

Brendan House Transitional Care

Kalispell, MT

About the Brendan House Transitional Care Unit:

- **How many beds:** 38 bed unit
- **Patient demographics:** Primarily geriatrics, patients requiring skilled nursing and rehab services following hospitalization prior transitioning to back home or to another level of care. Generally, no pediatrics and no pregnant patients.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Twelve hour shifts 0630-1900/1830-0700. No on-call requirements, cross trained.

Common treatments and skill sets/procedures:

Neurologic events (CVA), surgical oncology, medical/surgical post hospitalization. Licensed nurses provide IV therapy, wound care, skilled nursing services, and end of life care.

Qualities of a transitional care unit nurse:

Nurses should have the ability to build a relationship with the patient during their stay and assist the patient to meet their goals towards homegoing.

This is a step down unit with nursing and rehab skilled services promoting return to baseline and transition back home. Nurses will thrive if they enjoy a busy environment with a set of patients who have diverse diagnoses from orthopedic surgery, to cancer and end of life care.

A day in the life of our unit:

Nurses will develop a solid foundation in nursing while using med/surg skills. Length of a patient stay is around 20 days. We provide a high level of skilled services for a transitional care unit, and we're supported and recommended by the providers. We provide a high quality of care. TCU is known for teamwork amongst the nursing department and an environment that promotes learning and growth.

