

JPS Nurse Residency Unit Descriptions

Behavioral Health Division

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 36 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.

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. A 36 bed unit for adults who have been court committed to psychiatric treatment is available for patients who require prolonged psychiatric 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.

Critical Care Division

Progressive Care E3

Progressive Care, 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.

Cardiovascular Progressive Care Unit (P4)

The Cardiovascular Progressive Care unit 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. EKG, ACLS, BLS, and NIH are 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.

Intensive Care Unit

The ICU is a 36 bed integrated ICU. The ICU is a fast paced, high acuity environment utilizing advanced equipment. Nurses who work here will develop specialized skills and be involved in continuous learning. EKG/ACLS is required. NIH is required.

Emergency Services Division

Emergency Department

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.

Admissions Holding Unit

The Admissions Holding Unit is a 36 bed progressive care unit that operates as a part of the Emergency Services Division. Average patient care days is 1,000 per month. Main focus is to decompress the amount of admitted patients holding in the Emergency Department. 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. Open 24/7, 32 beds contained in three treatment pods. Average patient care days is 900 per month. Main focus is the provision of both observational and inpatient nursing care. 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.

Medical-Surgical Division

Cardiac Medical Unit (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.

Telemetry Unit (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 telemetry unit. This unit monitors patients with medical and cardiovascular disorders, including caring for patients requiring isolation due to infectious disease processes. EKG and ACLS certifications are required.

General Med Surg Unit (Tower 9)

Tower 9 is a 16 bed non-monitored unit for patients requiring nursing care for general and surgical disease processes.

Respiratory/Pulmonary (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.

Women's Services Division

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, anesthesiologist, 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 competencies are all requirements for RNs.

NICU

JPS Level III NICU is licensed for 35 beds with an average daily census of 21. We care for infants born premature as early as 23 weeks gestation, up into post-term timeframe. NICU nurses participate in the Neonatal Orientation and Education Program (NOEP) in order to provide the fundamentals of fetal and infant anatomy and physiology. BLS, NRP, and STABLE are all required competencies for all RNs.

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

2 South is a 39 bed unit. 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 Postpartum

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.

Perioperative Service Division

Operating Room (OR) – Perioperative Service Division

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.

JPS Surgery Center of Arlington (JSCA) – Perioperative Service Division

The JSCA Surgery Center has 7 procedure rooms. This is an outpatient surgery center that focuses on Ortho, Urology, General Surgery, Pain, Sports Medicine, ENT, Eyes, Plastics, Gyn, Podiatry, GI, and Family Medicine procedures. This RN staff perform all the duties listed above under PAT, PreOp, PACU, and Endoscopy in an outpatient surgical setting. There are approximately 550 procedures performed each month and they continue to grow in volumes. ACLS, BLS, Moderate Sedation, PALS and EKG are some of the requirements for the RN staff.