**Unit Name** 4.2 Burns and Plastics

**Unit Location** Halifax Infirmary

**Program** Burns and Plastics

**Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient 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
Care of non-ventilated burn patients, plastic surgery including breast reconstruction, general surgery.

### Average Patient Age Range
18-90

### Nursing Model of Care
- Primary Nursing: _____
- Team Nursing: _____
- Other: _____
- Total Patient Care: _____
- Modified Total Patient Care: _____

**Other:** Nursing team consists of RN and CTA

## Systems

### Medication System
- Traditional: _____
- Unit Dosage: _____
- Other: _____

**Other:** Pyxis is used during nights when the Pharmacy is closed.

### Scheduling
- Manager: _____
- Self: _____

### Average Number of Staff per Shift
- **Days:** RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____
- **Evenings:** RN _n/a_ LPN _n/a_ CTA 1
- **Nights:** RN 4 LPN _____ CTA 0

### Service Hours
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### Length of Shift
- 8hr: _____
- 12 hr: _____
- Other: _____

**Other:**

## Staff

### Staff Mix
- RN: 90%
- LPN: %
- CTA: 10%

### Physician Coverage
- On Call: _____
- On Site: _____
- N/A: _____
- Other: _____

### Multidisciplinary Team Members
PT, OT, SW, Continuing Care Coordinator, Dietician, Spiritual Care, Pharmacy
**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.

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<th>Direct patient care. Responsible for overseeing plan of care for all patients. Responsible for acute care with sometimes unstable and unpredictable patient caseload</th>
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<td>• Skills Required</td>
<td>Certification for the following competencies required, venipuncture, I/V, blood cultures, PICC, PCA, nerve blocks, NG tube insertion, body mechanics, VAC therapy, IVAD, CVAD occlusion, leeching therapy. Burn care consisting of completion of IMCU program and specialized wound /burn care</td>
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<td>• Additional Responsibilities</td>
<td>Strong collaboration skills with physicians and other health care providers. At times physical workload requires frequent lifting and turning.</td>
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<td>• Additional License/Certification/Education required</td>
<td>Previous surgical, wound care and medical experience an asset. The ability to provide leadership in complex and unpredictable pt. care settings.</td>
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