



## Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship –2023

**Purpose:** The **Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship** program is intended to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of potential 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 observation of oncology patient care and exposure to related patient care duties and services. Focus will be on the integral role of the oncology nurse on the inter-disciplinary healthcare team. There will be additional opportunities to attend internal educational programs and meetings with cancer program leadership that will provide additional learning experiences for the student nurse.

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

- Oncology Nursing (roles/responsibilities, applied practice, career opportunities): acute med/onc, ICU, OR & Procedural as well as pediatric oncology (Experience will include principles of patient care, treatment plans, key policies/procedures, patient education)
- Nursing leadership opportunities: shared governance council, champion groups
- Cancer Clinical Research: clinical trial and tumor board attendance
- Oncology Office/Functional Organization (organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Palliative Medicine (patient and family support, organization, functions, roles/responsibilities)
- Medical Oncology, Infusion Services & Radiation Oncology
- Home Hospice Services
- Navigation
- Interdisciplinary team: Physical Therapy, Integrative Medicine, Dietician, Spiritual Care, Social Services

The student nurse will be required to complete an "evidence-based practice" oncology project. Support and guidance for the experience will be provided by the program director. The project presentation will take place at the completion of the program to the oncology healthcare team, nursing and program leadership.

**Program Schedule:** The program will span eight (8) weeks in length, from **June 5, 2023 through July 31, 2023** and will be conducted at St. Vincent's Medical Center (in Bridgeport, CT). The schedule will include 36 hours per week, typically involving 8 and 12 hour shifts; the daily schedule may vary during the week to allow for varied clinical experiences.

**Compensation:** The student nurse will be paid a stipend of up to \$5,000 based on a rate of \$17/hour.

**Application Process:** This Fellowship is being offered to two (2) eligible rising senior nursing students who are attending a Connecticut nursing school or as Connecticut residents attending an out-of-state nursing school. Applicants must have achieved and maintained at least a 3.2 GPA and be in good standing. To apply, interested students should submit by email by **February 1, 2023:**

1. Resume
2. Transcript
3. Two (2) reference letters
4. 1-2 page essay ("why oncology" / "why me")

**Email Application Packet to:** Angie DiStefano, MSN, RN, NPD-BC - Nurse Educator St. Vincent's Medical Center, [Angelina.distefano@hhchealth.org](mailto:Angelina.distefano@hhchealth.org)

**Applications must be received by to be eligible for consideration.**

Any questions regarding this program or the Application process should be directed to Angie DiStefano, St. Vincent's Medical Center, 475-210-5529, [Angelina.distefano@hhchealth.org](mailto:Angelina.distefano@hhchealth.org)