

Volunteer Midwives (minimum 3 years' experience) URGENT

LOCATION: Medical Santo, Luganville, Santo, Vanuatu

START DATE: Required to commence as soon as possible

DURATION: Minimum 3 months preferred

BACKGROUND:

Medical Santo is committed to supporting the Northern Provincial Hospital (NPH) and our volunteers are well respected in the community. There is a significant shortage of midwives at the NPH in Luganville, the capital of the island of Espiritu Santo in Northern Vanuatu. An average of 100 babies are born at this hospital each month.

It will be 4 years until newly trained midwives are available for the NPH, leaving the current team of 9 (3 of whom are retiring this year) for the whole department, to oversee the remaining midwives and nurses who are rostered into the maternity department to fill the staffing gaps.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

These exciting positions would suit experienced midwives who are interested in gaining experience in a developing country and providing the benefit of their experience to the NPH hospital staff as part of the Medical Santo team. As an experienced midwife, the full spectrum of responsibilities would be experienced over time, including admission, labour ward, postnatal ward, antenatal ward which includes sexual health, some family planning and PAP smears.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

Essential

- A recognised professional degree in midwifery
- A minimum of 3 years recent experience within a relevant training environment
- Evidence of teaching and/or research experience
- Proven leader with experience supervising a culturally diverse team
- Excellent people skills and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with people from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to self-motivate and work autonomously within the scope of the role
- Excellent computer skills in Excel, Word, PowerPoint etc.
- Excellent written and spoken English communication skills
- Commitment to the goals and principles of Churches of Christ in Queensland

Highly desirable

- Experience of working and living in a developing country
- Certificate Ed, PGCE, MSc or other qualification in education or research
- Able to communicate in Bislama

BENEFITS:

This is a voluntary position. Volunteers will gain significant experience in working within a developing country providing support to local citizens, expatriate visitors and residents within a humanitarian aid organisation.

Churches of Christ Medical Santo provides basic accommodation in Luganville and insurance cover for travel and the duration of the assignment as well as Vanuatu registration fees. Volunteers are responsible for the cost of their travel, living expenses while on assignment and any documentation required. Uniform shirts are supplied and are maintained by Medical Santo and there will be plenty of opportunity to meet other volunteers who are supporting the Medical Santo clinic, health outreach programs and the Northern Provincial Hospital, as well as volunteers from other organisations.

Medical Santo is committed to a balanced lifestyle for staff and volunteers whilst working with the organisation and there are many opportunities to explore this rich cultural and physical environment.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Urgent placements are needed from December onwards into 2017. A minimum of one month is desirable.

The registration process takes 3 months so please take this into consideration when planning dates for taking up this assignment.

If you are able to take up a volunteer assignment with us, please contact Libby Scheinpflug on 0457 204 669 or email volunteers@medicalsanto.com.