



**Unit Name** Medical Teaching Unit

**Unit Location** Halifax Infirmary 8.2

**Program** General Medicine

## **Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile**

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

<b><u>General Information</u></b>	
<b>Service</b>	Medical Teaching Unit (MTU)
<b>Site</b>	Halifax Infirmary Unit 8.2
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	The MTU is an acute care medicine unit providing care for a variety of medical conditions.
<b>Unit Orientation</b>	New employees receive 37.5 hours of classroom orientation plus 8-12 twelve hour orientation shifts with a preceptor.  Completion of orientation checklist required.
<b>Number of Beds</b>	38 Beds

### Patient Care

<b>Patient Population</b>	CHF; COPD; Pneumonia; Diabetes; Infectious Diseases; Delirium; HIV; Cancer; Asthma; GI bleeds; Cystic Fibrosis; Dehydration; Acute Renal Failure; Overdoses, Palliative Care and patients requiring telemetry.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	65-80 years (Varies from 18-100)
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <u> X </u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: <u> X </u> Modified Total Patient Care: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: _____ Self: <u> X </u>
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u> 8 </u> LPN <u> 4 </u> CTA <u> 1 </u> Evenings: RN <u> 8/5 </u> LPN <u> 4/3 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u> Nights: RN <u> 5 </u> LPN <u> 3 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u>
<b>Service Hours</b>	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u> 70 </u> % LPN: <u> 30 </u> % CTA: _____ %  CTAs on a casual basis
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<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: <u>  X  </u> On Site: <u>  X  </u> N/A: <u>      </u> Other: <u>      </u>  2 MTU teams with 1 Staff physician and 8 Resident learners assigned per team. On call coverage 24 hours/day
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Physicians, OT, PT, SW, Continuing Care, Pharmacists, Spiritual Care, Dietician, Rehab Assistants

**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**

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. The RN is responsible for the overall coordination and direction of nursing care the plan of care to achieve patient/client outcomes. 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 RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship.

The RN contributes to the efficient and effective functioning of the unit, coordination of patient care and staffing.

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 Nova Scotia Health Authority. 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Skills Required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Certification for the following shared competencies is required: Blood Cultures; Intravenous; blood sampling; N/G tube insertion; Port-A-Cath and Picc lines. Other skills required include tracheostomy care; ostomy care; telemetry, chest tubes, insulin drips, and heparin drips.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>Participation in quality improvement work, heavy physical workload (at times) requiring regular and frequent lifting and turning; Strong collaboration skills with physicians and other health care providers.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Previous medical / respiratory experience, cardiac monitor experience, EKG interpretation skills, advanced assessment and geriatric assessment skills. Professional maturity and ability to work with patients who have complex multiple needs as well as palliative/end of life care skills would be an asset. Strong ethical decision making skills are an asset.</p>

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