

2017- Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program

Purpose

The Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program is designed to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of potential Oncology Nurses. The Fellowship's purpose is to provide aspiring nurses with a 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.

Although the Fellowship typically focuses on adult oncology patient care, to provide aspiring Oncology Nurses who desire to pursue Pediatric Oncology nursing with a meaningful internship in that very specialized field, this customized program has been developed with Children's National Health System.

Program Scope

The Fellowship program at Children's National includes a comprehensive scope of direct observation and learning experiences in Pediatric Oncology, including but not limited to:

- Oncology Nursing (roles/responsibilities, applied practice, specialties)
- Medical/Surgical Oncology (treatment plans, evidence-based practice, research protocols)
- Clinical Research
- Palliative Care (PANDA, End-of-Life programs)
- Infusion Services
- Home Care Services
- Patient/Family Support Services

Flynn 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 Fellows will also have the opportunity to take part in learning experiences alongside nursing students who are part of the summer nursing internship program provided by Children's National.

Program Schedule

The program will span nine (9) weeks in length from June 4- August 5, 2017 and will be conducted at Children's National Health System in Washington, DC. The schedule will be M-F 36-40 hours/week depending on clinical experiences.

Compensation

The student nurse will be paid a stipend of \$4500 for the Fellowship for the 9 week program.

Application process

This fellowship is being offered to three (3) eligible "rising senior" nursing students to be competitively selected from the following schools:

- Catholic University
- George Washington University
- Trinity Washington University
- University of Maryland

It is imperative before applying to this program to ensure your ability to attend the 9 week program in its entirety.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- In good academic standing

All applicants will be required to submit a detailed essay demonstrating the applicant's strong desire to practice in the pediatric oncology setting. Patient and family-centered care are core values at Children's National, in addition to care, advocacy, research and education. Applicants are encouraged to review the Children's National website at www.childrensnational.org as they prepare to write their essay.

Additionally all applicants will be required to:

1. Submit a current copy of your Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. Submit the following supplemental items:
 - Pediatric Oncology essay
 - Official School Transcript
 - 2 letters of recommendation

All items should be sent via email to: siwashin@childrensnational.org

Applications must be received no later than February 17, 2017; successful candidates will be notified by March 31, 2017.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed for completeness; please submit all requested items as a packet. Qualified candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee consisting of staff from the Nursing Education and Hematology/Oncology departments.

Any questions regarding this program should be directed to Shari Washington (Professional Practice Specialist and Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program Coordinator), at 202-476-3523 or siwashin@childrensnational.org