

## 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. The Fellowship will enhance the student's core clinical education through direct observation of Oncology patient care and exposure to related patient care duties and services that typify Oncology nurses' valuable role and important inter-relationships with other members of the healthcare team. Opportunities to attend various pertinent internal educational programs and meetings with key staff members at Hartford Hospital will provide additional learning experiences for the student nurse.

**Program Scope:** The Fellowship program includes a comprehensive scope of direct observational and learning experiences, including exposure to:

- Oncology Nursing (roles/responsibilities, applied practice, career opportunities)
- Medical Surgical Oncology (principles of patient care, treatment plans, key policies/procedures, patient education)
- Cancer Clinical Research/Clinical Trials
- Oncology Office/Functional Organization (organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Palliative Care Department (patient and family support, organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Infusion Services and Radiation Oncology (including pediatrics)
- Home Hospice Services
- Patient Support Programs (including Navigation Services)
- Interdisciplinary Team: Physical Therapy, Integrative Medicine, Dietician, Pastoral Care, Social Services

In addition, as part of this learning/development experience and in collaboration with the Program Director, the student nurse will be required to complete an "evidence-based" research project in some aspect of Oncology Nursing. The project presentation will take place at the completion of the program to senior administration, nursing staff and colleagues from other disciplines including medicine, palliative care and social work.

**Program Schedule:** The program will span eight (8) weeks in length, beginning on June 6, 2016 and ending July 29, 2016 and will be conducted at Hartford Hospital (in Hartford, CT). The schedule will include five shifts per week, typically involving 7.5 hour shifts; the daily schedule may vary during the week.

**Compensation:** The student nurse will be paid an hourly rate of \$13.50 (\$4320.00 total) for this Fellowship during the course of the program.

**Application Process:** This Fellowship is being offered to one (1) eligible "rising senior" nursing student at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and one (1) eligible "rising senior" nursing student from the University of St. Joseph. Applicants must have achieved and maintained at least a 3.2 GPA and be in good standing. To apply, interested students should submit the following documents by email to Maria Tackett, EdD, CCRN, CEN, Nurse Director of Professional Practice at [Maria.Tackett@hhchealth.org](mailto:Maria.Tackett@hhchealth.org):

1. Resume
2. Transcript
3. Two (2) reference letters
4. 1-2 page essay ("why oncology" / "why me")

**Applications must be received by 5 PM on January 15, 2016 to be eligible for consideration.** Any questions regarding this program or the Application process should be directed to Maria Tackett, Nurse Director of Professional Practice, Hartford Hospital, 860-972-1407, [Maria.Tackett@hhchealth.org](mailto:Maria.Tackett@hhchealth.org).