



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Burns, plastics and general surgery
Site	Halifax Infirmary, Unit 4.2
Brief description of the Unit	Burns, plastics and general surgery
Unit Orientation	<p>All nurses require orientation with Clinical Nurse Educator.</p> <p>New grads would require approximately 12-16 preceptored shifts on the unit. Experience nurses' orientation would vary depending on experience level.</p> <p>All new nurse hires would require 3 days nursing skills / interdisciplinary training and 1 full day of computer skills training.</p>
Number of Beds	18 beds plus burn unit (6 beds)

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: <u> X </u> Other: Nursing team consists of RN and CTA

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: <u> X </u> Other: Pyxis is used during nights when the Pharmacy is closed.
Scheduling	Manager: ____ Self: <u> X </u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 5 </u> LPN <u> </u> CTA <u> </u> Evenings: RN <u> n/a </u> LPN <u> n/a </u> CTA <u> 1 </u> Nights: RN <u> 4 </u> LPN <u> </u> CTA <u> 0 </u>
Service Hours	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: ____ 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: ____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u> 90 </u> % LPN: <u> </u> % CTA: <u> 10 </u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X </u> 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsibilities	Direct patient care. Responsible for overseeing plan of care for all patients. Responsible for acute care with sometimes unstable and unpredictable patient caseload
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills Required	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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional Responsibilities	Strong collaboration skills with physicians and other health care providers. At times physical workload requires frequent lifting and turning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional License/Certification/Education required	Previous surgical, wound care and medical experience an asset. The ability to provide leadership in complex and unpredictable pt. care settings.

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