



WESTERN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HOSPITAL CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of:

NURSE ANAESTHETIST (HPC/RN 4)

Two (2) Positions

(Salary Scale \$5,863,044 - \$6,969,317 per annum)

The **Western Child and Adolescent Hospital**, under the Western Regional Health Authority (a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Health & Wellness) is currently seeking to employ two (2) **Nurse Anaesthetist (HPC/RN 4)**. Under the general supervision of the Director of Nursing Services the incumbent will be responsible for the assessment, preparation, administration and monitoring of anaesthesia related care.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- Interview patients and other family members to obtain an appropriate health history including biophysical and psychosocial data.
- Observe and analyze physical examination.
- Conduct an appropriate physical examination and evaluate findings.
- Recommend and/or request and evaluate pertinent diagnostic studies.
- Make nursing select medical or differential diagnosis and institute corrective measures.
- Formulate a patient specific anaesthetic plan of care based on a comprehensive patient assessment, problem analysis and the anticipated surgical or therapeutic procedures.
- Obtain informed, consent following discussion of anaesthetic options and risk with patient or legal guardian.
- Select, order and or administer pre-anaesthetic medication.
- Record complete, accurate and timely pertinent information.
- Induce and maintain anaesthesia at required level - continuous assessment of patients' response to the anaesthetic and/or surgical intervention and intervene as required to maintain patient in a satisfactory physiologic condition.
- Perform tracheal intubation and extubation and provide mechanical ventilation when required.
- Monitor patients' ventilation, oxygenation, cardio-vascular status, body temperature and neuromuscular function utilizing state-of-the-art monitoring devices.
- Manage patient's fluid, blood, electrolyte and acid-base balance.
- Recognize abnormal patients' response, potential anaesthetic complications, take appropriate corrective action and request consultation whenever indicated.
- Initiate patients' emergence from anaesthesia, evaluate patients' response and institute supportive therapy to ensure adequate recovery from anaesthetic and adjunctive drugs.
- Document all aspects of the anaesthetic care in a timely and thorough manner.
- Provide post-anaesthetic care.
- Provide peri-anaesthetist support.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOB:

- Required to work beyond normal working hours.
- Required to meet critical deadlines.
- Exposure to confidential and sensitive information.
- Exposure to malodorous, infectious body fluid from patients and noxious smells from cleaning and sterilizing agents.

SPECIFIC SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Strong decision-making, analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Excellent planning and organizing skills.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- B.Sc. in General Nursing and Certificate in Midwifery from accredited schools of Nursing and Midwifery.
- Minimum Four (4) years of clinical practice to proficiency level as Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife.
- MSc. in Nurse Anaesthesia from a recognized institution.
- Registration with the Nursing Council of Jamaica as Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife.

Application letter along with a detailed resume should be sent no later than

October 23, 2026 to:

**The Manager, Human Resource Management and Development
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ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONTACTED