

Fox Chase Cancer Center Department of Nursing

Frequently Asked Questions

Graduate Nurse Transition Program



Fall 2011

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1. Who is eligible for the program?
Graduates of an approved nursing program, BSN is preferred but not required.
2. When do you apply?
Applications will be accepted beginning July 15th, 2011. Our program will begin on October 10, 2011.
3. How do you apply?
The following required components must be mailed together to Mickey Mullin (address below):
 - a) *Resume*
 - b) *Two clinical letters of reference utilizing form available @ <http://www.fccc.edu/careers/nursing/graduate/index.html>*
 - a. *recent medical-surgical instructor *REQUIRED*
 - b. *another clinical instructor*
 - c) *Short essay (less than 150 words) answering the following question: Why should you be considered as a candidate for the Graduate Nurse Transition Program? Include what you have to offer patients and families at Fox Chase Cancer Center.*
 - d) *Copy of your transcript, including your most recent grades*
4. How long is the Graduate Nurse Transition Program?
The program is a year in length with 6 months counting as non-productive time (Although a paid employee, you do not count in staffing numbers.)
5. What about “boards”?
You may apply prior to boards but you will not be interviewed until we have proof that you passed the NCLEX. The position requires a valid PA license.
6. What will my schedule be like?
The first six months consist of mostly day shifts. The GN follows the preceptor’s schedule including his/her rotation. If the preceptor does not rotate, the GN will be assigned a second preceptor for an evening/night shift rotation.
7. What specialty areas are available?
GN positions are available in the all inpatient oncology units (medical and surgical), Inpatient Clinical Trial Unit, Intensive Care Unit and Operating Room. All GNs in the Graduate Nurse Transition Program may participate in observation days in specialty areas (Palliative Care, Interventional Radiology, Radiation Therapy, Infusion Room, Post-Anesthesia Care, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Room, Endoscopy).
8. What is the salary?
\$26.00/hour plus shift differential and an excellent benefit package

9. What educational opportunities are available?

GNs have the opportunity to attend our nationally recognized continuing education programs including a 3-day Hospice & Palliative Care course and a 3-day Chemotherapy & Biotherapy course.

10. Will I become certified in oncology?

No, oncology certification is administered through the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation, an extension of the Oncology Nursing Society. You must have a minimum of 1000 hours of oncology nursing practice, 1 year experience as an RN and 10 continuing education contact hours of oncology content to be eligible to take the certification exam.

11. Will I become certified in chemotherapy?

Yes, we provide the Oncology Nursing Society's Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Course.

12. Who is the contact person if I have questions about applying for the program?

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