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Another Cohort of Territory Nurses Transition to Country

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Ten Territory nurses will spend the next 12 months building their skills and providing services to remote communities under the Transition to Remote Practice Program.

This year is the first time the program recruited a second cohort of participants. They will join the 12 nurses who commenced the program at the beginning of 2022.

The program is designed to bolster the Territory's remote nurse workforce and help nurses develop a broad range of skills to cover emergency care and general primary health care issues with a focus on culturally safe practice and Indigenous health needs.

Over the next 12 months the second intake of nurses will work at health clinics including:

1. Seven nurses will be stationed in the Top End region including Jabiru, two in Wadeye, Palumpa, Peppimenarti, Gunbalanya and Wurrumiyanga.
2. Two nurses will be based in the East Arnhem region, including Alyangula, and Angurugu.
3. One nurse will work at the health clinic in Numbulwar in the Big Rivers region.

Nurses receive a Transition to Primary Health Care Certificate following completion of the program, enabling them to apply for remote area nurse positions.

Quotes attributed to Chief Minister and Health Minister, Natasha Fyles:

“This year is the first time we have had two cohorts – totalling 22 Territory nurses - go through the Transition to Remote Practice Program.

“Remote healthcare nurses make a significant difference to the quality of life for remote Territorians and we want to see more healthcare workers take on these positions.

“These nurses will also receive training to equip them with the skills to manage a range of health care practices including, COVID-19 outbreaks in remote settings.

“We thank all our wonderful nurses for their dedicated and hard work”.

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