

Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship--2017

Purpose:

The Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship program is intended to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of nurses in the critically important field of Oncology. 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' vital 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 Wentworth-Douglass Hospital will provide additional learning experiences.

Program Setting:

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital (WDH) provides a unique setting for Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellows. The Seacoast Cancer Center (SCC) at WDH provides the most comprehensive program of medical and radiation oncology in the Seacoast of NH and Southern Maine. Our services include diagnostic testing, chemotherapy services, radiotherapy services, clinical trials and a full complement of support services designed to meet the special needs of oncology patients and their families. Fellows provide direct patient care in medical oncology, radiation oncology, our infusion treatment unit, and our inpatient medical unit. They also observe various procedures and surgeries for oncology patients in the operating room.

Program Scope:

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

- Oncology Nursing (possible roles/typical responsibilities, applied practice, possible career opportunities, etc.)
- Medical & Surgical Oncology (including treatment plans, key policies/procedures, patient education, etc.)
- Clinical Research (including the workings of the Institutional Review Board)
- Palliative Care Department (organization, resources, services)
- Infusion Services
- Radiation Therapy
- Home Hospice Services
- Patient Support Programs
- Various Internal Oncology-Related Forums

As part of this learning/development experience, the Fellow will be supported to complete a research-based service learning project in some aspect of Oncology Nursing to be presented at a formal reception on the final day of the program (July 28, 2017).

Program Schedule:

The program will span eight (8) weeks in length, from June 5, 2017-July 28, 2017. While on the inpatient unit, fellows will work with their preceptors for three 12-hour shifts (0700-1930 or 1900-0730) per week. On the Seacoast Cancer Center, fellows will work with their preceptors for four 9-hour day shifts.

Compensation:

The Fellow will be paid a stipend of \$4,500 over the eight weeks of the program.

Eligibility & Application Process:

The Fellowship is available to two (2) eligible seniors attending St. Anselm College, Fairfield University, or Boston College. Applicants must have achieved and maintained at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4-point scale) and be in good standing with their academic programs. A completed application must include:

- A current resume
- An academic transcript showing current GPA
- Contact information for two (2) professional references, one of which must be a current or past faculty member
- A well-written essay describing why the applicant wishes to pursue a career in oncology nursing and is well-suited for this experience.

Send the completed application materials to Susan Boardman at susan.boardman@wdhospital.com no later than **January 31, 2017**.