



minimum NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO

ALTERNATE LEVEL OF CARE (ALC) UNIT

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PREAMBLE STATEMENT

B.C.'s minimum nurse-to-patient ratios (mNPR) are grounded in a commitment to continuous improvement and ongoing learning, prioritizing the well-being of nurses and patients. As these ratios are implemented, we will engage in continuous improvement cycles to better understand their impact on nursing outcomes and patient care. This will enable us to make informed adjustments, ensuring that we meet the needs of nurses and patients effectively.

DEFINITION – An Alternate Level of Care (ALC) unit means:

- A multi-day inpatient unit which is organized, operated, and maintained to care for and co-locate alternate level of care (ALC) patients, which are patients that would otherwise be occupying a bed in a facility that do not require the intensity of resources/services provided in that care setting. Specifically, this is for patients assessed and awaiting placement for senior's long-term care and senior patients assessed and awaiting discharge to the community.

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