

BALLARAT OPERATING THEATRE TECHS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE STUDIES

Four St John of God Ballarat Hospital theatre technicians have successfully complete Certificate IV in Operating Theatre Technical Support (HLT47515).

Peri-Operative Services Manager Troy Tregilles said whilst we have had operating theatre technicians train in this hospital before, this is the first time we can recall technicians undertaking a Certificate IV in training. “The



course is completed onsite with SWC Training providing the training. The technicians receive a course work book to complete with a SWC assessor visiting monthly to undertake assessments and view progress.”

Mentor Paula Glenton said at the completion of Certificate IV, the technicians gained knowledge and experience in the processes of their roles. “Graduates said they learnt about the processes involved in their roles and why, the importance of patient privacy, the role of CSSD in the operating suite and the importance of infection control.” Whilst the four technicians undertook training and assessment days, all the technicians rallied and supported them so that they can better themselves in their knowledge and skills to provide optimal patient outcomes during the patient’s stay in theatre.

The ease of undertaking the training without having to travel outside Ballarat and the support offered by SWC encouraged more of the technicians to want to undertake training. “The professionalism amongst the technicians has definitely improved during the training process and the assessor frequently commented on the skills and great team work our group of technicians possess,” Paula said.

Completing Certificate IV is a mandatory requirement in some of the bigger city hospitals so this course has provided them with future employability and life skills to better their future. There are currently four more technicians being signed up for Certificate IV for 2017.

A further two technicians, Luke Cargill and Hamish Everett are currently undertaking Certificate 111 in operating theatre technical support.

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Photo: Kane Crocker (senior technician), Matt Gellert, Nicholas Hynes and Jamie Te Moananui completed their studies in less than a year.