



**Unit Name** Hemodialysis

**Unit Location** Dickson Building VG Site / Halifax Infirmary

**Program** Renal Program

## **Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient or Outpatient Service Profile**

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

| <b><u>General Information</u></b>    |  |
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| <b>Service</b>                       | Hemodialysis   |
| <b>Site</b>                          | QEII Site Halifax Infirmary / VG Site Dickson Building   |
| <b>Brief description of the Unit</b> | Acute and Chronic Hemodialysis treatments for both inpatients and outpatients. Staff rotate between the Dickson Unit and the Halifax Infirmary Unit. |
| <b>Unit Orientation</b>              | On the job training- 3 weeks classroom with an experienced RN and then 12 preceptored shifts.  |
| <b>Number of Beds</b>                | Dickson Building 34 stations<br>Halifax Infirmary 12 stations  |

| <b><u>Patient Care</u></b>       |   |
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| <b>Patient Population</b>        | Acute and chronic hemodialysis treatments |
| <b>Average Patient Age Range</b> | 18-98                                     |

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| <b>Nursing Model of Care</b> | Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____<br>Modified Total Patient Care: <u>X</u><br><br><b>Other:</b> |

| <u><b>Systems</b></u>                    |   |
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| <b>Medication System</b>                 | Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: <u>X</u><br><br><b>Other:</b> ward stock   |
| <b>Scheduling</b>                        | Manager: <u>X</u> Self: <u>X</u>  |
| <b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b> | Days: RN <u>12</u> LPN <u>5</u> CTA _____<br>Evenings: RN <u>10</u> LPN <u>4</u> CTA _____<br>Nights: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____  |
| <b>Service Hours</b>                     | Dickson Building - Monday to Saturday 0630-2300<br><br>Halifax Infirmary - Monday to Saturday 0630-1830<br><br>On call Monday to Saturday 2300-0630 and Sunday for 24 hours |
| <b>Length of Shift</b>                   | 8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: <u>X</u><br><br><b>Other:</b> On call  |

| <u><b>Staff</b></u>                   |  |
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| <b>Staff Mix</b>                      | RN: <u>70</u> % LPN: <u>30</u> % CTA: <u>0</u> %   |
| <b>Physician Coverage</b>             | On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: _____ Other: _____  |
| <b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b> | Renal Assistants, Unit Clerks, Supply Lead, Housekeeping, Nurse Practitioner, Dieticians, Social Workers, Pharmacist |

**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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Responsibilities</b></li></ul>                                    | Work as a part of the multidisciplinary team to hemodialysis to patients in acute or chronic renal failure. Patient assessment, Initiate, monitor and terminate a hemodialysis treatment, acute hemodialysis treatments |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Skills Required</b></li></ul>                                     | Central line management, fistula care, administer medications including IV direct, assist with tunneled catheter removals, patient education, immunizations,  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li></ul>                         | Fast paced environment with the potential for rapidly changing patient conditions.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li></ul> |   |

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