

## Clinical Posts for Nursing Staff in SVUH

St. Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) is a Major Dublin Level 4 Academic Teaching hospital with approximately 614 beds, affiliated to University College, Dublin. SVUH has many specialties and participates in the The National Clinical Care Programmes with the provision of care in specialist units such as a medical observation unit, an acute orthopaedic unit, an acute surgical unit, an acute care unit, an acute medical assessment and an acute medicine unit. It is the National Liver transplant Centre, Pancreatic and kidney transplant centre and Pancreatic Centre. The St. Charles Centre for Dermatology and the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Unit for the Republic of Ireland are other specialties within SVUH.

Clinically, it offers a wide variety of experience for our nursing staff, including general and specialist surgery, medicine, critical care, emergency medicine and interventional radiology. Its emergency department is known as one of the busiest in the Dublin region with over 1,100 attendances per week.

In addition a new model of nursing has been developed and implemented The Careful Nursing Model which has been implemented on a phased basis throughout the hospital and is utilised in the majority of areas. There are over 60 clinical nurse specialists and 11 clinical facilitators available to patients and staff.

### Clinical areas within SVUH

Medical Directorate		Surgical Wards	
Acute Medical Unit	St Anne's ward	St James'	St Joseph's
Our Lady's	St Anne's Day centre	St Laurence's	St Helen's
St Agnes'	Emergency Department	Acute Orthopaedic Unit	St Charles'
St Andrews	Coronary Care Unit	St Luke's 1	St Brigid's
St Christopher's	Cat Lab	St Luke's 2	Radiology
St Lucy's	Caritas/Transitional Care Unit	St Mark's	Theatre
St Monica's	IV therapies	Acute Surgical Unit	Raphaels
St Patrick's	ADCC		
St Paul's	Dermatology		
St Vincent's	St Michael's		

### Medical Directorate

#### **Acute Medicine Unit (AMU St Johns) and Acute Medicine Assessment Unit (AMAU):**

This is a 41 bedded Unit, 11 acute medical assessment unit beds and a 30 bedded acute medicine unit. It accepts patients who require acute medical assessment and treatment and short stay admissions for up to 72 hours from the Emergency Department (ED).

Educational Opportunities: There is a UCD affiliated level 8 Continuous Professional Development programme for Acute Medical assessment in place to support learning for staff.  
Career Opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, Clinical Nurse Manager, ANP, ED, ICU, CCU.

### **Coronary Care Unit**

The Cardiology department is dedicated to creating a learning environment that allows staff members to provide holistic nursing care to all patients. The cardiology department consists of four main areas:

- 8 bedded Coronary care unit
- 12 bedded Cardiology Ward
- 5 bedded Cardiac Assessment Unit
- Cardiac Cath Lab

All new staff members are orientated to the cardiology area and are supported and guided by the clinical facilitator.

Educational Opportunities: Staff nurses are encouraged to partake in the Cardiovascular Nursing Career Development Programme. This innovative programme provides an excellent opportunity for RGN's to be employed while undertaking a structured clinical career

Development programme gaining experience caring for critically ill patients and also completing a post graduate qualification in cardiovascular care.

Career Opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, Clinical Nurse Manager, ANP, Clinical Facilitator, Cardiac CAT lab.

### **Emergency Department**

A dynamic area to work with a mix of all specialities in a well-supported environment. New staff will be oriented to the department and work closely with the Clinical Facilitators and CNM2's on each shift. Different areas in the department include: triage, resuscitation area, majors and ambulatory care frailty car and EDITH programme.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Tracheostomy care, Advanced Trauma Life Support, plaster casting – to a six month CPD programme (level 8) or graduate diploma in Emergency Nursing (UCD – level 9)

Career Opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, Clinical Nurse Manager, ANP, Clinical Facilitator, GP Liaison Nurse ,Frailty Team member, IC

### **Our Lady's Ward: - Stroke**

This is a 26 bedded Medical Ward catering for care of the older person and includes the Stroke Unit and Hyper Acute Stroke beds (currently 2 to expand to 4). It offers good medical clinical experience including discharge planning while also providing opportunities for the staff to become familiar with the varied members of the multidisciplinary team.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, – to a CPD in Hyper Acute Stroke and CPD in Care of the Older Person

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP, ICU.

### **St Agnes' Ward**

This is a 23 bedded medical ward caring for patients with rheumatic conditions, the frail elderly and patients with dementia, and general medical care. St Agnes ward patients are undergoing investigations and procedures to progress the patient's journey to discharge. It also has an End of Life Room to facilitate the care of the dying patient and their family.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, – to CPD in Medical Nursing and CPD in Care of Older Person

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP.

### **St Andrew's Ward**

This is a 35 bed capacity and is a semi-private Medical / Surgical ward. The patient cohort includes patients with COPD and asthma, Congestive Cardiac failure and Stroke rehabilitation. Incorporating the variety of levels of nursing care needed, from basic Nursing Care all the way to Discharge Planning (PHN, Community Intervention, and Convalescence, Long term care, Fair Deal) Multidisciplinary collaboration and family involvement.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, COPD and asthma, Congestive Cardiac failure and Stroke rehabilitation, Tracheostomy care, – to a CPD in medical nursing and care of older person.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP.

### **St Christopher's Ward – Cystic Fibrosis**

This is a 20 bedded ward specialising in the care of Cystic Fibrosis patients in the Nutley wing. This is a Careful Nursing Ward. This patient cohort includes patients with a chronic respiratory disease and pancreatic insufficiency. The patients care assessment for transplant work-up and cared for post lung transplant. Staff are welcome to undertake the Post Graduate Diploma in Respiratory Nursing with RCSI

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, – Post Graduate Diploma in Respiratory Nursing with RCSI.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP.

### **St Anne's Ward - Oncology**

This is a dynamic 20 bedded Oncology Haematology unit specialised in a variety of cancers and treatments including Chemotherapy, radiotherapy, autologous Stem cell transplant, acute symptom control, Managing Oncology emergencies, and palliative care. St. Anne's unit provides an excellent range of professional development opportunities for all levels of staff.

Educational Opportunities: St. Anne's unit provides an excellent range of professional development opportunities for all levels of staff. Staff are encouraged and supported to participate in the following programmes; Venepuncture & Cannulation, CPD in Cancer nursing, CVAD Training, Chemotherapy administration, Cancer CPD in Autologous stem cell transplant, Short courses and conferences, Graduate Diploma in Cancer Nursing.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP, Clinical Facilitator, Triage Nurse.

### **St Anne's Day Centre - Oncology**

St. Anne's day centre is a busy day oncology haematology unit which provides chemotherapy administration, supportive infusions, telephone triage and medical care to a wide range of oncology and haematology patients. Nurses working in the unit have the opportunity to gain experience in administering chemotherapy, venepuncture and Cannulation, management of oncology, haematology emergencies, patient assessment, education, and care of vascular access devices.

We provide a structured orientation and training programme for all new staff to aid their integration into the day ward environment. Within the unit, clinical facilitator, clinical managers and experienced staff nurses are present to guide the new staff members in achieving the knowledge, and skills required for the care of patients affected with cancer.

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Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP, Clinical Facilitator, Triage Nurse.

### **St. Lucy's Ward**

This is a 32 bedded general medical ward specialising in gastroenterology. Nursing staff may be exposed to the medical and nursing care of patients with Crohns disease, ulcerative colitis and diverticular disease. Patients requiring Telemetry are also cared for on St. Lucy's Ward. Nursing learning opportunities are to care for patients pre and post endoscopic procedures, OGD, Colonoscopy and post biopsy.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, education in care for patients pre and post endoscopic procedures, OGD, Colonoscopy and post biopsy. CPD in medical nursing and care of older person.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP, Endoscopy, Bowel screening.

### **St. Monica's Ward – Infectious Diseases**

This is a 20 bedded isolation ward in the Nutley Wing. Many of these patients have infectious conditions requiring isolation. It offers students a wide variety of medical experience. St. Monica's ward has patients requiring CPAP/BIPAP and AIRVO and patients with tracheostomies. Staff are offered the learning opportunity to develop their skills in these areas.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care- CPD in medical nursing and care of older person.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP.

### **St. Patrick's Ward**

This is a busy 26-bedded ward catering for renal patients in acute/chronic renal failure undergoing both haemodialysis and Peritoneal dialysis.

It also accommodates general medical patients and has an End of Life Room to facilitate the care of the dying patient and their family. The 4 bedded Medical Observation Unit (MOU) is situated on St. Patrick's ward. Acutely ill patient with conditions such as Diabetic Ketoacidosis Hyponatraemia and Hypernatremia and patients with hypo/hyperkalaemia are cared for in the MOU. Staff are encouraged to progress to working in the MOU, thus advancing their skills and knowledge.

Educational Opportunities: Staff are welcome to undertake the Renal Nursing Programme at Post Graduate Diploma level 9 and the CPD for the Medical Observation Unit which is a stepping stone to critical care nursing and ICU progression.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP, Renal nursing, Diabetic Nursing, ICU.

### **St Paul's Ward - Respiratory**

This is situated on the first floor of the Herbert Wing. It is a 30 bedded acute respiratory/medical ward. The ward is comprised of ward beds and a 4 bedded NIV unit. Nursing staff gain experience in a wide variety of respiratory conditions and staff are welcome to undertake the Post Graduate Diploma Level 9 course in Respiratory Nursing with RCSI as well as opportunities to up skill in the care of patients on CPAP, BIPAP, and AIRVO as well as patients with tracheostomies.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, – Post Graduate Diploma in Respiratory Nursing with RCSI. CPD in medical nursing.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP, ICU.

### **St. Vincent's Ward - Neurology**

This is a 13 bedded medical ward, specialising in Neurology. Learning outcomes include, nursing care of patients with neurological conditions, chronic pain pathways and cardiac telemetry patients. This care incorporates a variety of levels of nursing care needed from basic nursing care all the way to discharge planning Multidisciplinary collaboration and family involvement.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, –Nursing care of patients with Neurological disorders.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist in neurology disorders, ANP.

### **St Michael's Ward:**

This is a 20 bedded ward in the Nutley Wing. It offers New Graduates a wide variety of medical experience with a very good learning environment with a high level of support from Nurse Education and Nurse Management. Patient cohort include patients with variety of medical conditions such as gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, renal, endocrine, patients requiring pain management, palliative care , symptom management etc. Incorporating the various levels of nursing care needed, nurses get involved in the discharge planning, multidisciplinary collaboration, and family involvement. It provides an excellent range of professional opportunities. Staff are encouraged to participate in the wide range of educational opportunities available.

Educational Opportunities: There are many educational opportunities available – from day/short courses such as Non-Invasive Ventilation, Tracheostomy care, – CPD in medical nursing.

Career Opportunities: Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP

### **The Transitional Care Unit (TCU) (Caritas)**

The TCU is a 24 bedded ward located at Caritas on the Merrion Road under the governance of St Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH). This unit will form part of our egress strategy during COVID-19 and beyond.

All patients transferred to this new unit will require ongoing rehabilitation. The gains they will have made in hospital prior to transfer will need to be maintained and progressed in order that they are discharge ready for their chosen and most appropriate destination of discharge. Their

destination of discharge should have been made clear by the patient, and where appropriate, their family prior to their transfer to this new ward.

An understanding that a person's needs may change when they are on this ward is necessary. Transfer back to the main hospital site, under the acute physician of the day may be required.

**Educational Opportunities:** Staff are encouraged to participate in the wide range of educational opportunities. Opportunity to work as a part of an MDT and interact with both outpatient and inpatient services for discharge planning. Working closely with Care of Older person's in Carew House.

**Career Opportunities:** Clinical Nurse Manager, Clinical nurse specialist, ANP in Care of the Elderly

### **Dermatology**

This is a five day Monday – Friday day unit specializing in skin disease. There is a minor procedures room, laser therapy room, Day theatres & Phototherapy unit along with OPD clinics. There are nurse led clinics.

**Educational opportunities:**

- Post grad diploma in Dermatology
- CPD in Surgery skills
- MSC in Nursing.

**Career opportunities:** Clinical nurse specialist, CPC, CNM.

## **SURGICAL WARD POSTS**

### **Acute Orthopaedic Unit (AOU)**

The 16 bedded AOU looks after acute orthopaedic patients. It offers a wide variety of clinical experience from elective surgeries and traumas. The patients remain in the AOU for a maximum of 48 hours. The patients cared for are poly-trauma, spinal injuries, limb fractures and spinal surgery. It is the regional referral centre for bone sarcoma surgery and orthopaedic surgery.

**Educational opportunities:**

- Orthopaedic CPD module accredited to UCD level 8
- Post grad diploma in orthopaedic nursing through the RCSI
- Post grad cert in casting and splinting through the RCSI
- MSC in Nursing

**Career opportunities:** Plaster casting and splinting nurse, CNS, CF, CNM, Theatre, ICU

### **Acute Surgical Unit (ASU)**

This is a 15-bedded area which provides dedicated, transitory centralised care to acutely ill surgical patients (male and female) admitted directly from the Emergency Department or Operating Theatre for a maximum of 72hrs. The ward has a large and varied caseload receiving

patients who have had an emergency admission to hospital. The ASU receives all patients who are not orthopaedic trauma. The ASU is an innovative and dynamic area to work in with their varying and interesting workload. The ASU won best clinical learning environment as voted for by the students in 2020.

Educational opportunities:

- CPD course in surgical nursing accredited to UCD level 8
- Post grad diploma in surgical nursing through the RCSI
- MSC in Nursing

Career opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, CPC, CNM , Theatre, ICU.

### **St. Brigid's Ward – Liver & Pancreas transplant unit**

St. Brigid's ward is located in the Nutley Wing. St. Vincent University Hospital is the National Centre for Adult Liver Transplantation. Patients cared for here are undergoing liver transplant assessment and work up, post op liver transplant care including immunosuppression medication education, oesophageal varices and bleeding tendencies, Hepatocellular carcinoma treatments, liver cirrhosis and autoimmune liver disease.

Educational opportunities

- Staff have the opportunity to undertake the Level 8 Hepatobiliary Care course affiliated as a CPD course with UCD.

Career opportunities Opportunity to develop specialist knowledge and practice in a National Referral Centre.

### **St. Charles Ward – Urology surgery**

This 20 bedded surgical ward is specialising in Genito-Urinary in the Nutley wing. It is staffed by three Consultants with a specialist interest in all aspects of urologic cancer in particular, prostate cancer, Urodynamics and female urology. St. Charles's ward was awarded the best clinical learning environment as voted by the students in 2012.

Educational opportunities:

- CPD course in surgical nursing accredited to UCD level 8
- Post grad diploma in surgical nursing through the RCSI
- MSC in Nursing

Career opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, CPC, CNM, Urodynamics nursing, Theatre, ICU.

### **St. Helen's Ward – Breast, Gynae & Plastics surgery**

This is a 22 bedded surgical ward located on the fourth floor. It specialises in Plastic Surgery, Breast and Endocrine patients and Gynaecological patients. This includes procedures such as skin grafts. The MDT on St. Helens Ward provides pre and post-operative care to patients undergoing a wide range of surgical procedures. There is a wide range of different wound dressings approaches including PICO and VAC dressings. Staff education includes the Breast Cancer strand of the Oncology Post Graduate Diploma with UCD at level 9.



Educational opportunities:

- CPD course in surgical nursing accredited to UCD level 8
- Post grad diploma in surgical nursing through the RCSI
- MSC in Nursing

Career opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, CPC , CNM , ANP, Theatre, ICU.

### **St. James' Ward – Ophthalmology 5-day surgery & services unit**

This is a five day Monday – Friday surgical ward specializing in eyes (ophthalmology). Day surgery patients requiring specialist eye surgery and eye clinics are facilitated in this area. There is a minor procedures room, laser therapy room and sterile injection room. There are nurse led clinics such as pre admission clinic.

Educational opportunities:

- Post grad diploma in ophthalmology
- MSC in Nursing.

Career opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, CPC, CNM, Theatre, ICU.

### **St. Josephs Ward – Vascular, ENT, Thoracic surgery & HDU**

The ward has 21 beds. There is a combination of 17 ward beds and 4 ACU beds. It is a very busy Specialist surgical ward including E.N.T, Cardiothoracic and Vascular. St. Josephs ward was awarded best Clinical Learning Environment 2017 as voted by the Intern Student Nurses that year. There is an acute skills care course in which staff are offered a HDU programme to develop their skills.

There is also a 4 bedded Acute Care Unit. It also has an End of Life Room to facilitate the care of the dying patient and their family.

Educational opportunities

- Staff may undertake the Foundation in Intensive Care Nursing CPD course (Acute Skills Care course) as a development of High Dependency Unit Programme to develop their acute skills.

Career opportunities: Development opportunities from Ward to ACU pathway.

### **St. Laurences - Orthopaedic surgery & orthopaedic rehabilitation**

St Laurence's ward is a 26 bedded ward specialising in orthopaedics. It offers a wide variety of clinical experience from elective surgeries and traumas. The patients cared for are polytrauma, spinal injuries, limb fractures and spinal surgery. The ward focuses on the rehabilitation and optimisation of patients on their road to recovery. The ward participates in the Irish hip fracture database since 2013 and has been among top performing of the Dublin hospitals. Laurence's ward cares for hip patients than any of the other major academic hospitals in Ireland. The ward has sent delegates to international conferences to present their research and achievements. With the ward taking on a process of becoming a dementia friendly ward.

Educational opportunities:

- Orthopaedic CPD module accredited to UCD level 8
- Orthopaedic nursing course through RCSI
- Hospital casting and splinting course
- MSc in nursing

Career opportunities: Plaster and splinting nurse, CF, CNM, Theatre and ICU.

### **St. Luke's 1 - General major surgery & colorectal surgery**

This is a busy 24 bedded surgical area specialising in colorectal disease on the second floor of the hospital. Lukes 1 is the regional referral centre for colorectal disease and the area for surgical management of bowel disorders. Pre and post-operative care is provided for many surgeries including anterior resections, Hartmann's procedures, colectomies and abdominal perineal resections. Nurses care for parenteral and enteral nutrition, wound dressings, drains and complex analgesia and also care of stoma patients. Lukes 1 has been involved in the trailing and testing of patient equipment and has nominated for awards in the innovative changes they have made to nursing practice. Lukes 1 won best teaching area as nominated by the students in 2016.

Educational opportunities:

- CPD course in surgical nursing accredited to UCD level 8
- Post grad diploma in surgical nursing through the RCSI
- MSC in Nursing

Career opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, CPC , CNM , ANP, Theatre, ICU.

### **St. Luke's 2 - Hepatobiliary & general major surgery**

This is a 23 bedded surgical area for pancreatic and hepatobiliary disease. It is the National Centre for Pancreatic Cancer. Patients with pancreatitis, cholecystitis, liver, pancreatic and cholangio carcinoma are treated and cared for on St. Luke's 2. Pre and post-operative care is provided for the many surgeries including cholecystectomy, liver resection and pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipples Procedure) and bariatric surgery. The ward recently won an award in the HSE innovation for developing a protocol for bedside insertion of NJ tubes which are nurse led.

Educational opportunities:

- CPD course in surgical nursing accredited to UCD level 8
- Post grad diploma in surgical nursing through the RCSI
- MSC in Nursing

Career opportunities: Clinical nurse specialist, CPC, CNM , ANP, Theatre, ICU.

### **St. Mark's Ward – Acute 5-day surgery & services unit**

This is a 23 bedded day care service operating Monday to Friday. It offers a wide range of diagnostic and surgical treatments. There is a pre-assessment clinic where a thorough assessment is done by nursing staff, with consultation from medical officers, anaesthetists and other health professionals. The pre-assessment clinic usually reviews at risk patient's pre operatively for example patients with a high BMI and those with various co-morbidities. Pre op investigations are done at this clinic i.e. ECG, bloods, PFT's, x-rays & various other scans.

Educational opportunities:

- Pre-operative assessment unit programme
- Grad Diploma in surgical nursing

Career opportunities: Pre-op Assessment nursing, Minor Operation Theatre, CPC, CNM, theatre

### **Surgical pathway to Interventional Radiology**

A new pathway through surgical wards to Radiology nursing is available. Following 6 months acute surgical ward acute experience from Sept/Oct, you can progress into Interventional Radiology to start the Foundation course in Radiology Nursing in April. Interviews will be convened for interested applicants and transfer to ICU is subject to passing hospital probation on the ward after 6 months.

Educational Opportunities:

- Foundation course in Radiology Nursing CPD (level 8 10 ECTS with UCD)
- Grad Diploma in Radiology Nursing
- MSc in Nursing

Career Opportunities: CNM, Interventional Radiology Rounding, CPC, Theatre, ICU.

### **Surgical pathway to ICU**

A new pathway through surgical wards to ICU is available. Following 6 months acute surgical ward acute experience from Sept/Oct, you can progress into ICU to start the Foundation course in Intensive Care Nursing in April. Interviews will be convened for interested applicants and transfer to ICU is subject to passing hospital probation on the ward after 6 months.

Educational Opportunities:

- Foundation course in Intensive Care Nursing CPD (level 8 10 ECTS with UCD)
- Grad Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing
- MSc in Nursing

Career Opportunities: CNM, Critical Care Outreach ANP, MICAs Ambulance nurse, CPC.