



Unit Name: Unit 500 Transitional Care

Unit Location 2nd Floor Hants Community Hospital

Program Medical, sub-acute, and Continuing 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	Unit 500 is a 14 bed unit located in the Hants Community Hospital with 10 dedicated transitional care beds and 4 ALC beds.
Site	Hants Community Hospital in Windsor, NS
Brief description of the Unit	Sub- acute medicine and Continuing Care
Unit Orientation	New employees receive Zone orientation via Human Resources and 4-8 twelve hour orientation shifts with a preceptor. New graduates receive 37.5 Zone education and a mentorship on unit for 2-3 months. Completion of orientation checklist required.
Number of Beds	10 transitional care and 4 ALC beds

Patient Care

Patient Population	Alzheimers and other related dementias, Functional decline, Cancer, Palliative care, Pneumonia, sub-acute medicine and clients awaiting LTC placement.
Average Patient Age Range	65-80 years (Varies from 18-100)
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: <u>X</u>

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Printed MAR
Scheduling	Manager: <u>X</u> Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>1</u> Clinical Leader from U200 LPN <u>3</u> CTA <u>1</u> Evenings: RN <u>1</u> available from U200 LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>1</u> Nights: RN <u>1</u> available from U200 LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>-</u>
Service Hours	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: X _____ Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: _____% LPN: <u>85</u> % CTA: <u>15</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: _____ N/A: _____ Other: _____ Rotation weekly of a Family Physician/ Hospitalist on call

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Social Worker, Home Care, Dietitian, Continuing Care, Respiratory Therapist, Infection Control, Palliative Care Consult Nurse, Pharmacist recreation Therapy, HSM, Hospitalists/Family Physicians
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<u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u>	
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>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibilities 	<p>The Registered Nurse utilizes the nursing process, critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide care to their patients. The RN is responsible for the overall coordination of the nursing plan of care. The RN provides clinical leadership to Unit 500 particularly in complex or unpredictable patient/client care settings. The RN has the knowledge, skill and judgment needed to provide competent, evidenced based nursing practice.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	<p>The RN must demonstrate advanced assessment and geriatric assessment skills required due to the community physician component of care.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	<p>Ability to lead and delegate care responsibilities to licensed and unlicensed care providers. Committee work, computer skills heavy physical workload, strong collaboration skills, physical and mental assessments</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	

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