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Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship 2017

Purpose:

UConn Health John Dempsey Hospital and UConn School of Nursing are honored to partner with the Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program in 2017.

The Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program is intended to help stimulate and nourish the career interest and foster the professional development of potential Oncology Nurses. The program is focused on the vitally important field of Oncology Nursing. The Fellowship will enhance the student's core clinical education through direct observation of Oncology patient care, hands on Oncology clinical experience, and exposure to related patient care duties and services that typify Oncology nurses' valuable role and important inter-professional relationships with other members of the healthcare team. Opportunities to attend various pertinent John Dempsey Hospital/UConn Health educational programs and meetings with key staff members/committees will provide additional learning experiences for the student nurse.

The Fellowship at UConn Health is different from other Susan D. Flynn fellowships that you may have been informed about. In addition to the typical elements of this fellowship program, you will be enrolled in a three (3) credit course via UConn School of Nursing and upon successful completion will earn these 3 credits.

Program Scope:

The Fellowship program includes a comprehensive agenda of direct observational and hands on 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)
- Clinical Research
- Oncology Office/Clinic processes and routines (organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Palliative Care Department (patient and family support, organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)

- Infusion Services
- Radiation Therapy
- Patient Support programs
- Navigation
- Observation of the Oncology Nurse Practitioner Role

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 JDH/UConn Health senior nursing administration and various discipline representatives.

Program Schedule: The program will span ten (10) weeks in length, in the summer between the junior and senior years from May 12, 2017 through July 21, 2017 and will be conducted at UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital/Neag Cancer Center, Farmington, Connecticut. The schedule will include a combination of three (3) twelve hour shifts (inpatient area) or five (5) shifts (outpatient area) per week, typically involving 8 hour shifts; the daily schedule may vary during the week.

Compensation: The student nurse will be paid \$15.00/hour for this Fellowship program.

Application Process: This Fellowship is being offered to two (2) eligible, Fall, 2017 seniors at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing. 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 by email:

1. Resume
2. Official Transcript
3. Two (2) reference letters, one from a clinical instructor if possible.
4. 1-2 page essay addressing why you desire an oncology experience and why we should choose you

Please submit your application packets to: Mary Ellen Hobson, Director of Staff and Patient Education/Professional Development, at mhobson@uchc.edu.

Applications must be received by Friday, December 9, 2016 to be eligible for consideration. Interviews will be held in late December, early January. Any questions regarding this program or the Application process should be directed to Mary Ellen Hobson, Nurse Director of Professional Practice, John Dempsey Hospital, 860-679-2629, Mhobson@uchc.edu or Devon Bandouveres, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Fellowship Program Director, 860-679-2637, Bandouveres@uchc.edu.