

Susan D. Flynn Pediatric Oncology Nursing Fellowship - 2019

<u>Purpose</u>: The Susan D. Flynn Pediatric Oncology Nursing Fellowship program is intended to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of potential Pediatric Oncology Nurses. The program is focused on the critically important field of Oncology Nursing. The Fellowship will enhance the student's core clinical education through direct involvement with Oncology patient care, expert training in compassionate care, and exposure to related patient care duties and services that typify Oncology nurses' valuable 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 CT Children's Medical Center (CCMC) will provide additional learning experiences for the student nurse.

<u>Program Scope</u>: 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 (incl. treatment plans, key policies/procedures, patient education, etc.)
- Clinical Research
- Oncology Office/ Functional Organization (organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Palliative Care Department (organization, resources, services)
- Infusion Services
- Radiation Therapy
- Patient Support Programs

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 practice" research project in some aspect of Pediatric Oncology Nursing. The project presentation will take place at the Graduation ceremony at

the completion of the program in August to CCMC's nursing staff and various other attendees.

Program Schedule: The program will span eight (8) weeks in length, from June 17 through August 9, 2019 and will be conducted at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (in Hartford, CT). The schedule will include 40 hours per week; the daily schedule may vary during the week to allow for diverse clinical experiences.

<u>Compensation</u>: The student nurse will be paid a stipend of \$4,800 for this Fellowship program.

<u>Application Process</u>: This Fellowship is being offered to two (2) eligible rising seniors, one from UCONN and one from Quinnipiac University. It is imperative before applying to this program to ensure your ability to attend the 8-week program in its' entirety. In addition, Applicants must have achieved and maintained *at least* a 3.0 GPA and be in good standing. **To apply, interested students must gather and submit together as 1 package the following:

- 1. Resume
- 2. Transcript (mailed from school)
- 3. Two (2) reference letters from *recent* professors, teachers, clinical staff (within last 3 years)
- 4. 1-2 page essay ("why oncology"/ "why me")

To apply, interested students should submit via email by January 25, 2019 to: Irene Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant for Learning & Performance @ StudentPlacements@connecticutchildrens.org

If selected for the interview process, you will receive an email to arrange a telephone interview. If advanced, you will then be asked to come to CCMC for a live interview. The Selection process is expected to be completed by **March 15th, 2019.**

**** Applications (Complete package including: Resume / essay / reference letters) must be received <u>No Later than January 25th, 2019</u> to be eligible for consideration****

Any questions regarding this program or the Application process should be directed via email to Megan Strobel, Clinical Education Specialist @ MStrobel@connecticutchildrens.org