



## Susan D. Flynn Pediatric Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program--2018

### **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 involvement with various patient activities, and observational 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 practice" 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 ten (10) weeks in length from June 4- August 10, 2018 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.



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### **Compensation**

The student nurse will be paid a stipend of \$5,200 for the Fellowship for the 10 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

It is imperative before applying to this program to ensure your ability to attend the 10 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](http://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 (why Pediatric Oncology, why Me?)
  - Official School Transcript
  - 2 letters of recommendation

These supplemental items should be forwarded via email to: [siwashin@childrensnational.org](mailto:siwashin@childrensnational.org)

Application packets must be received no later than **February 16, 2018**; successful candidates will be notified no later than March 30, 2018.

Additional application processes will be shared with eligible applicants.

### **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](mailto:siwashin@childrensnational.org)