Hartford Health Care Operating Room Nursing Fellowship – Summer 2022

**Purpose:** The intent of this Fellowship is to help increase the career interest and foster the professional development of potential Operating Room Nurses. This program is devoted to the role of the operating room nurse and designed to provide students with a foundational didactic and practical learning experience. The Fellowship will enhance the student’s education through direct observation of patient care and exposure to intra-operative nursing responsibilities. Opportunities to attend relevant internal educational programs and meetings with staff members at Hartford Healthcare hospitals will provide additional learning experiences for the nursing student.

**Program Scope:** The Operating Room Nursing Fellowship is for nursing students who are entering their senior year and who have a strong interest in Operating Room Nursing.

The fellowship program includes a comprehensive scope of direct observational and learning experiences which will consist of a formal on-line, instructor facilitated course of study with specific objectives pertaining to the fundamentals of Operating Room nursing. Working together with the Nurse Educators, Perioperative Services and OR nurse preceptors; the students will gain exposure to:

1. Foundations of perioperative nursing practice
2. Professional role of perioperative nurse practice
3. Assessment in the perioperative setting
4. Ethics related to nursing practice and patient care in the peri-operative setting
5. Patient education
6. Quality, Safety and Risk management
7. Methods and practices to control and prevent infection in the perioperative setting.

**Research Experience:** The student fellow will be guided in a basic research experience related to operating room nursing. The project culminates with a poster presentation to the Fellowship group, OR instructors, faculty and nursing team.

**Program Schedule:** The program will span eight (8) weeks in length, beginning June 6, 2022 and will be conducted at Hartford Health Care sites. The student will be assigned to one of the following sites:

- Backus Hospital
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
- Hartford Hospital
- Hospital of Central Connecticut
- Midstate Medical Center
- St. Vincent's Medical Center
- Windham Hospital
Many of the OR fellows go on to be employed by the hospital where they were fellows.

The schedule will include 40 hours per week to be determined by the site. Students will be scheduled for both formal classroom and intra-operative clinical time. There is no vacation or personal time off during this eight week comprehensive 8 week program. If you are not able to commit to the entire 8 weeks, please contact me to formally withdraw from the program.

Compensation: The student nurse will be paid an hourly rate of $15.00 for this Fellowship during the course of the program.

Application Process: Applicants must have achieved and maintained at least a 3.2 GPA and be in good standing.

To apply, students should submit the following documents by email to: Samantha Cote, Data Manager at: Samantha.Cote@hhchealth.org

1. Resume
2. Transcript from University/College
3. Two (2) letters of reference
4. Essay describing interest in operating room nursing (750 word limit)
5. Students applying for Hartford Hospital must be in a BSN program.
6. Students from BSN programs are eligible for all hospital sites.
7. Students from AD programs are eligible for all sites except Hartford Hospital.

Applications must be received by January 28, 2022 to be eligible for consideration. Any questions regarding this program or Application process should be directed to Maria Tackett, Nurse Director of Professional Practice, Hartford Hospital, 860-972-1407, Maria.Tackett@hhchealth.org.

You will be contacted for an interview. This may be a virtual interview.