

Emergency Assessment Unit (EAU), Horton

Information about the placement

Emergency Assessment Unit (EAU) at the Horton General Hospital is a fast-paced unit where we aim to provide a holistic person-centred assessment of each patient as they come into our hospital. Patients are nursed in bays whilst they await investigations, or results. From EAU the patients may be admitted within the hospital or treated and discharged home.

You will be assigned an assessor who will oversee your time on the unit. You should complete your initial health and safety assessment with them on your first day, discuss any issues with them and establish your roster for the coming weeks. You may work alongside your assessor, but you will also work alongside other experienced nurses who are supervisors.

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Location

EAU is accessed from the main entrance, Horton General Hospital.

Key learning opportunities

In the EAU there are a lot of learning opportunities, for example:

- Understanding the treatment regimen and caring for the patients with the DKA protocol, alcohol withdrawal, palliative patients
- Interpreting the blood gases (VBGs)
- Caring for patients with a chest drain
- Caring for patients with NIV
- Interpreting the ECGs

Suggested spoke placements

- EAU Co-ordinator
- OT
- SALT
- Respiratory Nurse

- Heart Failure Nurse
- Cardiac Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Discharge Co-ordinator
- Emergency Department
- Rowan Ambulatory Unit (RAU)

Typical shift patterns

Long day: 07:30 - 20:00

Night: 19:30 - 08:00

Interdisciplinary learning

- Student nurses
- Medical students
- Paramedic students
- Occupational Therapy students
- Physiotherapy students

Useful reading for the placement

- ABCDE [A - E Assessment](#)
- [COPD](#)
- [Pneumonia](#)