



Unit Name Offender Health Care

Unit Location Central Nova Scotia Correctional Centre

Program Mental Health & Addictions

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	Health Unit Central NS Correctional Centre
Site	East Coast Forensic Hospital Burnside
Brief description of the Unit	A health clinic in the largest provincial jail that provides health care to approximately 280 inmates via a outpatient type setting. Access to medical, dental, infectious disease and psychiatric services. As well as emergency response to physical health crisis affecting the inmates.
Unit Orientation	Generally two weeks in duration including 6 to 10 shifts. This can be reviewed and extended should it be necessary. This is the same for experienced nurses and new grads. Are assigned to one RN to mentor you through the orientation. Will not be in charge of a unit until you work 450 hours, approximately three months of work.
Number of Beds	There are no inpatient beds.

Patient Care

Patient Population	Provincially sentenced inmates and remanded inmates awaiting legal cases before the courts. Medication provision, wound care, health education. External access to emergency care via local ER.
Average Patient Age Range	18 to senior ages. Primarily young males between 20 and 35 years old.
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: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <u>X</u> Self: _____ Nurses work a short week/ long week rotation
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>3</u> LPN <u>3</u> CTA _____ Evenings: RN <u>1</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA _____ Nights: RN <u>0</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA _____ RN staff does not work past 1900hrs. LPN staff work until 2300hrs and from 1900hrs until 0700hrs a Paramedic is on site for care needs. The paramedic has access to an emergency room doctor for support.
Service Hours	24 hr care but see above for times staffed by nurses.
Length of Shift	8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>60</u> % LPN: <u>40</u> % CTA: <u> </u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Nurses (LPN & RN), psychiatrist, medical doctor, infectious disease doctor and nurses, dentist and external specialists as needed.

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	Medication including methadone, admission assessment, medical crisis response. Clinic supervision. Liaise with external health resources.
• Skills Required	Emergency response with emergency bag. Methadone administration, diabetic care, Wound care. Team work – collaboration with Correctional Officers.
• Additional Responsibilities	Click here to enter text.
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	BCLS – C, Non Violent Crisis Intervention.

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