

Geriatric Nursing Home Program



Program Description

This program provides nursing home services to individuals who because of the severity of their mental illness, cannot be served by a nursing home in the community. A comprehensive and individualized treatment plan is implemented, with an emphasis on providing the individual every opportunity to function as independently as possible in activities of daily living. A treatment goal is to live in the least restrictive environment, including discharging when appropriate community support services are available.

Individuals are typically admitted to the Adult Acute Psychiatric Program first. It will then be determined if the individual meets criteria for services provided by the Geriatric Nursing Home Program.

Admission Process

Admissions may occur through a mental health involuntary commitment, court order or voluntarily based on bed availability.

Examples of involuntary admissions include:

- [Mental health involuntary commitment](#)
- Tribal mental illness commitment
- [Court ordered treatment for competency restoration](#)

Prior to seeking voluntary admission to HSC, individuals are encouraged to utilize less restrictive [community-based mental health services](#).

The following will be requested during the pre-admission process:

- Presenting problems
- Psychiatric treatment history
- Medical history (If there are medical concerns, medical clearance by a physician may be necessary prior to admission.)
- Legal paperwork (e.g., mental health involuntary commitment, guardianship, power of attorney, living will)
- Family contacts and insurance provider

Questions?

For questions about the admissions process, required information and items your loved one can bring during their stay, contact HSC's Admission's Office at 605-668-3138 or 605-668-3100 after 9:00 p.m. CT and on weekends.

For questions about payment or financial assistance, contact the HSC Business Office at 605-668-3108.

