients requiring longer stay in hospital for medical and/or psychosocial reasons.
- Early identification and referral of patients requiring sub-specialist input and management.

### Learning Objectives/Opportunities

There are many learning opportunities available for students, below are some that can be achieved while on placement (with consideration of the student's scope of practice):

- Admission and discharge of patients
- Care planning, time management and prioritisation skills

- Teamwork and communication skills including escalation of care.
- Clinical handover and communicating with the multi-disciplinary team (MDT)
- Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)
- Deeper understanding of the patient journey through the Hospital and Health Service (HHS)
- Patient assessment skills
- Pre and post procedure care, observations, and management
- Specialist cognitive assessment and management of behavioural and psychological symptoms of cognitive impairment
- Communicating with the highly confused elderly patient
- Wound care - simple and complex (including Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC) dressings)
- Medication management - Oral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous
- Complex discharge planning with a multidisciplinary team case conference goal-based care model
- Caring for patients with multiple co-morbidities

### Pre-reading/revisiting

Students are encouraged to review their learning utilising education provider resources or professional programs.

- Anatomy and physiology
- Patient assessment
- Time management and clinical prioritisation
- Occupational Violence Protection (Maybo Level 1) through Sunshine Coast Learning Online (SC-LOL)
- Dementia and Delirium Care ([Dementia Training Australia](#))