
JPS Nurse Residency Unit Descriptions

Behavioral Health

Corrections

Correctional Health nursing is the practice of nursing and the delivery of patient care within the distinctive environment of the criminal justice system that includes county jails. JPS supports the medical departments located at the five Tarrant County Jail facilities: Lamar, Lon Evans, Belknap, Green Bay and Cold Springs. Each of the medical departments is unique to the inmate population and facility characteristics. Licensed nurses, Medication Aides, Certified Nurse's Aides, Certified Medical Aides, Medical Records staff, physicians and physician assistants and support staff make up the Correctional Health Services staff. JPS Nurses provide medical care to the incarcerated patients through medication administration, clinic visits, detox visits, and response to all medical requests and codes. Each unit is staffed with licensed nurses. The staffing matrix is based on the facility size and characteristics. The larger facilities have RNs and LVNs, medication aides, clinical and clerical support. An RN team leader and Resource Nurse is on duty at all times and the five facilities are overseen by an RN Clinical Manager, Director of Nursing, and Medical Director who have 24 hour accountability for operations.

Trinity Springs North/LCA

Trinity Springs North is off site of the main campus. There are a total of 36 inpatient beds for adults who need continued psychiatric stabilization. Patients are generally court committed and come to here in lieu of going to North Texas State Hospital. Patients have an average length of stay of 30-35 days. This unit is co-ed and rooms are shared. Like Trinity Springs Pavilion, patients participate in the following while in our care; medication management, and group therapy including activity therapy, life skills and process groups facilitated by licensed social workers, recreation therapists and nursing staff.

Trinity Springs Pavilion

Trinity Springs Pavilion has a total of 100 inpatient beds for patients who need short term psychiatric treatment. Patients have an average length of stay of 7 days on any of our units but can stay longer or shorter depending on presenting symptoms or court commitment. After psychiatric assessment patients typically move to one of 3 adult units (84 beds total) or the 16-bed adolescent unit for teens ages 13 -17 for short term stabilization. All units are co-ed and rooms are shared. Patients participate in the following while in our care; medication management, and group therapy including activity therapy, life skills and process groups facilitated by licensed social workers, recreation therapists and nursing staff.

T10 – Psychiatric Emergency room (PEC)

The PEC at John Peter Smith Hospital is the only psychiatric emergency center in Tarrant County. Physicians, nurses, social workers and support personnel provide 24 hour-a-day acute care services to more than 20,000 people a year experiencing mental health crisis. Services are provided to all patients seeking care on a voluntary basis, as well as those presenting to the unit under an involuntary hold as authorized by local law enforcement or official agency. The PEC also provides 23-hour psychiatric observation for adults and adolescents ages 13-17. The average length of stay for voluntary patients is less than two hours and involuntary patients average is fifteen hours. The PEC is located on the 10th floor of the main hospital building and is licensed for 33 care spaces. The unit is also designed to mitigate potential safety risks and all patient care areas are monitored 24/7 by direct observation and a camera security system.

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Critical Care

Cardiovascular Progressive Care Unit (P4)

The Cardiovascular Progressive Care Unit (P4) is a 36 bed, acute care unit focused on cardiac and medical progressive care patients. Nurses care for patients requiring telemetry monitoring with complex medical conditions including care for ventilated patients, and those requiring titratable drips. Staffing decisions are based on acuity. EKG, ACLS, BLS, and NIH are required.

Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

The ICU is a 36 bed, mixed patient population unit providing care for medical, surgical, cardiac, and trauma patients. This Level 1 ICU is a fast paced, high acuity environment utilizing advanced equipment. Nurses who work here will be able to develop specialized skills in an environment that supports continuous learning. NIHSS required.

Neurovascular Progressive Care Unit (E3)

The Neurovascular Progressive Care Unit (E3) is a 63 bed unit specializing in the care of stroke and all progressive care level patients. Patients are admitted to the unit from ED, ICU, medical-surgical floors, and other facilities. Our nurses have specialized training in cardiac monitoring, ventilators, high alert medications, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) stroke scale implementation and care of the trauma patient after resuscitation. EKG/ACLS is required. NIH is required.

Surgical Trauma Progressive Care (P5)

The Surgical Trauma Progressive Care Unit is a 36 bed, acute care unit that specializes in the care of post trauma and acute surgical patients, who may require titratable and/or non-titratable infusions. Our patient mix includes trauma, orthopedic, general surgery and medicine patients. Patients range from adolescent to geriatric are treated on our unit. EKG/ACLS required.

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Emergency Services

Admissions Holding Unit (AHU)

The Admissions Holding Unit is a 48 bed progressive care unit that operates as a part of the Emergency Services Division. The focus of this unit is to care for critical care patients who have a complex set of needs with a high level of quality of care. Average patient care days is 1,350 per month. Nurses in our unit require a high nursing IQ, adaptability, drive to learn, and flexibility as we see high acuity patients, run critical drips, and cross train to lower acuity ED areas. AHU support staff include EMTs and unit clerks. ACLS, BLS, and EKG required.

Clinical Decision Unit (CDU)

The Clinical Decision Unit is 32-bed acute care that serves a mixture of inpatient and observation status patients. Turnover of patients is rapid. Reducing ED boarding hours for patients is an important goal. CDU utilizes RNs, EMTs, and Unit Clerks to provide care. Provider(s) present 24/7. ACLS, EKG and NIHSS competencies are some of the requirements for RNs.

Emergency Department (ED)

The Emergency Department is a 70 bed unit with the ability to provide comprehensive care for the critically ill and injured. This department is the gateway to the only hospital network in Tarrant County which possesses Platinum Chest Pain Accreditation, Comprehensive Stroke Certification, Sepsis Certification, Patient Blood Management Certification, Geriatric Delirium Certification and Level 1 Trauma Center. The ED averages approximately 375 patient visits daily, exceeds over 420 patient visits on higher volume days. The main focus is the delivery of comprehensive care to the critically ill and injured presenting patient population. EKG/BLS/ACLS/PALS/TNCC/NIHSS are required certifications that are also offered in house.

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Medical-Surgical

Cardiac Medical Unit – CMU (Telemetry: Tower 2)

The Cardiac Medical Unit is a 22 bed telemetry unit. EKG/ACLS is required. This unit monitors and cares for patients with cardiovascular disorders.

Integrated Specialty Unit – ISU (Telemetry: Tower 3)

T3 is a 16 bed telemetry unit. EKG/ACLS required. This unit monitors patients with medical and cardiovascular disorders.

General Surgery Unit (Tower 5)

T5 is a 24 bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring post-surgical care for elective, general or trauma surgeries typically with shorter lengths of stay.

Ortho-Neuro Unit (Tower 6)

T6 is a 20 bed non-monitored unit for patients in need of post-surgical care for total joint elective procedures, as well as general and trauma surgeries. Stroke patients are also designated for this area with emphasis on aggressive physical therapy and coordinated care for rehabilitation.

Oncology Unit (Tower 7)

T7 is a 23 bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring supportive oncology care, chemotherapy administration and medical/surgical overflow. Nurse are trained in the administration of chemotherapy after one year nursing practice on the unit.

General Medical Unit (Tower 8)

Tower 8 is a 22 bed medical telemetry unit focused on providing outstanding patient care. This unit provides care for a robust variety of disease processes which promotes continuous education on your nursing journey. EKG and ACLS certifications are required.

General Med-Surg Unit (Tower 9)

Tower 9 is a 16 bed non-monitored unit centered on providing quality patient care for both general medical and surgical disease processes

General Med-Surg Unit (Tower 11)

T11 is a 19 bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring acute nursing care for both medical and surgical disease processes. Tower 11 also cares for patients requiring isolation due to the infectious nature of their disease processes. This unit specializes in teamwork and collaborates with multiple disciplines to meet the needs of diverse and complex patients. BLS is required for all nursing staff.

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Perioperative Services

Operating Room (OR)

The Operating Room at JPS has 13 OR's on the main campus. As a Level 1 Trauma Center, we take care of surgical trauma as well as surgery in Orthopedics, Podiatry, GYN, General Surgery, Oral Maxillofacial, ENT, Urology, Eyes, Vascular, Cardiac/Thoracic and Robotics. We also perform close to 1100 cases a month and are staffed 24/7. BLS is required for all RN staff.

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Women's Services

Labor and Delivery

JPS Level IV Maternal Care Designated Labor and Delivery has 10 bed Obstetrical Emergency Room, 15 delivery rooms, 3 operating rooms and a 3 bay PACU. Labor and Delivery is supported by anesthesiologist, anesthetist, physician, and resident coverage 24/7. The unit delivers an average of 400 babies a month and performs an average of 60 gynecological surgeries a month. Labor and Delivery nurses participate in POEP which is an orientation program teaching fundamentals and advanced theories of care for women and babies. BLS/ ACLS, NRP, Fetal Monitoring, STABLE competencies are all requirements for RNs.

NICU/Transitional Newborn Care

Care for infants of all gestational ages from 22 weeks gestation to post-term, all levels of care from level 1 to level 4. Level 1 care is provided in L&D catching babies at delivery and providing newborn care. Level 2 care are those babies who are mostly stable but who are growing, may be on oxygen, antibiotics, running IV's, and NAS. Level 3 care are babies who need additional respiratory support and higher acuity care. Level 4 care are complex babies who need advanced support such as ventilators and pressure drips. Orientation starts at Level 1 and then moving upwards. Nurses can choose to stop at whichever level they are comfortable with.

2 South, High Risk Antepartum/Postpartum, GYN & GYN Oncology

2 South is a 36 bed unit. The nurse to patient ratio is 1:2-5, depending on the patient's diagnosis and acuity. Antepartum care includes patients who have experienced obstetric complications or have chronic diseases complicating pregnancy. Care includes fetal monitoring, cervical ripening, and magnesium sulfate prophylaxis. Gynecology care includes preoperative, phase II recovery, and post-operative surgical care, as well as care of patients with gynecologic cancers and complications. BLS/ ACLS, NRP, Fetal Monitoring competencies are all requirements for RNs.

2 North Mom/Baby

2 North Postpartum is a Mom/Baby unit, 25 private rooms and an Infant Care room for short term observation and evaluation of infants. The goals of this unit are patient experience, exclusive breastfeeding, keeping moms and babies together incorporating family centered care. BLS, NRP, and STABLE are all required competencies for all RNs.