

Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship 2021

Purpose: UConn Health John Dempsey Hospital and UConn School of Nursing are honored to once again partner with the Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program in 2021.

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. Course assignments will be required during the fellowship.

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 clinic processes and routines (organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Palliative/Supportive Care services (patient and family support, organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Infusion services including chemotherapy and immunotherapy administration
- 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 Coordinator and UConn faculty, ***the student nurse will be required to complete coursework including an evidence-based research project*** in some aspect of oncology nursing. The project presentation will

take place at the completion of the program to 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 7, 2021 through July 15, 2021** and will be conducted at UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital/Neag Cancer Center, Farmington, Connecticut. The schedule, 36 hours per week, will include a combination of three (3) twelve hour shifts (inpatient area) or four (4) or five (5) shifts (outpatient area) per week, shift length will vary in the outpatient area to equal 36 hours per week, but four (4) 9-hour shifts is most common. 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, 2021 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 to Devon Bandouveres (bandouveres@uchc.edu) by **December 22, 2020:**

1. An application cover letter
2. Resume
3. Official transcript (transcript with Fall 2020 grades can be submitted with interview).
4. Two (2) reference letters, one from a clinical instructor if possible.
5. 1-2 page essay addressing why you want to become an oncology nurse and why we should choose you

Interview Process: Applicants with a successful application packet review will be contacted. An interview with the UConn Health/JDH Flynn Fellowship Committee will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time. Interviews will be scheduled from **January 5-15, 2021 at the John Dempsey Hospital, UCONN Health, Farmington campus.** Interviews will be limited and highly selective due to timeframes.

Note: *All applicants to the Flynn Fellowship are also eligible to concurrently apply to the UConn Health Nursing Student Intern Program (NSIP). Any applicant who wishes to be considered for both the Flynn Fellowship and the NSIP program should specify this in the cover letter.*

Notification of Program Acceptance: Selected applicants will be notified by phone no later than **January 29, 2021.** Those applicants not selected will receive an email notification by **January 29, 2021.**

Accepted Applicants-2021 Flynn Fellows: Prior to starting as a Flynn Fellow, accepted students are required to undergo a pre-employment physical and complete & return all pre-employment paperwork.

Please submit application packets or any program questions to:
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