

Multi Site - Spiritual Care

Inpatient Service Profile

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

Service: Spiritual Care

Site: QEII, VMB, Rehab Centre, Dartmouth General, **Unit:** All

Patient Care

Patient Population: Acute Care, Veterans, Long-term Care, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, CHU, Transitional Care, Critical Care, Palliative Care, Outpatient

Average Patient Age Range: 18 - 90

Skills Required: Sensitivity to multi-cultural and multi-faith realities, respect for patients' spiritual or religious preferences, understanding of the impact of illness on individuals and their caregivers, knowledge of healthcare organizational structure, accountability as part of a professional patient care team, accountability to their faith group.

Additional Responsibilities: Spiritual assessment, grief and loss care, crisis intervention, communication with caregivers, facilitation of staff communication, conflict resolution among staff members, patients and family members, referrals and linkage to internal and external resources, staff support relative to personal crises or work stress, institutional support during organizational change or crisis, participation in medical rounds and patient care conferences, offering perspectives on the spiritual status of patients, participation in interdisciplinary education, charting spiritual care interventions in medical charts.

Experience Considered an Asset: Graduate theological education, endorsement by a faith group or a demonstrated connection to a recognized religious community, clinical pastoral education equivalent to one year of postgraduate training in an accredited program recognized by the constituent organizations, demonstrated clinical competency, completing annual continuing education requirements, adherence to a code of professional ethics for healthcare chaplains, professional growth in competencies demonstrated in peer review.

Average Number of Staff per shift: 1 with 24 hour emergency on call coverage

Length of Shift: 8hr 12hr Other

Scheduling: Manager Self