### General Information

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<td>Nova Scotia Rehabilitation and Arthritis Center</td>
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<td>Terriary rehabilitation post injury/illness</td>
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<td>Orientation includes a number of days with nurse educator and then on the unit paired with an experienced staff ensuring exposure to the majority of skills required and to the different shifts. Orientation can be anywhere from 4 to 8 weeks depending on the staff's needs.</td>
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# Patient Care

## Patient Population
Spinal cord injury, MS, ALS, Gullian Barre, CP

## Average Patient Age Range
18 to 70

## Nursing Model of Care
- Primary Nursing: ____
- Team Nursing: X
- Other: _____
- Total Patient Care: _____
- Modified Total Patient Care: _____

## Systems

### Medication System
- Traditional: _____
- Unit Dosage: _____
- Other: _____
- Other: Pyxis

### Scheduling
- Manager: X
- Self: _____

## Average Number of Staff per Shift
- Days: RN 4  LPN 2  CTA 1
- Evenings: RN 2  LPN 2  CTA 1
- Nights: RN 2  LPN 1  CTA 1

### Service Hours
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### Length of Shift
- 8hr: _____
- 12 hr: X
- Other: _____
- Other:

## Staff

### Staff Mix
- RN: 45%  
- LPN: 40%  
- CTA: 15%

### Physician Coverage
- On Call: _____
- On Site: X
- N/A: _____
- Other: _____

*On Call on the evening, nights and weekend*
## Multidisciplinary Team Members

| OT, PT, Recreational Therapist, SW, psychology, spiritual care. |

## 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.

### Responsibilities

- Basic and complex care (i.e., specialized care required for bowel care, Autonomic Dysreflexia, respiratory breath stacking etc), complicated discharge planning, patient and family/caregiver teaching, collaborating within an interdisciplinary team, liaising with Home Care and Community Agencies. Positioning and transfer techniques, experience dealing with complex behaviors and coping strategies.

### Skills Required

- IV initiation and maintenance, venipuncture, peritoneal dialysis. PICC lines, Hickman’s, Vac Dressing Therapy, complex wound care, NG/G tube feeds

### Additional Responsibilities

### Additional License/Certification/Education required

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