

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Kalispell, MT

About the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:

- **How many beds:** 12 bed unit
- **Patient demographics:** 24 weeks gestation up to 2 months for admission
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Nurses self-schedule 12-hour shifts. Shifts start at 0700 and 1900 in all of the units. Nights will be where nurse residents start and move to days based on seniority. Require 1 summer and 1 winter holiday based on a rotation schedule. Call requirements are being revised.

Common treatments and skill sets/procedures:

Prematurity, sepsis, surgical abnormalities at birth.

Qualities of a NICU nurse:

Nurses with a passion for women's and children's care will succeed in this environment. This job requires dedication to caring for the sick and injured patient as well as the entire family. Our departments provide space for the family to stay together and be part of the healing process. Being able to celebrate with the mother and father who just delivered their first or 10th baby; Empathizing with the parents of the child that is in the hospital for their first hundred days of life; And making treatments and therapies fun for the child in the hospital with a chronic condition are paramount traits of Obstetrics and Children's Hospital nurses.

A day in the life of our unit:

Shifts start with making assignments and reporting on the current patients. Rounding by a multidisciplinary team occurs during the day shift allowing for treatment and discharge planning to occur with the family at the bedside. On nights the providers will do brief rounds with the nurses to make sure there are no questions or concerns before bedtime.

With more than 100 pediatric primary care providers, and more than 40 pediatric specialty providers, Logan Health Children's is the first children's hospital in the state dedicated to caring for children and families with serious and chronic conditions. We have a Level 3 NICU caring for babies as early as 24 weeks gestation born in Northwest Montana.

