Come join our team

Canberra Health Services (CHS) supports the ACT and surrounding area, a population of approximately 800,000. As a newly established organisation, it’s an exciting time to be a part of CHS as we look to the future and focus on delivering high quality clinical services to our community.

Expand your career in health

A young organisation focused on the future

CHS came into being on 1 October 2018 when ACT Health transitioned into two organisations. Our CEO, Bernadette McDonald, started with CHS on the same day and has realigned our organisational structure to ensure that it supports operational effectiveness, efficient decision making, accountability and reflects CHS’ business priorities.

The CEO has also commenced work on high priority strategies ensuring the safety of our staff and consumers, this includes the Timely care strategy, the Occupational Violence Strategy, and a Positive Workplace strategy supporting respectful behaviours.

As a new organisation, we have the chance to forge a path that aligns with the shared values of our staff and community.

We are working with staff to develop the organisation’s plan, providing a clear vision for the future and identifying our role and behaviours which will help us to achieve the vision.

As part of this, we have recently finalised the organisation’s vision and role statement.

Our vision:
Creating exceptional health care together

Our role:
To be a health service that is trusted by our community

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About CHS

CHS provides acute, sub-acute, primary and community-based health services to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and the surrounding Southern New South Wales region.

Our services include:

- **The Canberra Hospital**: a modern 600-bed tertiary hospital providing trauma services and most major medical and surgical sub-specialty services.

- **University of Canberra Hospital Specialist Centre for Rehabilitation, Recovery and Research**: a dedicated and purpose-built rehabilitation facility, with 140 inpatient beds, 75-day places and additional outpatient services.

- **Mental Health, Justice Health, Alcohol and Drug Services**: provide a range of health services from prevention and treatment through to recovery and maintenance at a number of locations and in varied environments for people suffering from mental health issues.

- **Four Walk-in Centres**: which provide free treatment for minor illness and injury.

- **Six community health centres**: providing a range of general and specialist health services to people of all ages.

- **A range of community-based health services**: including early childhood services, youth and women’s health, dental health, mental health and alcohol and drug services.

CHS is a partner in teaching with the Australian National University, the University of Canberra and the Australian Catholic University.
We are expanding and building a welcoming, high-quality and sustainable health service.

The Minister for Health and Wellbeing has also recently announced the brand-new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre, which will boost operating theatre numbers, significantly expand our emergency department, critical care, inpatient wards and paediatric intensive care unit.

SPIRE will be built at the eastern end of the hospital campus with construction expected to be completed in 2023-24. The new centre will deliver more services for the community in a purpose-built facility that will include:

- 148 beds and 22 new state-of-the-art operating theatres, that will support the most advanced medical technology and techniques in caring for Canberrans
- a new and expanded 60 bed Intensive Care Unit including a 4 bed Paediatric Intensive Care
- a new 51 bed Coronary Care Unit, including interventional Cardiology Services
- a new and expanded 114 bed Emergency Department
- 64 bed inpatient beds for overnight care
- integrated radiology and medical imaging facilities, including 2 new X-Ray machines, 3 CT scanners and an MRI machine.

The ACT Government is expanding health services to support the needs of our growing community committing to the expansion of the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children—with Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Paediatric High Dependency Unit, dedicated paediatric recovery area and adolescent mental health services.
The Australian National University (ANU) have announced the construction of a new building that will boost the teaching, training and research presence on the hospital campus. This is a significant investment that will co-locate medical research, the use of the latest technologies and clinical teaching and training to ensure that we are placed to attract the best and brightest students and clinicians, nationally and internationally.

The University of Canberra Hospital opened in 2018 and is the largest rehabilitation centre in Canberra and surrounds. The purpose-built rehabilitation hospital includes dedicated therapy spaces, therapeutic outdoor spaces and a hydrotherapy pool. We are expanding our community Walk-in Centres with plans to have five centres in operation by the end of 2019.

Remuneration and Conditions

We offer highly competitive pay rates and excellent employment conditions.

If you dream of space, a cosmopolitan lifestyle, fresh air and flowing traffic, then Canberra is the city for you. When you work with us you are part of a professional and caring community.

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