

JPS Nurse Residency Unit Descriptions

Behavioral Health

Trinity Spring North/LCA

Trinity Springs North is off site of the main campus. There is a total of 36 inpatient beds for adults who need continued psychiatric stabilization. Patients are generally court committed and come 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 (TSP)

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.

Psychiatric Emergency Center (PEC)

Now located on the main campus adjacent to Trinity Springs Pavilion, the newly expanded Psychiatric Emergency Center (PEC) at John Peter Smith Hospital is the largest and only facility of its kind in Tarrant County, providing 24/7 crisis care to individuals experiencing acute behavioral health emergencies. This state-of-the-art, 80,000 sq ft facility features 68 dedicated care spaces, including separate, secure entry, triage, and observation areas for adolescent patients ages 13–17. The PEC serves both voluntary patients and those under involuntary hold, delivering rapid, compassionate stabilization services with an average stay of less than two hours for voluntary patients and approximately 11 hours for those under involuntary status. Our interdisciplinary care team includes board-certified psychiatrists, advanced practice providers (APPs), registered nurses, behavioral health technicians, social workers, unit clerks, and dedicated behavioral health security officers. Nurse-to-patient ratios are maintained at 6:1 to support safe, high-quality care in this fast-paced and highly collaborative environment. As a nurse resident in the PEC, you'll be part of a mission-driven team making a meaningful impact at the front line of mental health crisis care—developing clinical expertise, trauma-informed care skills, and experience in de-escalation and behavioral health interventions.

Correctional Health

Corrections

The JPS Health Network Correctional Health Division is dedicated to delivering comprehensive, compassionate, and evidence-based healthcare to individuals incarcerated within the Tarrant County Jail system. Our mission is to promote and protect the health, safety, and dignity of our justice-involved population while maintaining the highest standards of care in a secure, ethically responsible environment.

Correctional Health provides a full spectrum of medical, dental and pharmaceutical services to the five Tarrant County Jail facilities: Lamar, Lon Evans, Belknap, Green Bay, and Cold Springs. Services are available 24/7 and include intake screenings, primary care, chronic disease management, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), emergency stabilization, infection control, wound care, dental services, and health education. Care is delivered in alignment with nationally recognized standards and regulatory guidelines to ensure quality and continuity within the correctional setting.

Our multidisciplinary team includes licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), Medication Aides, Certified Medical Assistants, Dental Assistants, Phlebotomists, Medical Records staff, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and other support personnel. Nurses play a critical role in providing direct patient care through medication administration, clinic visits, detox assessments, and response to medical requests and emergencies.

Each facility is staffed based on its size and population needs, with larger sites supported by both clinical and clerical staff. An RN Team Leader and Resource Nurse are on duty at all times, and the overall operations are overseen by a Clinical Manager, Director of Nursing, and Medical Director—each with 24-hour accountability. Through collaboration, innovation, and a focus on continuity of care, the Correctional Health Division contributes meaningfully to both individual patient outcomes and the broader public health of our community.

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 titrable 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. BLS, ACLS, EKG and 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 (P5) is a 36-bed acute care unit specializing in the management of post-trauma and acute surgical patients. Our team provides care for individuals requiring both titratable and non-titratable infusions. The patient population includes trauma, orthopedic, general surgery, and complex medical cases, ranging from adolescents to geriatric adults. Nurses on P5 are expected to be proficient in EKG interpretation and hold ACLS certification. This fast-paced, high-acuity environment offers a dynamic learning experience for new graduate nurses seeking to build strong clinical foundations in progressive care.

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, EKG and NIHSS 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 72-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.

Medical-Surgical (Med-Surg)**Cardiac Medical Unit (Telemetry) (Tower 2)**

A 26-bed unit designed to serve patients that are in need of remote cardiac monitoring but do not require titrated cardiovascular drips. EKG/ACLS is required and nurse to patient ratio is 1:4. This unit monitors and cares for patients with cardiovascular disorders.

Integrated Specialty Unit (Tower 3)

A 20-bed specialty unit providing a secure environment for medical management for patients requiring both Medicine and Psychiatric care. EKG/ACLS is required and nurse to patient ratio is 1:4. This unit monitors patients with medical and cardiovascular disorders.

Inmate Patient Admissions (Tower 4)

An 8-bed secured unit designed to serve those patients that are incarcerated under Tarrant County Jail who also require acute medical care. EKG/ACLS is required and nurse to patient ratio is 1:4.

General Surgery/Trauma Unit (Tower 5)

A 30-bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring post-surgical care for elective, general or trauma surgeries typically with shorter lengths of stay. Nurse to patient ratio is 1:5.

Ortho-Neuro Unit (Tower 6)

A 26-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. Nurse to patient ratio is 1:6.

Oncology Unit (Tower 7)

A 23-bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring supportive Oncology care chemotherapy administration and medical/surgical overflow. Nurses are trained in the administration of chemotherapy after one year nursing practice on the unit. Nurse to patient ratio is 1:5.

General Medical Tele Unit (Tower 8)

22-bed telemetry unit. This unit monitors patients with medical and cardiovascular disorders, including caring for patients requiring isolation due to infectious disease processes. Staffing decisions are based on patient acuity, with a nurse-to-patient ratio of 1:4. EKG and ACLS certifications are required.

General Medical Surgery unit (Tower 9)

A 16-bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring nursing care for general and surgical disease processed. Staffing decisions are based on patient acuity, with a nurse to patio ration of 1:5.

Respiratory/Pulmonary Unit (Tower 11)

A 19-bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring acute nursing care for both medical and surgical disease process. Also cares for patients requiring isolation due to the infectious nature of their disease processes. The nurse-to-patient ratio is 1:5.

Perioperative Services**Operating Room (OR)**

The Operating Room at JPS has 13 ORs 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 upwards of 1,100 cases a month and are staffed 24/7. BLS is required for all RN staff.

House Operations Resource Pool Nurses

Our Resource pool nurses are able to work in multiple units within JPS. They quickly adapt to different clinical environments, handle diverse patient populations, provide comprehensive care, and play an important role in the organization by filling in when there are staffing shortages, leaves, or fluctuating demand.

Women's Services

Labor and Delivery (LAD)

At JPS, our Level IV Maternal Levels of Care designated Labor & Delivery unit provides the highest level of care for the pregnant patient and babies. With 10 triage beds, 15 spacious labor–delivery–recovery rooms, 3 dedicated operating rooms, and a 3-bay PACU, we are fully equipped to handle both routine and high-risk deliveries. Our expert team, including anesthesia, physicians, residents and many OB certified RN's, is available 24/7, supporting an average of 400 deliveries and 60 gynecological surgeries each month. We invest in our new nurses through the Perinatal Orientation and Education Program (POEP), which builds strong foundations and advanced expertise in maternal–infant care. We also provide a very comprehensive 6-month orientation process. Required certifications such as BLS, ACLS, NRP, and fetal monitoring paired with ongoing yearly education requirements are a few ways we ensure our team stays prepared to deliver top quality, safe, and exceptional care for every patient.

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, might 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.