

1. IDENTIFICATION

Position No. 10-4294, 4295, 1310, 4313, 4314, 4315, 4316, 4316, 4318, 4319, 4321, 4325, 4326, 4327, 4329, 7113, 7614, 7615, 9610, 4320,	Job Title Registered Nurse, Acute Care Services	Supervisor's Position Nurse Manager, Inpatient Care
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Department Health & Social Services	Division/Region Inpatient Care/ Baffin	Community Iqaluit	Location Qikiqtani General Hospital
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2. PURPOSE

<p>Main reason why the position exists, within what context and what the overall end result is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Registered Nurse (RN), Acute Care Services, is a member of the multi-disciplinary team. • This position is responsible for assessing patient health status and responding to actual and potential health problems including emergent and critical situations in an ongoing basis. • Providing acute care services for all patients within the Baffin of Nunavut 24 hours a day, seven days a week.,

3. SCOPE

<p>Describe the impact the position has on the area in which it works, or if it impacts other departments, the government as a whole, or the public directly or indirectly. How does the position impact those groups/individuals, the organization and/or budgets? What is the magnitude of that impact?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RNs are responsible for quality nursing care within their scope of practice as outlined by the professional licensing body, RNANT/ NU • Using evidenced based practice, RNs, provide competent, independent nursing care while maintaining professional accountability. • Coordinates by collaborating with other health care team members to ensure patients regain optimal functioning of well-being and quality of life as members of society within an appropriate time frame. • This position directly impacts the delivery of acute care health needs to patients within the Baffin region of Nunavut by assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating all services provided to patients within the acute care setting. • The RN must be cognizant of fiscal constraints and have the ability to work within these constraints.
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4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Describe major responsibilities and target accomplishments expected of the position. List the responsibilities that have the greatest impact on the organization first and describe them in a way that answers *why* the duties of the position are being performed. For a supervisory or management position, indicate the subordinate position(s) through which objectives are accomplished.

All acute care Registered Nurses (RN's) are expected to have a working knowledge of the following areas: Emergency, Maternal and Newborn; Paediatric; Psychiatry; Medicine; Surgery; Gerontology; Palliative: Infectious Disease Control and Employee health and wellness.

All patients entering the health care system at Qikiqtani General Hospital are assessed initially by the RN to determine appropriateness of required services.

- 1.0 Acting as patient and family advocate, the RN is responsible for providing safe, competent and quality nursing care while maintaining strict confidentiality.
- 2.0 When providing total patient care, the RN is responsible to act within the guidelines outlined by RNANT/ NU scope of practice, Code of Ethics by the Canadian Nurses Association, NEU collective agreement and Government of Nunavut policies.
- 3.0 Required to participate in education opportunities offered by the Department of Health and Social Services, the RNANT/ NU, and other accredited schools or learning options to receive current information on new trends in nursing and medicine including, but not limited to: diagnostic testing, pharmaceutical advances, equipment updates, and evidenced based best practice guidelines for professional development to ensure quality patient care.
- 4.0 Responsible for provision of direct nursing care in a cross cultural setting by applying the nursing process (assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating_ for all patients in the system including but not limited to:
 - Triage and prioritizing ALL emergency patients and/ or situations before physician involvement, including continuous assessment
 - RNs treat medical emergencies in the absence of a physician (i.e., cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest and anaphylactic shock) for infants, children, and adults.
 - Competent advanced labour practices
 - The entire labour and delivery process including progress of labour. The RN is required to take charge of precipitous deliveries in the absence of physician, ensuring well-being of the mother and the unborn neonate.
 - Fetal monitoring, including interpretation of results
 - Identifying and acting appropriately with risk deliveries
 - Care of mother and newborn immediately following delivery
 - Promoting breastfeeding
 - Identifying and dealing with psychiatric crisis
 - Telephone triaging of crisis situations and implementing appropriate interventions (for example- suicidal and homicidal threats)

- Providing patients with information regarding their medical condition, obtaining informed consent and appropriate teaching to facilitate return to optimal health and well-being
- Continuous evaluation of treatment, diagnostics and medical regimes and adjusting accordingly.
- Performing independent health assessment and to acting accordingly.
- Effectively and efficiently performing various nursing skills
- Working as a team member in a multi-disciplinary practice including orientation of new staff (nursing and medical students, nurses and physicians and allied health care professionals)
- Continuous adaptability to fluctuations in the clinical setting (i.e., high physician, nursing and allied health care professional turnover)
- Providing allied health care professionals duties in their absence (i.e., physiotherapy and respiratory therapy)
- Accountable for all nursing care provided to patients and families
- Delegating proficiently to support staff (LPN's, interpreters, security, housekeeping)
- Updating and adhering to policies and procedures using evidence based best practice guidelines
- Maintaining professional conduct at all times
- Conflict resolution involving patients, families and staff
- Maintaining universal precautions to ensure safety for patients, families and staff

5.0 Collaboration with other health care team members to ensure patients receive optimal care

- Communicating and consulting with other health care professionals in the hospital
- Utilization of external services available, including public health, homecare, social services, mental health services, homeless shelter, women's shelter, RCMP, crisis and suicide prevention, critical incident stress debriefing, adult and children's group homes, elders facility, youth services, medivac services, OSHNI, medical boarding home.
- Participating in total quality management programs (quality assurance, CQI and risk management) including various hospital committees and working groups.

6.0 Participate in orientation and development of self and other staff members to ensure consistency of patient/ family care

- Providing orientation to new health care professionals within the hospital
- Working closely with nursing students and graduate nurses
- Providing training opportunities for co-workers including all staff involvement in direct patient care

7.0 Supervision of support staff and supervision of units in the absence of unit managers

8.0 Performs other duties as required.

5. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Describe the level of knowledge, experience and abilities that are required for satisfactory job performance.

Knowledge identifies the acquired information or concepts that relate to a specific discipline. *Skills* describe acquired measurable behaviors and may cover manual aspects required to do a job. *Abilities* describe natural talents or developed proficiencies required to do the job.

These requirements are in reference to the job, not the incumbent performing the job.

- Bachelor of nursing or diploma in nursing
- RNANT/NU registration
- Ability to function in cross-cultural setting understanding that language translations, either written or verbal, may not be available at all times
- Current CPR and annual recertification is a requirement
- Current ACLS and recertification is a requirement
- Current PALS and recertification is a requirement
- Current WHIMIS training
- Current CTAS training
- Clear criminal record
- Physically and mentally competent as demonstrated by required medical exam
- Excellent communication and assessment skills
- Possession of one or more for the following would be preferable but not required upon initial hiring: Basic Trauma Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, EKG interpretation, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, Inuktitut, Cross Cultural Training, Specialized nursing certifications, (ER, Maternal Child, Mental Health, Pediatrics, critical care), Back Injury Prevention Program, and basic computer skills.

6. WORKING CONDITIONS

List the unavoidable, externally imposed conditions under which the work must be performed and which create hardship for the incumbent. Express frequency, duration and intensity of each occurrence in measurable time (e.g. every day, two or three times a week, 5 hours a day).

Physical Demands

Indicate the nature of physical demands and the frequency and duration of occurrences leading to physical fatigue or physical stress.

- **Long hours of work (12 hour shifts and sometimes extended due to patient/ staffing needs and extreme weather conditions)**
- **Lifting heavy patients and equipment daily**
- **Standing for extended periods of time**
- **Maintaining awkward positions during life saving measures**
- **Working with hazardous materials**
- **Registered Nurses are considered essential services whereby they are required during of extreme weather**
- **Constant exposure to contaminated bodily fluids**
- **Maintaining patient safety by decreasing risk of nosocomial infections**
- **Frequent exposure to violent and abusive behaviours from patients and families**

- Often required to work alone in an unsafe environment (for example, security routinely leaves the building to perform property checks).

Environmental Conditions

Indicate the nature of adverse environmental conditions to which the jobholder is exposed, and the frequency and duration of exposures. Include conditions that increase the risk of accident, ill health, or physical discomfort.

- Extreme temperature variances within the building
- Constant exposure to infectious diseases
- Constant exposure to illness, death and dying
- Required to travel in extreme weather conditions to report to duty (essential employees)

Sensory Demands

Indicate the nature of demands on the jobholder's senses. These demands can be in the form of making judgements to discern something through touch, smell, sight, and/or hearing. It may include concentrated levels of attention to details through one or more of the incumbents' senses.

- Continuous use of all sense to make judgements about patients demands
- Constant exposure to interpretation of bodily fluids.

Mental Demands

Indicate conditions within the job that may lead to mental or emotional fatigue that would increase the risk of such things as tension or anxiety.

- Constant exposure to sickness, illness, death and dying
- Required to perform post-mortum care including collections of specimens, preparations for family viewing and identification of body
- Required to work long hours extremely stressful situations
- Required to be on-call after normal working hours
- Limited social support for staff
- Exposure to physical and verbal abuse
- Constant exposure to the unknown (i.e. – how many, or conditions of patients as they enter the system)
- Expected to stay current with limited education opportunities or resources

7. CERTIFICATION

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Employee Signature	Supervisor Title
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Printed Name	Supervisor Signature
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Date:	Date
I certify that I have read and understand the responsibilities assigned to this position.	I certify that this job description is an accurate description of the responsibilities assigned to the position.
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Deputy Head Signature	
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Date	
I approve the delegation of the responsibilities outlined herein within the context of the attached organizational structure.	

8. ORGANIZATION CHART

Please attach Organizational Chart indicating incumbent’s position, peer positions, subordinate positions (if any) and supervisor position.

“The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the incumbent of this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and activities required of this position”.