Take a peek inside SickKids Nursing units

The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) has hundreds of diverse nursing roles across the hospital. Read the unit descriptions below to learn more about the various areas where you can find *Our Kind of Nursing* in action.

Paediatric Medicine

The Paediatric Medicine program at 7BCD is the largest inpatient unit at SickKids. Our dedicated nursing teams provide care across four units: 7B, 7C, 7D, and 5D. Our patient population encompasses a diverse range of cases, including general paediatrics, respirology, complex care, intermediate care, and infectious diseases. With varying patient diagnoses, acuity levels, and complexities, 7BCD offers an exciting nursing opportunity for both new graduates and experienced professionals. As a nurse within 7BCD, you will collaborate with a dynamic multidisciplinary team, build a strong clinical foundation, and access numerous avenues for career development.

Critical Care

The Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) is a cutting-edge medical/surgical unit caring for patients from newborns to 18 years of age. Equipped with the latest inpatient care technology, including computerized bedside charting, the PICU excels in paediatric critical care within a fast-paced environment. We encourage team members to contribute to clinical practice, education, and research. Nurses will have the chance to specialize in paediatric critical care nursing.

The Cardiac Critical Care Unit (CCCU) is a renowned division dedicated to newborns, infants, and children with congenital and acquired heart diseases. Our international reputation in paediatric cardiac critical care, research, and education speaks volumes. We foster an environment valuing excellence and innovation in practice, education, and research. Our comprehensive orientation, coupled with specialized training and clinical experience, equips you for success in this distinctive setting. Continuous learning is supported through internal programs and external opportunities such as academic pursuits and conferences.

Learn more about Critical Care Medicine at SickKids.

Neonatology

The SickKids Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) offers tertiary and quaternary medical and surgical care for newborns up to four weeks old. Admitting patients from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), across Canada, and globally, our NICU handles diverse cases, including high-risk procedures. Our vision and mission focus on exceptional care, collaborative partnerships, and cultivating excellence.

Learn more about Neonatology at SickKids.

Multi-Organ Transplant & Medical Specialties

Within 6AB, a Level II Critical Care acute medical-surgical setting, seven distinct yet interconnected medical services operate, including solid organ transplantation, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Rheumatology, and the Gastro-intestinal Function and Treatment (GIFT) program. We serve a uniquely complex patient population, managing acute and chronic illnesses. As a clinician in this high-performing area, you will provide comprehensive care, shaping a foundation for various career paths, including critical care, emergency, operating room, clinical teaching, and advanced nursing practice.

Learn more about SickKids Transplant and Regenerative Medicine Centre

Cardiology

Unit 4D delivers renowned medical and nursing care to children and families facing acute and chronic cardiac conditions. Our supportive environment, inclusive of a robust six-month mentorship program, ensures seamless integration for new staff. 4D emphasizes teamwork and excellence, fostering a full team approach. We are eager to discuss your professional journey.

Learn more about Cardiology at SickKids

Inpatient Surgery

Comprising three units — 5A, 5B and 8C — the Inpatient Surgery department offers paediatric and surgical education within a preceptorship framework. Continuous educational opportunities enrich your growth. The surgical cluster presents various avenues for advancement.

Unit 5A specializes in post-operative care for orthopaedic and otolaryngology patients, driven by a collaborative multi-disciplinary approach.

Unit 5B provides specialized care for general surgery and gynecology patients ages 0-18 at various stages of their surgical journey. You will work within an inter-professional team, bolstered by supportive resources.

Unit 8C excels in post-operative care for Plastic Surgery, Burns, Urology, and Ophthalmology patients, boasting the only verified Paediatric Burn Centre in Canada.

Brain & Mental Health

Unit 5C in the Brain and Mental Health program offers world-renowned, family-centered care for patients in need of inpatient treatment under the Division of Neurosurgery, Neurology, or Trauma. Our comprehensive orientation, preceptorship experience, and continuous educational opportunities such as PALS, PEARS, CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute), etc. ensure quality care delivery. We are a pivotal element of the SickKids Centre for Brain & Mental Health. The SickKids Division of Neurosurgery is the oldest and largest in Canada and one of the premier divisions in the world. We were recently ranked as the top paediatric neurosurgery division in North America.

Unit 7A, the Mental Health Inpatient Unit, supports a unique patient population of children and youth experiencing a range of mental and physical health diagnoses. Our team-based nursing approach fosters integrated care, collaboration, and continuous learning, and provides an exciting opportunity to work collaboratively alongside a multidisciplinary team consisting of child and youth counselors, social work, and dietitians, providing integrated physical and mental health assessments, interventions, and support. As a 7A nurse, you will develop a strong foundation in psychiatric nursing, with ample career development opportunities.

Cancer Care

The 8A/6E inpatient Haematology/Oncology program provides care for children with cancer and complex blood disorders. As a nurse on 8A/6E you are an integral member of a diverse, multi-disciplinary team collaborating to deliver comprehensive care for children and families throughout treatment for cancer and blood disorders. Working in this rapidly evolving clinical specialty provides an opportunity for both new graduates and experienced nurses to develop acute clinical skills and a strong foundational knowledge in paediatrics. You will care for children and adolescents throughout many phases of treatment including initial diagnosis, acute management, innovative treatments and clinical trials, and palliative care.

Unit 8B is the Blood and Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy (BMT/CT) inpatient unit. It is the only paediatric BMT/CT program in the province. As a nurse on 8B, you will provide care to children and adolescents from across the country with a large spectrum of medical conditions such as malignancies, severe blood disorders,

immunodeficiencies and rare and evolving indications. Nurses in this specialty are pioneers in precision medicine within the evolving science of genetically modified and targeted cellular therapies. Nurses receive specialized training in chemotherapy and biotherapy, as well as the delivery of stem cells and other cellular therapies. As an 8B nurse, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with a dynamic multidisciplinary team, develop an exceptional clinical foundation, be involved with patients registered in groundbreaking clinical trials and have access to multiple excellent career development opportunities.

Unit 8D serves as the Haematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant/Cellular Therapy Outpatient Unit. Open throughout the week, this outpatient clinic provides a wide range of care services, including chemotherapy, supportive care including blood products and hydration, procedures such as lumbar punctures and bone marrow aspirates (performed in the unit's satellite anesthesia suite) and routine bloodwork. Our expertise in chemotherapy administration, central-line care, post-anesthetic care, and more stands out. Nurses on 8D rotate between areas, benefiting from diverse experiences and a jobshare role between different units.

Learn more about Haematology/Oncology at SickKids

Perioperative Services

SickKids' fast-paced Operating Room boasts 16 theatres specializing in paediatric surgical care, and includes specialties such as Cardiovascular, Neurosurgery, Plastics/Craniofacial and Orthopedics to name a few. The multidisciplinary team commitment to surgical excellence challenges you while supporting patients and families through difficult times. Perioperative Nursing is a recognized specialty, welcoming RNs with varying experience levels. Our comprehensive education program, Periop 101, aids newcomers to the OR. Continuous growth opportunities await you at every stage of your career in the OR.