**Unit Name** Geriatric Day Hospital

**Unit Location** Veterans’ Memorial Building, 1st floor

**Program** Ambulatory Care

**Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service Profile**

The purpose of this Profile is to provide Nurses with an overview of each service area.

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### Patient Care

**Patient Population**
The Geriatric Day Hospital is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary assessment and rehabilitation outpatient treatment clinic for seniors who need at least 2 of the following services: Geriatric Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Health, Physiotherapy, and Social Work. Program participation averages two days per week over a two month period. The Falls Clinic is also a component of GDH.

**Average Patient Age Range**
65 years of age and older

**Nursing Model of Care**
Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: X Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____
Modified Total Patient Care: _____
Other:

### Systems

**Medication System**
Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: ____ Other: ____
Other: Not applicable

**Scheduling**
Manager: X Self: _____
Scheduling primarily completed by the clinic’s charge nurse

**Average Number of Staff per Shift**
Days: RN 2 LPN _____ CTA _____

**Service Hours**
Monday to Friday, 0800-1600

**Length of Shift**
8hr: X 12 hr: ____ Other: ____
Other:

### Staff

**Staff Mix**
RN: 100 % LPN: % CTA: %

**Physician Coverage**
On Call: ____ On Site: X N/A: _____ Other: ____
### Multidisciplinary Team Members

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### Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

**RN**

*Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.*

- **Responsibilities**
  
  Using the nursing process the Registered nurse assesses, plans, implements and evaluates the nursing care plan for the patients in the GDH. The nurse works as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide rehabilitative care to the frail elderly population.

- **Skills Required**
  
  Experience in geriatrics, general medicine, orthopedics, and dementia preferred. Effective communication and interpersonal skills. Assessment skills. Teaching skills. Team player.

- **Additional Responsibilities**
  
  Preceptor and ongoing mentoring skills

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**
  
  BLS Certification
  
  Certification in Gerontology preferred.

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