

Marleen Morris

Multi Skilled Carer and No Lift Support

Residential – John Bryant/State Office

Started training as an Enrolled Nurse under the directions of the Nuns at St John of God's hospital in Kalgoorlie. During my training, I was given the chance to travel to the Eastern States, very appealing to a born and bred country girl. Planned on completing my training when I returned from the East...but got married, returned to my home town and then, was far too busy to finish training in being a wife and mother. Also cared for my parents when they both became ill and needed home care.

Started working as a Carer at Kalgoorlie Nursing Home after the loss of both my parents.

Worked at the government hospital in Kalgoorlie in the TSSU department (connected to the Operation Theatres).

Moved to Perth approx 12 years ago and started work as a Carer with UCH in June 1999 at St Andrews in Balcatta..

For the past 10 years have worked at UCH, I have been given the opportunity to work with Residents requiring all different levels of care, through to palliative care (and being support for residents family members when needed.) I have obtained my Certificate 3-through UCH

And I am also trained as a Corporate No Lift Trainer since 2001. I have since attended various professional development over the years especially in the following areas; Manual Handling Contenance Management Training, graduated from Certificate IV-Frontline Management in 2007. In my role as a carer UCH has supported me by sending me to external training in areas; Palliative Care, Certificate- Work Place Assessor

I am also involved in Occupation Safety and Health Committee at John Bryant.

I am currently working with residents that have Dementia at John Bryant, in the suburb of Marangaroo. I have found that UCH gives their staff the opportunity and encouragement to attend to all Training relevant to their position and also to further their own careers.