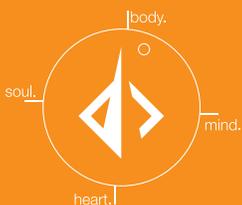


Critical Care

SERVICES



Understanding that the voice of the bedside nurse is essential to patient outcomes, Pinnacle Health supports a shared governance model of nursing practice. The Registered Nurse is central to improving the breadth and depth of clinical practice to ensure an evidence based approach to patient care.



Cardiothoracic Intensive Care

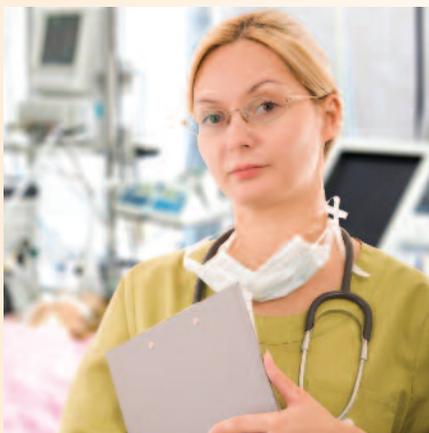
Harrisburg Campus

This 15-bed unit includes 8 Fast Track recovery bays for post-anesthesia open heart patients. Complex patients include Code STEMI, CRRT, and cardiac assist devices such as Tandem hearts, Impella device, and ventricular assist devices.

Med/Surg Intensive Care

Harrisburg Campus

This 22-bed unit receives patients requiring complex, multi-system treatment including advanced ventilatory modes, CRRT, and hemodynamic and intracranial pressure monitoring. The MSICU charge nurse staffs the Rapid Response Team and Code Blue Team.



Progressive Care/Toxicology

Harrisburg Campus

This 32-bed unit admits patients with complex, multi-system problems. Advanced treatments and procedures including mechanical ventilation, hemodynamic monitoring, and inotropic drug support are provided. In addition, as the nation's only inpatient Toxicology unit, patients admitted for drug overdoses or poisonings are also managed on this unit.

Intensive Care Unit

Community Campus

Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit

A highly trained 12 bed unit that specializes in the care of patients with: multi-system organ failure, high risk surgeries, complex ventilator support, CRRT, hemodynamic monitoring, and complex neurological patient including: Deep Brain Stimulator, ventriculostomies, Stroke patients with TPA infusion, and Intracranial Pressure Monitoring. The Community Campus MSICU charge nurse responds and cares for rapid responds patients, and is a lead member of the code team.

Required Experience for all Critical Care Units:

Registered Nurse with a BSN and ICU experience or Graduate Nurse with a BSN and completion of PinnacleHealth's Critical Care Course

Critical Care Orientation

All nurses working in the Critical Care areas must first complete an approved critical care course. Experienced Critical Care nurses take a placement exam. Orientation is then based on individual nurse needs.

Inexperienced nurses attend the Critical Care Course based on AACN's Essentials in Critical Care Orientation. The Critical Care Course is designed to provide graduate nurses with a comprehensive, structured orientation to the critical care environment. The six month program supports the graduate nurse's transition into the registered nurse role by developing:

- ◆ Advanced Physical Assessment Skills
- ◆ Critical Thinking
- ◆ Organizational Skills
- ◆ Communication Skills
- ◆ Knowledge of Pathophysiology
- ◆ Clinical Skills

In addition, professional development workshops are offered during the first year to promote individual growth. Staff Development Instructors personally follow each nurse's progress and provide ongoing support.