**Expressions of Interest: Ethics for Clinical Practice (ECP) Program**

**The ECP program**

The *Ethics for Clinical Practice (ECP)* program run through the Children’s Bioethics Centre will be offered at RCH in 2023 in March for Allied Health practitioners and in October/November for Nurses. The aim of the ECP program is to increase clinician confidence and engagement in clinical ethics discussions and decision making. The overall purpose is to optimise ethical awareness at RCH.

Each of the 2023 programs will have an intake of approximately 12 clinicians from RCH with up to 4 places reserved for external applicants. The first course (March) is specifically for Allied Health practitioners. The second course in (Oct/Nov) is aimed at nurses at any level.

Each course consists of 3 study days over 6 weeks. Clinicians will be required to use their professional development leave for these study days.

Topics covered include:

* Introduction to clinical ethics
* Reflective practice and narrative ethics
* Using frameworks for ethical decision making
* Zone of Parental Discretion
* Deciding with children
* Moral distress and moral regret
* Ethical issues in paediatric palliative care
* How to talk about ethical issues
* Advocacy

Day 3 will also include a supported ethics simulation with an actor.

To be eligible to apply for this program you must be:

1. Able to commit to all program dates below.
2. Have your Manager or Department Head approval.

If we receive more applications than positions available in the course we will be selecting participants from a variety of wards/ departments based on their application scored against a rubric.

**Program Objectives**

1. To upskill participants in clinical ethics knowledge, frameworks and common ethical issues in the paediatric setting.
2. To increase participant confidence and skill in taking part in ethical discussions.
3. To increase confidence in participants in initiating a formal ethics process.
4. To enable participants to develop the skills to act as a clinical ethics resource in their area.
5. To increase ongoing clinician involvement in clinical ethics at RCH.

**Commitment**

Applicants must be able to commit to 3 full study days 8.30-4pm:

**Course 1 2023 (Allied Health)**

Friday 3rd March

Friday 17th March

Friday 31st March

**Course 2 2023 (Nurses)**

October/November TBC

**How to apply**

1. Fill in your part of the application form below
2. Ask your Manager/ Department Head to endorse your application by completing their section. Note applications without Manager/Department Head approval will not be considered
3. Submit your application by emailing to [bioethics@rch.org.au](mailto:bioethics@rch.org.au) by:

**Course 1:** **Sunday 29th January**. Successful applicants will be notified by **Monday 6th February**

**Course 2:** **tbc**

**Applicant Details**

Name:

Ward or Department:

Position:

Which course are you applying for:

Course 1 (March)

Course 2 (Oct/Nov)

Previous ethics experience or training (for planning purposes only, previous experience/training will not affect the application outcome):

Please list any other professional development you have completed in the last 2 years:

Please outline why you are applying for this program:

Please outline how you might use the knowledge gained from this program to benefit your ward/department:

**Applicant Signature**

Signature:

Date:

**Manager/Head of Department Details**

Name:

Ward or Department:

Position:

Will you support this applicant in attending the study days on the dates above?

(Note participant will be required to use PD leave)

Yes

No

Please comment on the applicants qualities that would enable them to make the best use of this opportunity:

Please comment how you might support this applicant to utilise the knowledge gained in this program to benefit your ward/department:

**Manager/Head of Department Signature**

Signature:Click here to enter text.

Date:Click here to enter text.

**Questions?**

Contact the CBC: bioethics@rch.org.au