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SUMMER NURSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Introduction

The ECHN Summer Internship Program for Student Nurses is designed to allow you to become part of an acute care staff before graduation. Being part of the hospital staff will help you to improve your nursing skills, competency, and confidence. This experience may also help you to choose the type of nursing you want to do after graduation.

The Internship Program has the dual benefit of clinical experience and mentoring by your RN preceptor. The program provides structured training and experience. Areas offered include Medical/Surgical, Critical Care, and the Emergency Dept.

The program provides an opportunity for students to more easily transition into their nursing career.

ECHN is committed to this program and to your success as a participant in it.
We will support you fully by helping you to adjust to an acute care setting and in providing an environment that is conducive to your career development and professional practice.

Description

- *10 week* work-study program during the summer before the senior year.
- Internship provides a concentrated experience for the student to apply knowledge and skill in a structural clinical environment under the supervision of a Registered Nurse and advisement of clinical Faculty member.
- Designed for the self-motivated student who is looking to apply knowledge learned, develop critical thinking and clinical skill.

Objectives

The ECHN Summer Intern will . . .

1. Achieve objectives through patient care assignments under the supervision of an RN preceptor, coordinated by a Clinical Instructor from the University of Connecticut. The student will provide direct patient care and gain experience in performing clinical nursing skills.

2. Increase level of clinical competence and clinical judgment by relating nursing theory into practice.

3. Refine communication skills through interactions with patients, families and health team members.

4. Develop professional relationships with healthcare team.

5. Demonstrate professional accountability.

6. Assume responsibility to seek new learning experiences.

Program Components

The ECHN Summer Intern will . . .

1. Precept 16 hours per week with an RN in the role of a student nurse intern at Rockville General Hospital or Manchester Memorial Hospital.

2. Develop and foster mentoring / working relationship with assigned RN preceptor.

3. Be required to attend:
– ECHN Orientation Program
– Clinical Seminars
– Closing Session

4. May work up to an additional 16 hours/ week as an aide in a per diem status.

5. The summer intern is not eligible for hospital benefits.

Requirements

Program is intended for full-time nursing students who:

- Are enrolled in an accredited BSN nursing school program.

- Have successfully completed a Fundamental Nursing Skills Laboratory.
- Have completed at least one semester of clinical experience and a pharmacology course in their School of Nursing Program.
- Remain in good academic standing.
- Are Certified in CPR by the AHA or ARC.

To Apply

- Complete an ECHN employment application on-line @ ECHN.org
- Submit an official transcript from your School of Nursing
- Submit one recommendation form from current Nursing Faculty
- Submit a current copy of your resume

Completed application packet must be forwarded to:

MaryAnn Brescia RN, MSN
ECHN Clinical Nurse Faculty Liaison
Rockville General Hospital
31 Union Street Vernon, CT 06066
Email: mbrescia@echn.org
Phone: (860) 872-0501, ext. 5659.

Deadline for application: January 4, 2013
An Interview may be requested.
Once accepted into the program, intern will complete standard ECHN hiring process and enroll in the course titled- "Summer Nurse Internship Clinical Practicum" through the University of Connecticut.

ECHN SUMMER INTERNSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name: _____

Please complete the following reference as it relates to your knowledge and clinical experience with the above named applicant. Please send the completed form to

MaryAnn Brescia RN, MSN
ECHN Clinical Nurse Faculty Liaison

Rockville General Hospital

31 Union Street Vernon, CT 06066

- *All references must be received by February 11th, 2013*

Date / Semester you taught/ supervised student in a clinical setting: _____ to _____
Facility Name_____Type of clinical unit_____ Clinical Grade___
Anticipated date of graduation: _____

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Unsatisfactory
Quality of Clinical Care	❑	❑	❑	❑
Acceptance of Coaching/Supervision	❑	❑	❑	❑
Effectiveness of Team Relationships	❑	❑	❑	❑
Communication Skills/Techniques	❑	❑	❑	❑
Critical Thinking	❑	❑	❑	❑
Effective Resource Utilization	❑	❑	❑	❑
Initiative to Learn	❑	❑	❑	❑
Demonstrated Interest in Caring for Patient	❑	❑	❑	❑
Professional Appearance/Positive Image	❑	❑	❑	❑

Additional Comments:

Signature/Title: Date:

Position:

School of Nursing:

Phone Number (to verify reference):