



Summary of Hospital Departments

HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital



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Glossary of Terms and Roles

Registered Nurse (RN)

ADN: Associate's Degree in Nursing; Two-year degree

BSN: Bachelor Degree in Nursing; Four-year degree

Anesthesia Technologist

High school diploma or GED required

Anesthesiologist

Medical degree; 12 to 14 years of education and training

Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)

One-year program

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Six- to 16-week program

Clinical*

Direct care of patients

Electroencephalographic Technologist (EEG Tech)

Two-year degree and certificate

Electrocardiogram (EKG)

Monitors the function of the heart

Electrocardiogram Technician (EKG Tech)

High school diploma or GED required

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Basic (EMT-B): Eight- to 16-week program;

Paramedic: Two-year program

Exercise Physiologist

Four-year degree

Non-Clinical

Support of all hospital functions

Pharmacist

Six- to eight-year program for PharmD credential

Pharmacy Technologist

Certificate program

Physician

Eight to 16 years of education and training depending on specialty

Respiratory Therapist (RT)

Two- to four-year degree

Radiation Technologist (Rad Tech)

One- to two-year certificate or degree

Sonographer

Certificate or two-year or four-year degree

Sterile Processing Tech

High school diploma or GED required

Surgical Tech

Certificate

** As students shadow in various hospital departments, situations involving a patient's bodily exposure may occur. This is normal and will be handled by hospital colleagues in a way that is dignified and respectful. We ask that students who feel uncomfortable please tell their supervisor.*

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Health Care Professions

- **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

Positions: Exercise physiologist; RN

Description: Medically supervised physical therapy to help individuals recover from heart conditions, such as heart attack or heart surgery.

- **Electroencephalography (EEG)**

Position: EEG tech

Description: Performs EEGs to perform and record brain wave activity.

- **Imaging: Cardiac Services**

Positions: RN; radiology tech; sonographer

Description: EKG - Technician performs EKGs (inpatient and outpatient), in addition to rapid responses for inpatient and outpatient units as needed.

- **Echo Lab:** Sonographers perform echocardiograms (heart ultrasound), both in the department and for patients receiving certain procedures in the cath lab.
- **Stress Lab:** Nurses prep inpatients and outpatients for stress tests. Tests are performed once the providers have arrived in the department.
- **Vascular Lab:** Sonographers perform ultrasound exams specific to vascular and arterial diseases in the department and sometimes in the patient's room.

- **Imaging: Radiology**

Positions: Radiology tech; sonographer

Description: Provides precise and prompt diagnostic imaging to support patient care across many medical specialties.

- **Phlebotomy**

Position: Phlebotomist

Description: Collects blood specimens from patients with needles for diagnostic purposes as ordered by providers.

- **Respiratory Therapy**

Position: Respiratory therapist

Description: Concerned with the treatment, management and care of the patient's breathing. Respiratory therapists work under the direction of doctors and treat patients ranging from premature infants to the elderly.

- **Sterile Processing**

Position: Sterile processing tech

Description: Cleaning and decontaminating surgical instruments and equipment, assembling and packaging instruments for sterilization and inspecting and maintaining inventory of sterile supplies.

- **Surgery**

- **Position:** Surgical tech

Description: Specialize in preparing the operating room and assisting during surgery.

- **Position:** Anesthesia tech

Description: Specialty trained staff working as a team with surgeons and anesthesiologists to bring about excellent patient outcomes. An anesthesiologist gives medications to guide patients into a state of unconsciousness where they lose sensation to pain during a surgical procedure. These procedures can be internal or external.

Health Care Professions: Nursing

Nurses are trained health care providers who work closely with doctors to provide care and support to individuals during illness or injury. They also promote health and prevent disease.

"Nurses are in every community – large and small – providing expert care from birth to the end of life. Nurses' roles range from direct patient care and case management to establishing nursing practice standards, developing quality assurance procedures and directing complex nursing care systems."
(ANA, 2025).

- **Cardiac Cath Lab**

Care for patients with heart and vascular issues including blockages, arrhythmias, structural deformities and more. Department includes outpatient cath lab.

- **Clinical Decision Unit (CDU) (short-stay observation unit)**

Observation unit connected to the ED. Patients are cared for with similar expectations to inpatient (meds, safety, monitoring, coordinating care) and often stay 24 - 48 hours with a priority on testing to rule out or diagnose issues that would move them to an inpatient status or clear them to go home and be managed outpatient.

- **Emergency Department (ED)**

Provides unscheduled outpatient services to patients who require immediate care. Open 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

- **Endoscopy**

Procedures are performed with endoscopes, which are cameras used to visualize structures within the body, such as the digestive tract, etc.

- **Intensive Care Unit (ICU)**

Specializes in treatment given to patients who are acutely unwell and require critical medical care.

- **Obstetrics (OB)**

Care for new mothers before and after delivery and for newborns from birth to discharge, including labor and delivery, newborn care, postpartum care, gynecological surgery (cesarean section), circumcision and triage of a pregnant mother to determine if she's in labor.

- **Medical-Surgical**

Comprehensive care of adult patients with a wide range of medical conditions and care of patients pre/post procedure and surgical interventions. Medical and post-surgical patients on third floor and light telemetry and medical on fifth floor.

- **Telemetry**

Care for patients who need continuous monitoring of their heart and vital signs. Patients wear small devices (called telemetry monitors) that send real-time data, like heart rate and rhythm. This allows the health care team to quickly notice any changes and respond. Patients typically have heart problems or are recovering from surgery or illness.

- **Wound Care**

Position: RN

Description: In partnership with Healogics, provides evidenced-based care to patients. Treats a variety of wounds throughout the body utilizing a variety of treatments including:

- Debridements (cleaning wounds)
- Variety of dressings
- Compression therapy
- Biologic tissue application
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
- Negative pressure wound therapy

Health Care Professions: Non-Clinical

- **Laboratory**

Position: Medical laboratory technician

Description: Perform tests on patient samples (blood, urine, tissues, etc.) to help diagnose, monitor and treat diseases.

- **Pharmacy**

Positions: Pharmacist; pharmacy tech

Description: Collaborate with health care providers to optimize medication therapy and ensure safe drug use.

- **Patient Access**

Positions: Billing, coding, cash posting, scheduling

Description: Register patients and collect demographic information, insurance information and co-pay. Data entry positions assist with vital hospital services.

- **Additional roles:**

Include: Logistics/supply chain; housekeeping; food and nutrition; bio-medical engineering; telephone operator

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