



**Unit Name** V5 Garrison

**Unit Location** Veterans Memorial Building

**Program** Veterans Long Term Care

**Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile**

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

<u><b>General Information</b></u>	
<b>Service</b>	5 Garrison – Veterans Services. The people living on Garrison are World War 2 and Korean War Veterans who meet the Veterans Affairs Canada admission criteria for Veterans’ Services. The Veterans living on Garrison live with physical and or cognitive conditions. The majority of the Veterans are male.
<b>Site</b>	Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	There are 50 people living on Garrison with the floor split in to east and west – 25 rooms on each side. The rooms are private, some have shared bathrooms. There is a comprehensive interdisciplinary team that serves the Veterans. The model supports providing care and services in a team environment that focuses on a Veteran directed philosophy of care and service delivery. As this is the Veteran’s home programming is diverse to meet the full scope of the individual’s biopsychosocial needs.
<b>Unit Orientation</b>	On average, new staff have 2 week orientation program. The manager will then meet with staff to discuss further needs.  Casual staff usually 2-3 shifts.
<b>Number of Beds</b>	50 rooms – private rooms

### Patient Care

<b>Patient Population</b>	The people who live on Garrison are Veterans. Functions of the unit – provision of dementia care, palliative care, behavioural tracking and care planning, supporting families, regular assessments of physical, spiritual, psychosocial needs, and usual nursing care activities.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	Range is from 80 -100 and the average is 91 years of age.
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: <u> X </u> Team Nursing: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u> Total Patient Care: <u> X </u> Modified Total Patient Care: <u> </u>  <b>Other:</b>

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: <u> </u> Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: <u> </u>  <b>Other:</b>
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: <u> </u> Self: <u> X </u>
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u> 6 </u> LPN <u> 4 </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>
<b>Service Hours</b>	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: <u> </u>  <b>Other:</b>

### Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u> 40 </u> % LPN: <u> 50 </u> % CTA: <u> 10 </u> %
<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: <u> </u> On Site: <u> </u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> X </u>  Physician visits twice a week and covers by phone Mon – Fri.

	On Call coverage after hours, weekends and holidays
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Recreation Therapy, OT, PT, Social Work, Palliative Care, Spiritual Care, Unit Aide, Unit Clerk, Housekeeping, Dietary Hostess

### Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

<b>RN</b> <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"> <li><b>Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>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. Holistic assessments, excellent judgment and abilities due to no in house physician coverage, good communication and leadership skills.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Skills Required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Experience with the elderly in a long term care setting, Dementia Education, Assessment skills, palliative care, leadership skills, IV and blood transfusion initiation and management, venipuncture.</p> <p>Post operative management.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>RN has Veteran assignment. Work can be physically demanding at times requiring proper body mechanics and knowledge of mechanical lifts and other aids to assist mobility.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Must be registered with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia. Dementia Education, palliative care knowledge, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI), and care of elderly Geriatric Certification an asset but not essential. 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.</p>

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