

ECU Health North Hospital



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Intensive Care Unit

ECU Health North Hospital



Overview

Bed Count: 8-bed unit

Staffing Ratios: 1:2 RN-to-patient

Shift Options: Day, night, rotating day/night, rotating weekends

Scheduling: Self-scheduling

Primary Population: Arterial pressures/arterial lines, pulse oximetry, intravenous anti-arrhythmic infusions, intravenous vaso-active infusions, intravenous insulin therapy, mechanical ventilator assistance/intubations, cardioversion, therapeutic hypothermia, central venous pressure monitoring

Leadership: Wanda Neathery, Nurse Manager / Dana McCoy, Assistant Nurse Manager

Patient Care

Registered nurses provide care in conjunction with the care partner and medical team. Assignments are based on the patient's needs, the geographical location of the patients, and the resources available. The charge nurse does have a patient assignment. BLS is required upon hire and ACLS is encouraged within 6 months.

Commonly utilized skills include:

- Monitoring vital organ systems through continuous nursing observation and critical thinking skills
- Early detection and treatment of cardiac dysrhythmias, shock, failure and pain
- Cardiac resuscitation
- Excellent communication skills
- Organizational skills
- Decision making
- Detail oriented

Emergency Department

ECU Health North Hospital



Overview

Bed Count: 32-bed unit (14 Acute/6 Psych/8 Fast Track/1 SANE/3 Trauma)

Staffing Ratios: 1:4-5 RN-to-patient depending on acuity

Shift Options: Day, night, rotating day/night, rotating weekends

Scheduling: Self-scheduling

Primary Population: Acute and chronic renal failure, pulmonary disease processes, cardiac monitoring, acute and chronic congestive heart failure, GI disturbances, hypertension, infectious disease processes, diabetes, acute and chronic cardiac processes

Patient Care

Nursing staff includes manager, assistant nurse manager, and staff registered nurses. Support staff includes licensed practical nurses, state certified paramedics, unit secretaries, and medication reconciliation technicians. The staffing pattern is based on an average daily census of 80 patients per day, distributed to match the typical patient presentation pattern and is adjusted when patient volume, acuity, or assessment of patient's care needs dictate. Bedside registration and triage is utilized when applicable.

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Medical Step-Down Unit

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Overview

Bed Count: 27-bed unit (intermediate and general levels of care)

Staffing Ratios: 1:5 RN-to-patient with flex to 6; 1:4 maximum on intermediate beds

Shift Options: Day, night, rotating day/night, rotating weekends

Scheduling: Self-scheduling

Primary Population: Adult population

Leadership: Tracy Olesnevich (interim) Nurse Manager, Tracy.Olesnevich@ecuhealth.org / Nicole Garner, Assistant Nurse Manager, Susan.Garner.@ecuhealth.org

Patient Care

The population consists of two levels of care. Patients may require continuous non-invasive monitoring (telemetry) and are at risk for immediate interventions. Patients may also experience acute exacerbation of acute or chronic medical conditions. The frequent diagnoses are cardiac disease such as CAD, CHF, R/O MI, end stage renal and liver disease, compromised respiratory disease including asthma, COPD, pneumonia, fluid volume imbalance, sepsis, CVA, IV therapy to include cardizem, amiodarone, nitro DKA, and dialysis (PD).

Registered nurses provide care in conjunction with the nursing assistants and interdisciplinary team. Assignments are based on the patient's conditions, acuity, staffing, the geographical location of the patients, and the resources available. BLS is required upon hire and ACLS per RQI plan.

Commonly utilized skills include:

- Physical assessment
- Critical thinking
- Flexibility / reliable
- Excellent communication skills
- Organizational skills
- Decision making
- Detail oriented

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Medical-Surgical Unit

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Overview

Bed Count: 37-bed unit

Staffing Ratios: 1:5-6 RN-to-patient

Shift Options: Day, night, rotating day/night, rotating weekends

Scheduling: Self-scheduling

Primary Population: Pediatric patients, 30 days old and up, to adult population.

Leadership: Jennifer Pilgreen Nurse Manager, Jennifer.Pilgreen@ecuhealth.org / Annette Ricks, Assistant Nurse Manager, Annette.Ricks@ecuhealth.org

Patient Care

Patients may require continuous non-invasive remote monitoring (telemetry). Patients may also experience acute exacerbation of acute or chronic medical conditions.

The frequent diagnoses are surgical patients (abdominal, orthopedic, etc), medical patients (HTN, DM, CAD, CHF, etc), end stage renal and liver disease, compromised respiratory disease including asthma, COPD, pneumonia, fluid volume imbalance, sepsis, CVA, resolved DKA, and dialysis (hemodialysis/peritoneal). IV therapy provided to include drips of heparin, bumex, tylenol, lasix, morphine drips, etc. The medical-surgical unit takes pride in our performance on quality indicators.

RN/LPN's provide care in conjunction with the nursing assistants and interdisciplinary team. Assignments are based on the patient's conditions, acuity, staffing, the geographical location of the patients, and the resources available. BLS is required upon hire and ACLS per RQI plan.

Commonly utilized skills include:

- Physical assessment
- Critical thinking
- Flexibility / reliable
- Excellent communication skills
- Organizational skills
- Decision making
- Detail oriented

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Peri-Operative Services

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Overview

Bed Count: 16 ASU beds, 8 PACU bays, 5 OR bays

Staffing/Scheduling:

- OR - 2 RNs and 1 ST per procedure assignment and on call cases after regular hours of operation, holidays and weekends
- ASU - 4 RNs per shift, RNs cross train to PACU and Preadmissions Testing
- PACU - 3 RNs per shift, on call hours after the regular hours of operation, weekends and holidays

Primary Population: General, urology, pain management, orthopedic, OB/GYN, podiatry, ophthalmology

Leadership: Teresa Cousins, Director Perioperative Service, teresa.cousins@ecuhealth.org / Bonnie Barnes, Assistant Nurse Manager (OR, Central Services, & Endoscopy), bonnie.barnes@ecuhealth.org / Shicole Goffington, Assistant Nurse Manager (PACU & ASU), shicole.goffington@ecuhealth.org

Patient Care

RNs and surgical technologists provide care in conjunction with care partners, surgeons, and anesthesia providers. Assignments are based on the patient's needs, procedures and the skill competencies of the staff. BLS is required upon hire.

Commonly utilized skills include:

- Critical thinking skills
- Excellent communication
- Organized
- Self-motivated to learn
- Organizational skills
- Decision making
- Detail oriented

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Mother/Baby Unit

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Overview

Bed Count: 10 labor and delivery beds with newborn nursery

Staffing Ratios: Follow AWHONN standards

Shift Options: Day, night, rotating day/night, rotating weekends

Scheduling: Self-scheduling

Primary Population: Obstetrical and gynecological patients and newborns with subspecialty in occasional non-infectious medical and surgical patients that meet criteria on the unit.

Leadership: Barbara Moore, Interim Manager, Barbara.moore@ecuhealth.org / April Clay, Assistant Nurse Manager, April.clay@ecuhealth.org

Patient Care

Assignments are based on AWHONN standards, the patient's conditions, acuity, staffing, and the resources available. BLS is required upon hire and NRP and EFM are mandatory requirements within the first year. Team members must complete 2 mandatory simulations every year offered by the perinatal outreach coordinators. STABLE and ALSO are strongly encouraged after hire.

Commonly utilized skills include:

- Physical assessment
- Critical thinking
- Excellent communication
- Organizational
- Decision making
- Detail oriented
- Flexibility / reliable

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