NURSING UNIT DESIGN

3245.1 A nursing station space shall be provided on each unit for the supervision and care of each resident.

3245.2 No resident’s bedroom shall be located more than one-hundred and twenty (120) feet from the nursing station.

3245.3 Adequate space and facility for the proper and easy maintenance of medical records shall be provided at each nursing station, and shall include an ample writing surface, be well-lighted, and be within easy reach of file cabinets and other record storage equipment.

3245.4 Each nursing station shall be well-ventilated, reasonably insulated from sound, and equipped with a telephone.

3245.5 At least one (1) toilet room with a sink shall be provided for the nursing staff.

3245.6 Where unit-dose or a similar medication system is not used, a medication preparation and storage room adjacent to the nurses’ station shall be provided.

3245.7 Each nurses’ station shall be well-lighted, equipped with hot and cold water fixtures, a locked refrigerator, and other locked cabinets used only for storage of medications and drug supplies, including controlled substances. Access to these areas shall be limited to authorized nursing, medical or pharmacy staff.

3245.8 A clean workroom shall be provided for nursing procedures and shall include a work area and counter space for medication preparation separate from those for nursing procedures. A single sink unit may be used for both activities.

3245.9 A telephone shall be provided for use by employees.

3245.10 A call system that meets the following requirements shall be provided:
(a) Be accessible to each resident, indicating signals from each bed location, toilet room, and bath or shower room and other rooms used by residents;
(b) In new facilities or when major renovations are made to existing facilities, be of a type in which the call can be terminated only in the resident’s room;
(c) Be of a quality which is, at the time of installation, consistent with current technology; and
(d) Be in good working order at all times.

3245.11 Adequate storage space shall be provided in each nursing unit for the storage of equipment, clean linens, and other non-pharmaceutical supply items.
3245.12 Adequate utility room space shall be provided in each nursing unit for the separate handling of various soiled functions.

3245.13 Separate rooms shall be provided when various soiled functions should not be mixed. Each nursing unit room for various soiled functions shall contain the following:
(a) Clinical sink;
(b) Adequate work counters;
(c) Adequate cabinet space;
(d) Waste receptacles; and
(e) Soiled linen receptacles.

3248. REFRESHMENT STATIONS

3248.1 Each nursing unit shall have a refreshment station area for use by the staff for the storage and serving of between-meal snacks to residents.

3248.2 The refreshment station area shall contain a refrigerator for food stuffs only, a sink, and equipment for heating foods and drinks.

Shower/Tub Room
3247.12 No less than one (1) one bath tub or shower shall be provided for every twenty (20) residents not otherwise served by bathing facilities

New Construction: Nursing Unit
3247.10 Each shower in newly constructed facilities shall be no less than four (4) feet square in size, including curbs, to prevent the flow of water from inside the shower.

Summary: Nursing Unit Design and Requirements; Distance from Nursing Unit; Refreshment Station; Work Room; Storage; Quick Response Required; Tub Ratio; Shower Size