



Unit Name 3A Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit

Unit Location 3A Centennial Building, Victoria General Site

Program Critical 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	Medical Surgical Critical Care Unit
Site	3A Centennial Building, Victoria General Site
Brief description of the Unit	11 bed inpatient Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Unit Orientation	Experienced nurses coming to Critical Care with a recognized course or equivalent experience receive a 5 week orientation New Grads coming to Critical Care receive an extensive 1 year orientation including an in house 3 month Critical Care Course
Number of Beds	11

Patient Care

Patient Population	Nephrology, Acute Dialysis, CRRT, MOTP, Hematology, GI, General Surgery, Urology, Thoracic Surgery, ENT Surgery, General Medicine, Obstetrical Emergencies and referrals from other centers requiring the above services
Average Patient Age Range	Any patient over the age of 18 years of age
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____ Other: Pyxis
Scheduling	Manager: _____ Self: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>11</u> LPN _____ CTA _____ Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN <u>10</u> LPN _____ CTA _____
Service Hours	24 hours seven days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

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

Multidisciplinary Team Members	RT, PT, Social work, Pharmacy, Spiritual Care, Ward Clerk, Unit Aide and Patient Attendants
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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>The Registered Nurse (RN) utilizes the nursing process, critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide holistic care to individuals, families, groups, communities and populations across the life span.</p> <p>The RN is responsible for the overall coordination and direction of nursing care. The RN provides clinical leadership 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. The RN is accountable for the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of the plan of care to achieve patient/client outcomes. The RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship.</p> <p>The RN contributes to the efficient and effective functioning of the unit, coordination of patient care and staffing.</p> <p>The RN accepts responsibility for maintaining and continually enhancing competencies through ongoing professional development including participation in education programs, research and continuous quality activities. The RN practices according to the Canadian Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses, the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia Standards of Nursing Practice, specialty standards as applicable and the policies and procedures of the Capital District Health Authority.</p> <p>The RN is responsible and accountable for his/her nursing practice and conduct as defined by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia and for ensuring that his/her registration is current and valid.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Graduate of an accredited school of nursing with current certification of registration in the province of NS * Completion of an approved Critical Care Course/Critical Care Certificate/CCNP * BLS-C (HCP) certification * Liver transplant experience an asset * Three to five years nursing experience * Medical Surgical experience and previous Intensive Care experience

	<p>required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cardiac monitor interpretation and assessment * Strong communication, interpersonal and assessment skills coupled with sharp problem solving and decision making skills * Registered Nurses will carry arrest pager * CRRT experience an asset
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities 	Able to work in a stressful, dynamic environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required 	BCLS required, ACLS preferred

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