Nursing Student Internship Program Summer 2022
UCONN Health - John Dempsey Hospital
Farmington, Connecticut

UCONN Health - John Dempsey Hospital (JDH) invites you to apply for our 2022 Nursing Student Summer Internship Program (NSIP). The JDH Nursing Student Summer Internship Program is a unique, paid, learning opportunity designed to provide students, between their junior and senior year, experiences that will enhance their knowledge, clinical skills, and self-confidence. These experiences have been shown to ease student transition to professional nursing practice after graduation. Participation in this program is also an opportunity to become acquainted with John Dempsey Hospital nursing.

The NSIP program is a 13 week, work-study experience, regulated by UConn’s Center for Continuing Studies. Upon successful completion of the 13 week course and its assignments, students receive 3 college credits and a grade for participating in the program. The first 7 weeks offer orientation and structured clinical experiences including didactic and/or case conference seminars. Students are assigned to a specific unit and are paired with specially trained RN Resource Nurses and receive coordination and oversight from Clinical Faculty member(s). During the last 6 weeks, students work in the role of Nursing Care Assistant on their assigned units. **Students must participate in the program’s entire 13 weeks.**

Summer 2022 NSIP student placements are in the process of being determined/approved and may be on the following units: Surgery/Orthopedics 5, Medicine 3, Intermediate Care, Intensive Care, OB/GYN, Neonatal Intensive Care, Emergency Department, and/or Peri-Operative area. Additional rotations to areas such as the Operating Room and Post Anesthesia Care Unit may be arranged for interested students on a case by case basis. Every attempt is made to match a student’s past clinical experience and areas of practice preference when making unit assignments. The John Dempsey Hospital staff is committed to making each student’s internship an enriching and growing professional experience.

**Program Objectives**

The Nursing Student Intern will:
1. Provide direct patient care and gain experience in performing clinical nursing skills under the direct supervision of RN Resource Nurses and the Clinical Faculty Member(s)
2. Increase clinical competence and clinical decision-making by relating nursing theory to practice and using evidence-based practice research whenever possible.
3. Refine communication skills by collaborating with patients, family members and other health care team members.
4. Develop professional relationships with unit staff.
5. Demonstrate increased professional accountability.
6. Assume responsibility for seeking new learning experiences.
7. Perform the nursing care assistant role expectations, during the last 6 weeks of the program.

**Program Components**

1. **Work commitment includes:**
   - **UConn Health, John Dempsey Hospital and General Nursing Orientation (1 week)**
     - Friday May 20, 2022 to Thursday May 26, 2022
     - Schedule: generally 8:00 am - 4:30 pm but could vary, 36 hours
   - **Nursing Student Internship role (6 weeks)**
     - May 31, 2022 to July 7, 2022
     - Schedule: three 12 hour day shifts (7:00 am - 7:30 pm), 36 hours
     - Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays (*work Tuesday, May 31 instead of Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Holiday, and Tuesday, July 5 instead of Monday, July 4th Holiday)
   - **Nursing Care Assistant role (6 weeks)**
     - July 8, 2022 to August 18, 2022

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2. **Student academic commitment includes:**
   1. Attendance at scheduled didactic seminars
   2. Completion of assignments as per the syllabus, including, for example, an evidenced-based case study presentation & clinical logs
   3. Attendance at a closing seminar and completion of program evaluations

3. **Financial Compensation:** The Nursing Student Intern will:
   1. Receive an hourly stipend of $15.00 per hour
   2. Have their University of Connecticut Tuition and Fees paid by John Dempsey Hospital, for this summer session course

4. **Student Eligibility**
The JDH NSIP program has a competitive application process that includes a written application and an interview.

   To have your application materials reviewed, all of the following requirements must be met:
   1. Successful completion of Junior Year as a Nursing Student at the UConn School of Nursing; including Fundamentals Nursing Skills laboratory and two semesters of clinical experience (by start of program)
   2. Be in good academic standing
   3. Maintain current AHA CPR/BLS certification throughout the Internship period

5. **Application Materials**
Submit ALL application materials electronically by **Wednesday, December 22, 2021** to:

   staffpatienteducationdept@uchc.edu. Within the Subject line, please write,

   “2022 NSIP Application Materials and your name”

   1. An application cover letter
   2. A current resume with a summary of clinical experiences
   3. A transcript from the UConn School of Nursing (SON), including your **Fall Semester 2021** grades. If Fall Semester grades are not available, an updated transcript may be brought to the interview (**official transcript must be received by Friday 1/14/2022**)
   4. Two letters of recommendation from Nursing Faculty at UConn SON, one **MUST** be from the student’s Clinical Faculty Member
   5. A brief essay (1-2 pages) explaining why you should be selected for the program, your future nursing career goals (for example, where do you want to be in 5 years), a specific area of focus and why you have selected this area
   6. A completed JDH employment application (will be provided separately if selected)

**Interview Process**
Applicants with a successful application packet review will be contacted and an interview with the Internship Committee will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time. Interviews will be scheduled from **January 5-14, 2022 at the John Dempsey Hospital, UCONN Health, Farmington campus.**

**Notification of Program Acceptance** (tentative notification dates)
Selected applicants will be notified by phone no later than **February 2, 2022**. Those applicants not selected will receive an email notification by **February 2, 2022.**
Accepted Applicants – Summer 2022 NSIPs
Prior to starting as a NSIP, accepted students are required to undergo a background check, pre-employment physical and complete & return all pre-employment paperwork.

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