



Unit Name V4 Eastwood / Westwood

Unit Location Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building 4th floor

Program Long Term Care for Veterans

Nova Scotia Health Authority Veteran Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Nursing
Site	Camp Hill, Veterans Memorial Building
Brief description of the Unit	Each wing consists of 25 Rooms Private rooms, some with shared and private bathrooms Long Term Care: Geriatrics and Dementia Care
Unit Orientation	Unit Orientation is customized to meet the needs of the new employee 2 Days with Educators for Nursing and Interdisciplinary Orientation.
Number of Beds	50 residents

Patient Care

Patient Population	Veteran Centered Care in a home like environment. Current population is WW 2 or Korean War Veterans who meet the Veterans Affairs Canada criteria for admission to Veterans Services. The Veterans live at Camp Hill, some for extended periods of time, so staff develop long and close relationships with them and their families that are very satisfying. Many of the Veterans are living with dementia, as well as other health conditions, providing opportunities to provide complex holistic care and palliative care. In order to provide care we work in a team environment. RNs are in leadership roles so have opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership capabilities and skills.
Average Patient Age Range	Average age is 91. Age ranges from 80's to over 100.
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <u>X</u> Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other: <i>If "Other", please specify</i>
Scheduling	Manager: _____ Self: <u>X</u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>6</u> CTA <u>2</u> Evenings: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>4</u> CTA <u>2</u> Nights: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>0</u>
Service Hours	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>30</u> % LPN: <u>60</u> % CTA: <u>10</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: _____ N/A: _____ Other: <u>X</u> Physician visits twice a week and covers by phone Mon – Fri. On Call coverage after hours, weekends and holidays
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Recreation Therapy, OT, PT, Social Work, Palliative Care, Spiritual Care, Unit Aide, Unit Clerk, Housekeeping, Dietary Hostess

Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

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>	
• Responsibilities	RN is in Charge of the Unit and also there is an Associate RN to support the Charge Nurse. Responsible for Veterans requiring complex care. Rounds with physician. Assigning workload and delegation of tasks as required. Decision making, responsible for complex care Veterans.
• Skills Required	Experience with the elderly in the LTC setting, Dementia Education, Physical Assessment skills, Palliative Care, Leadership, On occasion: Blood transfusions, IV therapy, venipuncture.
• Additional Responsibilities	RN provides care to 2 – 3 Veterans within her group. Physically demanding at times requiring proper body mechanics and knowledge of mechanical lifts and other aids to assist mobility
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	Must be registered with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia Dementia Education, Non Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI), Geriatric Certification an asset There are numerous opportunities to expand knowledge through education. We offer dementia education, including the provincial Alzheimer Disease and other Dementia Care Course and NVCI here onsite amongst numerous other programs to support staff in learning and development.

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