

# student nurse internship position description

## DEFINITION

The Student Nurse Intern is responsible for assisting in the delivery of both direct and indirect patient care under the direction and supervision of a Registered Nurse. Student placement is coordinated by the Student Nurse Intern Program c/o the Professional Practice Council.

## PURPOSE

To give the Student Nurse Intern an opportunity to experience a realistic working environment as a nurse.

To give the Student Nurse Intern an opportunity to gain experience in an employment situation in a healthcare setting.

To provide insight into the practice of professional nursing.

## OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the program, the student nurse intern will be able to realize enhanced skill development and critical thinking. The clinical and professional objectives are:

- 1) Complete successfully didactic programs, return demonstrations of skills, and unit-specific checklist requirements relevant to the assigned area of nursing.
- 2) Demonstrate an understanding and ability to apply critical thinking skills to clinical practice.
- 3) Integrate knowledge from the liberal arts, sciences, humanities, and nursing when assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care for individuals.

## student nurse qualifications

- Currently enrolled in a BSN program.
- Completed junior year of BSN program.
- Satisfactory academic record (3.0 GPA).
- AHA or ARC equivalent CPR certification required.

4) Demonstrate growth in the ability to perform physical assessments, develop and implement plans of care, identify patient outcomes, and evaluate patient responses.

5) Demonstrate an ability to work with others in a positive and effective manner.

#### **ORIENTATION**

Hospital Orientation.

Staff Education Department Orientation.

Department/Unit Orientation.

Ongoing Orientation with Registered Nurse Mentor.

Each Student Nurse Intern will complete a skills checklist.

#### **STATUS**

Temporary position – part time – a minimum of 24 hours a week.

Summer Program – 10 weeks (May – August).

#### **BENEFITS**

May request observation time in areas of interest, i.e., Dialysis Unit, Surgery, or any unit to which the Student Nurse Intern is not assigned.

Attend in-service education programs.

Attend staff meetings and nursing and hospital wide committee meetings.

#### **SCHEDULING**

Student Nurse Intern will work the same schedule as the Registered Nurse Mentor. This may include:

- 1) Rotating shifts and every other weekend with the Registered Nurse Mentor.
- 2) Floating to units with the Registered Nurse Mentor as the need exists at the discretion of the Nurse Director/Manager.

## volunteer internship requirements

Student Nurse Intern will provide hospital with:

- “SVMC’s Student Nurse Intern Skills Checklist” signed by nursing school instructor(s).
- Clinical faculty reference.
- Copy of current transcript.
- Copy of medical clearance form from school health office.

## UNIFORMS

Name badges with title issued by Security Department.

Nursing school uniform.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction and supervision of a Registered Nurse Mentor, the Student Nurse Intern:

- 1) Provides nursing care for patients' altered needs.
- 2) Assists the patient with daily hygiene, mobility and altered needs.
- 3) Assists the patient with nutrition and elimination needs.
- 4) Obtains and documents patient data and information.
- 5) Assists with or performs nursing procedures and tasks as directed.
- 6) Helps maintain a safe environment for patients, staff and visitors.
- 7) Participates in Student Nurse Intern activities which promote continued professional growth and competency.

Coordinating with the Director/Manager of their assigned Unit/ Department in developing evidence based project for their area of placement. The project should be based on a quality improvement initiative and will be presented by the Student Nurse Intern during their last week of the summer program.

Complete an evaluation of their experience in the Student Nurse Intern Program.

The Student Nurse Intern is **not allowed** to:

- Administer medications independently.
- Take physician orders.
- Transcribe or check off orders.
- Make admission assessments/ discharge summaries.

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Director or Manager