

# Student Nurse Handbook



P A S S I O N F O R C A R I N G

*Welcome*



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Dear Student:

Welcome to Doctors Community Hospital. We are excited to have students at DCH, and we will do everything we can to make your clinical rotation a great learning experience.

This student orientation handbook contains information that you will need for a successful clinical experience at DCH. Please print the handbook and bring it with you to the first day of clinical orientation. You will need to read the handbook before the first day of clinical.

On behalf of the Education Department and the staff at DCH, we welcome each of you and look forward to working with you.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Education Department at 301-552-8072.

### OUR MISSION:

Dedicated to Caring for your Health

### OUR VISION:

Continuously strive for excellence in service and clinical quality to distinguish us with our patients and other customers.

### OUR VALUES:

Safety  
Excellence  
Respect  
Vision  
Innovation  
Compassion  
Everyone

Students must wear their school photo ID at all times.

Nursing students must always wear their school's nursing uniform and school ID badge during all clinical rotations at DCH. Only students rotating to the Operating Room are permitted to wear hospital-issued scrubs. Students rotating to the Emergency Department must wear their school uniform and school ID badge.

All students need to park off site at Seabrook Adventist Church and use the shuttle service to arrive at the hospital. A parking pass will be issued by Human Resources and should be placed on your vehicle’s rearview mirror facing outward so the numbers can be easily read. Parking passes must be returned to your clinical instructor on the last day of clinical. Make sure to lock your vehicle and to not leave personal belongings in plain view. Take them with you or lock them some place that is secure. Report any suspicious activity to Hospital Security.

The directions for parking are as follows:

**SEABROOK ADVENTIST CHURCH  
8900 GOOD LUCK ROAD, LANHAM, MARYLAND 20706**

1. From Doctors Community Hospital – Turn left onto Good Luck Road – East.
2. Proceed straight through the stop light intersecting Cipriano Road.
3. 30 yards on the left-hand side is *Seabrook Adventist Church*.
4. Turn left into the church parking lot. Park on the left or right parking lot.
5. ***Do not park*** in the main driveway, in front of the dumpster, or next to any of the buildings.

**EMPLOYEE ADVENTIST SHUTTLE BUS PICK UP TIMES**

<b>05:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>ONE (1) SHUTTLE BUS RUNNING.</b>	<b>8 TO 10 MINUTE WAIT.</b>
<b>09:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>LOT SECURITY GUARD CALL BUS FOR TRANSPORT.</b>	<b>8 TO 12 MINUTE WAIT.</b>
<b>14:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>ONE (1) SHUTTLE BUS RUNNING.</b>	<b>8 TO 10 MINUTE WAIT.</b>
<b>18:00 – 20:15</b>	<b>LOT SECURITY GUARD CALL BUS FOR TRANSPORT.</b>	<b>8 TO 12 MINUTE WAIT.</b>

In an effort to consistently orient each student to our organization, all students scheduled for 40 or more hours of clinical experience at DCH will be required to complete competencies in HealthStream (online learning) as part of their orientation to the hospital before the first day of clinical. HealthStream User ID and passwords will be assigned to each student by the Education Department. Instructors will inform their students of User ID and passwords. Please refer to the directions for accessing HealthStream from home.

**HEALTHSTREAM LEARNING CENTER  
ONLINE LEARNING**

**[HTTPS://WWW.HEALTHSTREAM.COM/HLC/DCHWEB](https://www.healthstream.com/hlc/dchweb) (HOME ACCESS)**

### **Student Responsibilities**

Students will be responsible for logging into the system and taking courses in compliance with Doctors Community Hospital education requirements.

### **Login Instructions**

Your User ID and initial password will be given to you by your clinical instructor. **Passwords are case sensitive!**

### **My Learning Page:**

Provides a list of courses you are required to take.

*Assigned Courses:* Courses you are required to complete within a certain timeframe. A course may include one or more separate learning activities. Each course displays the following:

1. **Course Name Link.** Click the name link of a course to access the course details.
2. **Due Date** indicates the date that the assigned course is to be completed. Due dates in red indicate that the course is past due but you are still able to complete it - in other words - you are within a grace period for the course.
3. **Course Status** indicates your progress toward course completion. **Assigned** means that you have not clicked the assigned course name link. **Not Yet Started** means that you have clicked the **Course Name** link but not any of the learning activities. **In Progress** means that you have either clicked a non-classroom learning activity or are registered for a class.

To begin a course, click a **Course Name** link from the **My Learning** tab to display the **Course Details** screen.

Students must answer 80 percent on all quizzes to pass. After successfully completing each assignment, it will appear on the transcript.

ALL COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLINICAL. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE UNTIL ALL HEALTHSTREAM COURSES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

EACH STUDENT NEEDS TO PRINT A COPY OF THEIR HEALTHSTREAM TRANSCRIPT AND SUBMIT IT TO THEIR CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLINICAL.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN TURN, WILL NEED TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR REQUIREMENTS SO THEY CAN BE REMOVED FROM HEALTHSTREAM.

For assistance with HealthStream, please contact Anna Godfrey at 301-552-8072

- Ages 35–80
- Length of Stay 3–4 days
- Our staff and patient population consists of people from the United States, Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe and Latin America.

## 3 R D F L O O R

**Three East**

3-East is a 29-bed medical-surgical-oncology acute care unit that provides comprehensive nursing care to patients with a variety of medical conditions. Nurse to patient ratio is 1: 5–6. Also located on 3-East are designated beds for oncology patients. The particular emphasis is on hematology/oncology. The nurses on the oncology unit are all RN staff with an oncology background who are chemotherapy certified. RN to patient ratio is 1: 4–5.

**Three West**

Staff on 3-West care for acute care patients with a particular focus on kidney disease, diabetes and sickle cell disease. Nurse to patient ratio is 1:5–6.

**Infusion Center**

Also located on 3-West is an outpatient infusion center with the ability to accommodate five patients. Typically, the infusion center provides services inclusive of blood transfusions, IV antibiotic therapy and chemotherapy for an outpatient patient population.

**Inpatient Dialysis Center**

Located on 3-West is an inpatient dialysis center for the provision of hemodialysis to our patients. The center has the capacity for five chairs and a room for two isolation patients.

**Clinical Director**

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**Clinical Instructor**

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**Clinical Coordinator**

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## 4 T H F L O O R

**MEDICAL SURGICAL ORTHOPEDIC UNIT****Four East**

4-East is a 22-bed medical-surgical acute care unit that provides comprehensive nursing care to patients with a variety of medical conditions from sickle cell to diabetes.

**Four West**

4-West is a 23-bed medical-surgical acute care unit that provides comprehensive nursing care to patients with a variety of medical conditions as well with the center of attention on orthopedic care pre- and post-operative patients.

**Clinical Director**

Diane Van Hassel, RN  
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**Clinical Coordinators**

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**TELEMETRY UNIT****Telemetry patients require cardiac monitoring for the following reasons:**

- Chest pain, not exhibiting acute EKG changes
- Unstable angina, not requiring IV nitroglycerin
- Syncope. to r/o cardiac origin of symptoms
- Immediate past cardiac catheterization observation
- TIA or stroke arterial fibrillation
- Initiation of new anti-arrhythmic therapies
- Hemodynamically stable post-op patients who developed dysrhythmias in the PACU Aggressive replacement of electrolytes
- Digoxin toxicity with or without EKG changes
- Immediate post pacemaker insertion observation
- Elective cardioversion
- Ventilator dependent patients who are not able to be weaned
- Patient requiring the following IV medication therapy:
  - Non-titrating dopamine (up to 10mcgs/kg/min)
  - Non-titrating dobutamine (up to 20mcgs/kg/min)
  - Non-titrating dose of IV lidocaine (up to 2mg/min)
  - Non-titrating dose of IV pronestyl (up to 2mg/min)
  - Cardizem boluses and non-tilrating continuous infusions not to exceed 20mg/hour
  - Maintenance IV infusion of amiodartline at 0.5mg/min

**Clinical Director**

Linda Jennings, RN  
301-552-8684

**Clinical Instructor**

Diane Blair, RN  
240-965-3687

**Clinical Coordinator**

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Critical Care is 24 beds divided into 3 units

SICU-2701-2706 and is a 6 BED AREA (Surgical ICU)

MICU-2801-2806 and is a 6 BED AREA (Medical ICU)

IMCU-2901-2912 is a 12 BED AREA (Intermediate Care Unit)

The nurses in both MICU AND SICU have a 1:2 patient ratio

The nurses in IMCU have a 1:3 patient ratio

Our patients are managed by our Intensivists (Physicians who are dedicated and here in the Critical Care 24 hours a day), and they work 12 hour shifts 7am-7pm.

**Procedures done at the bedside in Critical Care include:**

All endoscopies, TEEs(Transesophageal echocardiography) and sometimes small debridement procedures, Bronchoscopes, Central Line placements such as PICC lines and Triple lumen catheters, Intubations, Xrays.

Our nursing staff works both 8- and 12- hour shifts.

Rounds are started daily at 09:00.

**Visiting Hours for Critical Care Units**

Visiting hours for our patients are 10:00 to15:00 and 16:00 to19:00 then 20:00 to 21:00.

These breaks in our visiting hours allow our staff to provide report in a secure fashion.

Only 2 visitors to a room and no one under the age of 12 are permitted in the Units.

**Clinical Director**

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**Clinical Instructor**

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The Doctors Community Hospital Emergency Department, a 45-bay unit that serves approximately 60,000 patients annually, provides emergent and urgent medical care to the diverse population in our community. Our providers, nurses and technicians work in teams to provide care to all patient populations with any emergent complaint. Although the hospital does not have specialty inpatient units for Pediatrics, Obstetrics or Psychiatry, the Emergency Department is a place where a student can expect to see everything from a child's earache to a full cardiac arrest. We pride ourselves on providing an atmosphere of learning for all levels of health care workers with patient safety being our top priority.

Nurse to patient ratio is 1:4-5.

**Clinical Director**

Jennifer Carini-Metcalf, RN, BS, MBA

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**Clinical Instructor**

Chris Rawlinson, RN, CEN

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*Ask questions, get involved!!*



## EVALUATION OF STUDENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Please fill out the following information and present this form to the Human Resources or Security Department before having your picture taken.

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DATES OF CLINICAL

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COURSE

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UNIT ASSIGNED

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SCHOOL

PLEASE RATE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE: 1= STRONGLY DISAGREE    2= DISAGREE    3= AGREE    4= STRONGLY AGREE

1. The clinical experience helped you meet the course objectives. 1  2  3  4
  
2. The staff was receptive to students. 1  2  3  4
  
3. The staff was willing to share their knowledge. 1  2  3  4
  
4. The nurses with whom you worked served as effective role models. 1  2  3  4
  
5. Orientation helped to prepare you for your experiences in this hospital. 1  2  3  4
  
6. What was the best aspect of your experience here?
  
7. What was the worst aspect of your experience here?
  
8. Would you consider working at Doctors Community Hospital? YES  NO

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

# SYSTEMS FAILURE & BASIC STAFF RESPONSE

(See Department Policies and Procedures for additional details.)

FAILURE OF	WHAT TO EXPECT	WHO TO CONTACT	RESPONSIBILITY OF USER
Computer Systems	Systems down.	Information Systems	Use backup manual / paper systems.
Electrical Power Failure – Emergency Generators Work	Mainly lights are out.	Plant Operations	Ensure that life support systems are on Emergency power (red outlets). Ventilate patients by hand as necessary. Complete cases in program asap. Use flashlights.
Electrical Power Failure – Total	Only red plug outlets work. Failure of all electrical Systems.	Plant Operations & Respiratory Care Services.	Utilize flashlights & lanterns, hand ventilate patients, manually regulate ivs, don't start new cases.
Elevators Out Of Service	All vertical movement will have to be by stairwells.	Plant Operations & All Managers	Review fire and evacuation plans, await instruction.
Elevator Stopped Between Floors	Elevator alarm bell sounding.	Plant Operations & Security	Keep verbal contact with personnel still in elevator and let them know help is on the way.
Fire Alarm System	No fire alarms or sprinklers.	Plant Operations	Institute Fire Watch, minimize fire hazards, use phone or runners to report fire.
Medical Gases	Gas alarms, no o2 or medical air or nitrous oxide (no2).	Plant Operations & Storeroom & Respiratory Care Services	Hand ventilate patients; transfer patients if necessary, use portable o2 and other gases, call for additional portable cylinders.
Medical Vacuum	No vacuum; vacuum systems fail and In alarm.	Plant Operations, Respiratory Care & Central Services	Call Central Services for portable vacuum, obtain portable vacuum from crash cart, finish cases in progress, do not start new cases.
Natural Gas Failure Or Leak	Odor, no flames on burners, etc.	Plant Operations	Open windows to ventilate, turn off gas equipment, don't use any spark producing devices, electrical motors, switches, etc.
Nurse Call System	No patient contact.	Plant Operations	Use bedside patient telephone if available; move patients; use bells, detail a rover to check patients.
Patient Care Equipment/Systems	Equipment / system does not Function properly.	Biomedical Engineering	Remove & tag defective equipment. Replace equipment.
Sewer Stoppage	Drains backing up.	Plant Operations	Do not flush toilets, do not use water. Line Toilets with RED bags.
Steam Failure	Sterilizers inoperative.	Plant Operations, Biomedical Engineering, Ips Product Manager & O.R. Supervisor	Conserve sterile materials. Arrange sterilization with PGGH, use steam generator in O.R.
Telephones	No phone service.	Telephone Commutations	Use overhead paging, pay phones, obtain walkie-talkies from O.R.
Water	Sinks & toilets inoperative.	Plant Operations & Materials Management	Institute Fire Watch; conserve water, use bottled water for drinking; be sure to turn off water in sinks, non-potable water for flushing toilets.
Water Non-Potable	Tap water unsafe to drink.	Plant Operations, Food Services & All Managers	Place "Non Potable Water – Do Not Drink" signs at all drinking fountains and wash basins.
Ventilation	No ventilation; no heating or cooling.	Plant Operations	Open windows in non-isolation rooms or obtain blankets if needed, restrict use of odorous / hazardous materials.

## PHONE NUMBERS

Biomed..... 8133 / "0"	Information Systems..... 8173/7776	Material Mgmt..... 8151	Safety..... 8026
IPS..... 8572	Plant Operations..... 8169 / "0"	Telephone Comm..... 8598 / "0"	
Food & Nutrition..... 8161	Respiratory Care..... 8076	Security..... 8071	

## EMERGENCY CONDITION & BASIC STAFF RESPONSES

(See Department Policies and Procedures for additional detail.)

PROBLEM	DESCRIPTION	INITIAL RESPONSE	SECONDARY RESPONSE	FOLLOW UP
Code Red (Fire)	Notification of fire, smoke, or smell of something burning	Rescue those in immediate danger (if safe to do so) Activate the alarm (Dial 222 and pull manual alarm) Contain the fire (Close doors) Extinguish the fire (if safe to do so)	Use an extinguisher to put out the fire. Pull the pin. Aim the hose. Squeeze the handle. Sweep from side-to-side at base of fire.	Evaluate if appropriate. Critique.
Code FW (Fire Watch) System Failure	Notification of Fire Watch	Listen to overhead announcement. Conduct hourly survey of areas as instructed by Supervisor.	Initiate Code Red Policy in the event of a fire.	Evaluate if appropriate. Critique.
Code Gold (Bomb Threat)	Notification of bomb on campus, usually by an outside caller.	Call 222 if a threat is received. Listen to overhead announcement. Search area utilizing bomb search checklist. Do not touch if found.	Notify Operator (222) and Supervisor if suspicious package is found. Evacuate area surrounding suspicious package / bomb.	Complete the departmental bomb threat form. Critique.
Code Orange (Hazardous Material / Radiation Accident)	Notification of hazardous material disaster (Internal or External)	Listen to overhead announcement. Seal off area and victims. Hazmat Team to victim site.	Seek / coordinate decontamination of victim(s). Await request for additional staff for assistance.	Decontaminate area. Complete report of incident. Critique.
Code Yellow (External Disaster)	Notification of an External Disaster	Listen to overhead announcement. All staff report to their department.	When Code Yellow is paged report to Staffing Center for assignment. When additional staff arrive, report to Staffing Center.	Critique.
Code I (Internal Disaster)	Notification of an Internal Disaster	Overhead announcement. All staff report to their department.	Personnel will be called and instructed to report to Command Post. Listen to overhead instructions.	Critique.
Code Purple (Security Emergency)	Notification of hostage situation, civil disturbance or other security emergency	Listen to overhead announcement. All staff report to their department except for involved department.	Remain in department until "All Clear" is paged.	Critique.
Code Pink (Infant / Child Abduction)	Notification of infant / child abduction	First person to identify abduction situation will call 222. Do not disturb or touch anything in immediate area where infant/child was last seen.	Security / designee immediately assigned to all egress areas. Assist police as requested.	Critique.
Code Gray (Elopement)	Notification of person who may be dangerous to self or other who has left the unit without notifying staff	First person discovering elopement is to notify Unit Manager who will notify Security and the Administrator Nursery Supervisor	Security will search premises and notify police if necessary.	Critique.
Code Green (Combative Person)	Person becomes agitated and is a danger to self or others	Try to talk person down. Notify Manager and/or Security for assistance.	Call 222 and have a "Code Green" paged to get help in controlling person. If necessary the Supervisor will call 911.	Critique.