

Emergency Room

of Beds: 31 bed Level I Trauma Center and Stroke Center

Equipment Used:

- Datascope monitors
- Propaq monitors
- CO2 capability
- A-lines
- Rapid Infusor
- External and internal pacemaker equipment
- Ventilators
- Cerebral Ventriculostomy Monitoring
- Various instrument trays
- Computerized Patient Tracking System

Diagnostic & Treatment Modalities:

Point of care testing includes 5 minute urine pregnancy testing, urine dipstick, hemocult, and bedside blood glucose. X-ray department available in ED.

Bedside Ultrasound program.

Acuity Variables:

Critically ill to stable patient populations

Medications Rendered:

Varies from medications given in critical care units to those on the floors

Support/Structure of the Unit: Director, 3 patient care coordinators, and 1 clinical educator.

Key Responsibilities:

Primary nurse who cares for a variety of ill and injured patients, from critically ill to stable patient population. Pediatric patient population included in mix.

Shift(s):

Variety of shifts available: 7a-7p, 7a-3p, 11a-7p, 11a-11p, 3p-11p, 7p-7a, 11p-7a

Rotation Schedule:

If permanent nights or evenings, no rotation required. If rotator, rotations scheduled according to unit seniority. 0– 2years = 40%, 3-6 years = 30%, 7-9 years = 20%, 10 years + = 10%; self-scheduling; although rotation requirements are set, number of rotations depends on vacation, vacancies, and other factors. Scheduling Council in place.

Qualifications/Experience Necessary:

- At least 1 year of Emergency Department experience preferred
- 1-2 years of critical care preferred
- Will consider at least 2 years of med/surg experience
- Will consider at least 1 year of telemetry experience
- ACLS, PALS and CPR required
- CEN/TNCC preferred

Misc: Why is this the best unit in the hospital to work?

The Emergency Department offers a variety of shifts and provides a teamwork atmosphere. Nurses, techs, assistants, and physicians work collaboratively in providing high quality patient care. Nurses are highly autonomous and self-motivated in assisting with patient plan of care and treatment. The ED offers a broad scope of practice and patient population, including, trauma, pediatrics, cardiac, neurological, psychiatric, OB/GYN, and medical. A 3-year emergency medicine residency program exists, providing a strong teaching atmosphere. The ED is a great place to work if you wish to further expand knowledge base and skills, care for a mixture of patient populations, and work closely in an interdisciplinary team.