

Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program 2016

Purpose

The Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship program is intended to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of potential Oncology Nurses. The program is focused on the critically important field of Oncology Nursing. This Fellowship is a unique and wonderful opportunity for nursing students to enhance their core clinical education through direct observation of Oncology patient care and exposure to related patient care responsibilities and services that typify Oncology Nurses' valuable role and important inter-relationships with other members of the healthcare team. After a rigorous application process, those selected will attend various pertinent internal educational programs and meetings with key staff members at Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center (DF/BWCC) who will provide additional learning experiences for the student nurses.

Program Scope

The Fellowship program is a combination of direct and observational learning experiences aimed at providing nursing students with exposure to Oncology Nursing including:

- Oncology Nursing (observe a variety of roles and associated responsibilities, practices, and possible career opportunities, etc.)
- Infusion Services (observe and learn "best practices" for providing care for patients/families)
- Radiation Therapy (observe the care of patients receiving radiation therapy including the assessment, evaluation and interventions for symptoms experienced by patients/families)
- Clinical Research (the role that nurses perform in research to provide improved outcomes for patients/families)
- Palliative Care and Integrative Nursing (understanding the critical role of and services that nurses and the interdisciplinary team provide for patients/families)
- Patient Support Programs (learning what is available for patients/families in need of psycho/social support)

In addition, as part of this learning/development experience, the student nurses will be required to develop a topic of interest related to Oncology Nursing which will be presented to the nursing and institutional leadership personnel during the last week of the program. We view this as a wonderful opportunity for future Oncology Nursing leaders to present the best of what they have learned during the course of their engagement at DF/BWCC.

Program Schedule

The program will span eight weeks in length, (from June 06, 2016 through July 29, 2016) and will be conducted at DF/BWCC in Boston, MA. The schedule may include eight, ten and twelve hour shifts, and follow a typical schedule for a practicing Oncology Nurse.

Compensation

The student nurse will be paid a stipend commensurate with the rate of pay for DF/BWCC clinical assistants during this Fellowship program.

Selection Process

Based on a competitive application and selection process, this Fellowship at DF/BWCC is being offered to **two** students entering the senior year at William F. Connell School of Nursing, Boston College. To apply for this fellowship, please submit an email to Jennifer Schiffman (jennifer_schiffman@dfci.harvard.edu) with **BC FLYNN FELLOWSHIP** placed in the Subject Line. All applications **MUST be received by email and NO LATER than 5pm on November 12, 2015**. Include the following with your email:

- Cover letter expressing your interest (as an attachment)
- Current CV including your student clinical experiences (as an attachment)
- Current cumulative GPA
- The names of two professional references; one **must be a full-time** BC nursing professor