

Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Kalispell, MT

About the Intensive Care Unit (ICU):

- **How many beds:** 18 bed unit.
- **Patient demographics:** Our patient demographics include adults (ages 18+) experiencing severe sepsis, neurological events, severe diabetic ketoacidosis, open heart surgery and traumas.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Full time status nurses work three 12 hour shifts a week with no call requirement with the opportunity to sign up for extra shifts as needed.

Common treatments and skill sets/procedures:

Nurses work in conjunction within the provider team to deliver highly skilled therapies like management of the immediate post open heart patient, patients needing continuous renal replacement therapy, intubation, intracranial pressure monitoring, Impella and balloon pump devices.



Qualities of an ICU nurse:

The ICU nurses are trained to critically think to ensure the best outcomes possible through intense and prolonged periods of patient management. They are diligent in their care, focusing on the small important details of ICU work.

The ICU is known for nurses working well together and at the same time autonomous. Highly driven, the ICU nurse is a continuous learner seeking out new opportunities to practice skills and gain experience to better care for patients.

A day in the life of our unit:

Practicing in such a stressful environment creates a strong core team, and our nurses enjoy strong work relationships. Our diversified patient demographic and the acuity of our cases makes our nurses highly competitive, and our program advances their practice.