

Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)

Kalispell, MT

About the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU):

- **How many beds:** Pediatrics and PICU have 18 universal rooms, so all rooms can house both Pediatric and PICU patients.
- **Patient demographics:** We serve patients from 7 days of age to 18 years old from all over the state of Montana, and Northern Idaho.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Nurses do self-scheduling on a 6-week cadence. There is no formal call requirement.

Common treatments and skill sets/procedures:

Logan Health Children's has most subspecialties on sight. We are able to care for all types of PICU patients. Patients transferred to a quaternary center are those needing surgical heart interventions, burns and dialysis.

Qualities of a PICU nurse:

Nurses that will thrive are those with a strong pediatric background and passion for learning.

A day in the life of our unit:

Patients are admitted either directly or through the ER. Nurses carry out duties necessary to improve the health of critically ill and injured children. They work directly with pediatric therapies, child life specialists and other pediatric specific ancillary services such as respiratory therapy, pharmacy, PT, OT, and Speech, each shift.

The Logan Health Children's building was opened 4 years ago and has space for future expansion. We are the first designated children's hospital in the state of Montana with several subspecialties including, a robust pediatric neurosurgical and neurology service along with growing hematology/oncology services and two pediatric general surgeons who also care for pediatric trauma patients. Logan Health Children's recently began a collaboration with Colorado Children's Hospital for growth and development for our nursing staff and ancillary services.

