



Unit Name Halifax Infirmary Level I Emergency

Unit Location Level 300 Halifax Infirmary

Program –Emergency Service/Trauma Service

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	Level I Emergency/Trauma Centre
Site	Halifax Infirmary Site
Brief description of the Unit	Emergency Services
Unit Orientation	2 yrs post graduation Med/Surg/IMCU nursing experience, plus Emergency Nursing program or Emergency experience. 5-6 weeks of orientation in ED
Number of Beds	37 beds, 16 chairs, 3 Mental Health rooms.

Patient Care

Patient Population	Referral centre for the Province. Tertiary role for Trauma, Cardiovascular/Cardiology, neurology, neurosurgery and all med/surg adult patients, who require, perceive the need for or are advised they require emergency medical attention.
Average Patient Age Range	>16 yrs - < 100
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Pyxis
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: <input type="checkbox"/>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>16</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA <u>0</u> Evenings: RN <u>1</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA <u>0</u> Nights: RN <u>14</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA <u>0</u>
Service Hours	24 hrs a day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: <u>0</u> % CTA: <u>0</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <input type="checkbox"/> On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Department Critical Care Paramedics (CCP) Pod 5 Advance Care Paramedics (ACP) Triage primary care paramedics (PCP) Pharmacy Techs Pharmacist	Discharge planning nurse (included in nursing staff numbers) Social Worker Continuing Care coordinator MH staff Respiratory Tech
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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 	<p>RN's work within their full scope of practice under the competencies of NENA along with Medical Directives DMF's specific to the ED in Central District.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	<p>Certification in shared competencies, blood sampling, intravenous, blood cultures, blood gases, NG tube insertion, BLS, defib, cardioversion, pacing, changing pulse generators, monitor interpretation, Ottawa Ankle rules, Tetanus protocol, IV directs, push drugs, drips, chest tubes, high volume infuser, Bair Hugger, arterial lines, Ventricular drains, Intraosseous vascular access.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	<p>Computer literacy for multiple programs to provide care for the patient; maneuver equipment, full physical workload with direct patient care.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>ACLS TNCC CTAS ENP BLS</p>

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