

FAQ

HOW DO I APPLY?

During October and March of each year, we accept applications for our Nurse Extern Program. All applications are received online at JennieStuartHealth.org.

OTHER THAN MY ONLINE APPLICATION, WHAT OTHER INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

In addition to the online application, we require an official copy of the transcripts from your most recently completed semester and references from one faculty member. Before you start work, we will also require a copy of your current BLS certification.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ONLINE?

When your application is received, you will be contacted via phone.

DURING THE INTERVIEW PROCESS WILL I HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU WHICH AREAS ARE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO ME?

Yes, we will be interested to hear what areas are most interesting to you. We would also be interested in hearing a description of why you feel these areas would be a good fit for you.

IF I AM SELECTED INTO THE NURSE EXTERN PROGRAM, WILL I BE PAID?

Yes, we pay our externs \$13 per hour plus shift differential, if applicable. Externs are paid for any hours worked. Nurse externs are considered PRN employees and are not eligible to receive benefits.

IF SELECTED INTO THE NURSE EXTERN PROGRAM, WHEN DO I START?

You will attend new employee orientation during the first full week of June or December.



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NURSE EXTERN PROGRAM



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JENNIE STUART HEALTH NURSE EXTERN PROGRAM GOALS

The Jennie Stuart Health Nurse Extern Program provides nursing students an opportunity to develop previously learned skills under the supervision of experienced registered nurses. The program lets nursing students experience the nursing profession in the most realistic setting possible (while following legal and safety restrictions for purposes of patient safety and professionalism). The Nurse Extern Program will help strengthen assessment and clinical skills, develop communication and critical thinking skills, expand knowledge of the professional nurses' role and build confidence in applying the skills learned in the academic environment. Jennie Stuart Health has seen firsthand how the Nurse Extern Program encourages retention of nursing graduates through provision of supplemental practice in the workplace.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must be currently enrolled in an approved school of nursing program within the U.S. (one that prepares candidates for registered nursing licensure) and ready to begin their last semester
- Candidates must be in good standing of the school of nursing with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Current BLS certification

REQUIREMENTS

Candidate must be willing to work two 12-hour shifts the month of orientation then a minimum of 16 hours per month to maintain Nurse Extern status.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Nurse externs are allowed to perform any act that is routinely part of a nursing assistant's job description. Also, pending approval of competency by school faculty, nurse externs may also perform skills that have been taught in a nursing education program. You must be deemed competent on these skills by the Jennie Stuart Health nursing staff before you perform them without direct supervision in our facility.

Skills you may perform:

- Application of heat and cold
- Discontinuance of peripheral IV catheter
- Urinary catheterization (male and female) – both in and out catheterization, and indwelling catheterization
- Nasogastric removal
- Glucose monitoring
- Sterile dressing changes/wound care
- Splint application
- Care of well-established tracheostomies
- Insertion of needle/catheter into vein
- Rectal enemas

Skills you may NOT perform:

- Administer medication (oral, rectal, IM, SQ or intradermal)
- Administer blood or blood products
- Access or discontinue ports or central venous lines
- Receipt of verbal orders
- You may not independently assume the role, function or responsibility of licensed personnel and may not substitute for licensed nursing staff

