

**UNC School of Nursing and NC Cancer Hospital  
Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program  
Nurs 496: Advanced Practicum in Nursing**

**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. This paid 6-week summer Fellowship provides an opportunity for nursing students to enhance their clinical education through direct observation and exposure to cancer patients and their families and the care they receive. They will observe and participate in interprofessional education and practice in oncology in a variety of settings and practices in oncology. After a rigorous application process, those selected will attend various pertinent internal educational programs and meetings with key staff members at North Carolina Cancer Hospital 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 inpatient and outpatient roles and associated responsibilities, practices, and participate in various internal oncology related conferences)
- *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)
- *Surgical Oncology* (observe the care of patients receiving surgery including the assessment, evaluation and interventions for symptoms experienced by patients/families)
- *Clinical Research* (the role that nurses perform in research and clinical trials to improve outcomes for patients/families)
- *Palliative Care and Hospice Services* (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; participate in the Comprehensive Cancer Support Program offerings)
- In addition, the Fellows are required to complete a project on some aspect of oncology nursing practice presented to the NC Cancer Hospital and UNC SON Faculty during the last week of the program.

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 NC Cancer Hospital.

**Program Schedule:** The program will span 200 hours in six weeks (Summer session II from June 20 through July 29, 2016) and will be conducted at NC Cancer Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC. The schedule will follow a typical schedule for a practicing Oncology Nurse depending on the practice setting (12 hours inpatient and 8 hours outpatient).

**Compensation:** A stipend commensurate with the rate of pay for NC Cancer Hospital clinical assistants during this program.

**Selection Process:** This NC Cancer Hospital Fellowship is being offered to two rising seniors at UNC School of Nursing. Please submit an email with **NC Cancer Hospital Flynn Fellowship** in the Subject Line to Deborah Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, at [dmayer@unc.edu](mailto:dmayer@unc.edu). Applications **MUST be received by 5pm on January 15, 2016. Decisions will be made by March 1st.** Include the following with your email:

- Cover letter expressing your interest and any particular experiences you are interested in
- Current CV including your student clinical experiences and current cumulative GPA
- Names and contact information for two professional references; one must be a UNC SON nursing faculty member