



Unit Name: 5.2 MSNICU

Unit Location: Halifax Infirmary Site

Program: Critical 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>General Information</u>	
Service	Medical, surgical, neurological, neurosurgical, trauma critical care unit.
Site	Halifax Infirmary
Brief description of the Unit	13 Bed Medical, surgical, neurological, neurosurgical, trauma critical care unit.
Unit Orientation	Offer comprehensive 1 year new graduate nurse orientation program which includes formal critical care course; corporate and unit specific 5 week orientation for RNs with critical care experience.
Number of Beds	13

Patient Care

Patient Population	Trauma centre, neurosurgery, orthopedics, vascular surgery, general surgery, general medicine, respiratory, neurology, cardiology, plastic surgery, burns, sepsis, overdoses, organ donors, CRRT and referrals from other centres requiring the above services.
Average Patient Age Range	Any patient over the age of 18 years; average age mid-late 50s;
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <u> X </u> Team Nursing: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u> Total Patient Care: <u> </u> Modified Total Patient Care: <u> </u> Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <u> </u> Unit Dosage: <u> </u> Other: <u> X </u> Other: Pyxis Medication Distribution System
Scheduling	Manager: <u> </u> Self: <u> X </u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 13 </u> LPN <u> NA </u> CTA <u> NA </u> Evenings: RN <u> NA </u> LPN <u> NA </u> CTA <u> NA </u> Nights: RN <u> 12 </u> LPN <u> NA </u> CTA <u> NA </u>
Service Hours	24 hours, 7 days per week
Length of Shift	8hr: <u> </u> 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: <u> </u> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u> 100 </u> % LPN: <u> </u> % CTA: <u> </u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X </u> On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u> Staff physician available 24/7 with educational fellowship and residency program

	for 24/7 physician support and coverage.
Multidisciplinary Team Members	RT, PT, social work, nutrition, pharmacy, patient attendants, unit aides, unit clerks, spiritual care

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	Provider of primary care and care coordination to critically ill patients; function in a mentoring and preceptor capacity for new staff and students.
• Skills Required	Knowledge and experience in providing care to patients who have trauma-related injuries, neurosurgery, orthopedic, vascular surgery, general surgery, general medicine, respiratory, neurology, cardiology, plastic surgery needs. Able to provide care to patients with multi-system organ dysfunction or failure. BCLS required, ACLS preferred. Knowledge in advanced ICU skills such as CRRT, PAOS preferred.
• Additional Responsibilities	High-capacity to work in a stressful and dynamic change environment; must be able to work shift work and stand for prolonged periods of time.
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	BCLS required, ACLS preferred.

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