

Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Student Fellowship Program Program Summary

Purpose

The **Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Student Fellowship Program** is designed to help stimulate career interest and foster the professional development of potential pediatric oncology nurses. The purpose of the Fellowship's is to provide aspiring nurses with comprehensive clinical exposure to oncology nursing and to "best practices" in compassionate care. Opportunities to attend various pertinent internal educational programs and meetings with key hospital staff members provide additional learning experiences for the Fellows.

The Fellowship has typically focused on adult oncology patient care. It is now expanding to provide aspiring oncology nurses with a meaningful internship in a very specialized field. This customized program has been developed with The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ("CHOP").

Program Scope

The Fellowship Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will include a comprehensive scope of direct care, observation and learning experiences in Pediatric Oncology, including but not limited to:

- Inpatient and Outpatient Oncology Nursing (roles/responsibilities, applied practice, specialties)
 - Neuro Oncology
 - Leukemia's
 - Lymphomas
 - Solid Tumors
 - Neurofibromatosis
 - Bone Marrow Transplant
 - Survivorship
 - Hematology
- Proton Therapy
- Clinical Research
- Palliative Care
- Home Care Services
- Patient/Family Support Services

Flynn Student Fellows will also be required to complete an evidence-based project on some aspect of pediatric oncology during their fellowship. This project will be developed in collaboration with the Program Coordinator and will be presented at the conclusion of the fellowship program.

In addition to these learning opportunities, Flynn Student Fellows will also have the opportunity to take part in learning experiences alongside nursing students who are part of the summer nursing Externship Program provided by CHOP.

Program Schedule

The program will span ten (10) weeks in length from May 31, 2016 through August 5, 2016 and will be conducted at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in Philadelphia, PA. Each fellow will spend 36 hours per week at the hospital.

Compensation

The student nurses will be paid a competitive hourly rate for the Fellowship during this 10-week program at \$13.55 per hour.

Application Process

This Fellowship is being offered to three (3) eligible "rising senior" nursing students. They will be selected by a CHOP committee from competitive undergraduate nursing schools.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 3.4 GPA or higher
- In good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership potential

Students who have expressed a strong interest in pediatric oncology will be invited to apply for the Flynn Oncology Nursing Student Fellowship Program. In order to be considered for this Fellowship, the applicants should complete an essay up to 3 pages in length sharing why they are interested in pediatric oncology nursing, what their career goals are and how this fellowship will assist them in attaining those goals.

Essays should be forwarded to Kristina Cobey at cobey@email.chop.edu no later than Wednesday January 20, 2016.

Interviews will be conducted on February 12, 2016 and February 19, 2016.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed and successful candidates will be notified by April 1, 2016.

All applicants will be required to:

- Submit an online application
- Express a strong interest in Pediatric Oncology
- Submit the following supplemental items:
 - Pediatric Oncology Essay
 - Official School Transcript
 - 3 References