



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Geriatric Day Hospital
Site	Veterans' Memorial Building, 1 st floor Halifax Infirmary Site
Brief description of the Unit.	The Day Hospital provides rehabilitative and other services to help the elderly reach a higher level of function or maintain their present level so they may remain in their home.
Unit Orientation	Geriatric nursing experience an asset. Orientation varies depending on level of past experience in geriatric nursing. Minimum of one week with potential of two weeks of orientation.
Number of Beds	This is an ambulatory care clinic.

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: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____ Other: Not applicable
Scheduling	Manager: <u>X</u> Self: _____ Scheduling primarily completed by the clinic's charge nurse
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>2</u> LPN _____ CTA _____
Service Hours	Monday to Friday, 0800-1600
Length of Shift	8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: _____ Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: _____ % CTA: _____ %
Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: _____ Other: _____

Multidisciplinary Team Members	OT, PT, SW, and Nursing
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<u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u>	
RN <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	Experience in geriatrics, general medicine, orthopedics, and dementia preferred. Effective communication and interpersonal skills. Assessment skills. Teaching skills. Team player.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	Preceptor and ongoing mentoring skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	BLS Certification Certification in Gerontology preferred.

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