Application materials received before November 20, 2009 will receive primary consideration for selection into the Summer Nurse Externship Program. Applications received after November 20, 2009 will be reviewed for admission based on continued program openings. Externs are accepted into this program based upon the submitted application packet.

Summer Nurse Externs earn $14.00 per hour. For shifts worked between 6pm and 6am, there is a $1.00 per hour differential. For weekend shifts, there is also a $1.00 per hour differential.

Required Application Materials:

- Complete the on-line application for the Summer Nurse Extern position, found on our website at www.uwhealth.org. On the website, go to careers at UWHC and then find the Summer Nurse Extern position.
- Resume
- Goal Statement for Summer Nurse Externship
- Official Academic Transcript (GPA ≥ 3.0)
- Clinical Preference Checklist
- Three Reference Forms (Two references must be from clinical instructors/faculty/preceptor and one must be from work experience using forms provided or letter on letterhead)
- Photocopy of current American Heart Association CPR certification card (must be current through August 2010)

Return all application materials to:

Summer Nurse Externship Program  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics  
Recruitment Center  
5105 University Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705
GOAL STATEMENT

Please list three goals you would like to achieve during your summer nurse externship and your method for achieving them. One of the three should be specific to your area of clinical interest.

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Clinical Interests

Enclosed you will find a handout describing the Inpatient Units. Please indicate:
- your top three areas of clinical interest with a checkmark (√)
- other areas of interest with a (X)
- areas you would not consider with a (NO)

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Nursing Unit Descriptions

Pulmonary, GI, Renal Intermediate Care Unit
This dynamic Pulmonary, GI, and Renal Medical Unit with telemetry monitoring consists of 26 general care and 6 intermediate care (IMC) beds. Patients being weaned from mechanical ventilation, those requiring arterial lines, vasoactive or antiarrhythmic drips receive close monitoring in the IMC. Nurses are skilled at caring for patients with a variety of pulmonary, gastrointestinal, and renal diseases including patients with AODA problems. Many patients face a variety of long-term challenges. Therefore, nurses work closely with multiple disciplines to plan and provide care for patients and families within the hospital setting and at home.

General Medicine/Geriatrics
Nurses on this 28-bed unit meet the daily challenges of caring for a wide array of medical patients including subspecialties such as immunology, rheumatology, endocrinology, and geriatrics. This provides a unique opportunity for nurses, as well, to work within a collaborative framework. Patients often have multiple diagnoses. Some of the primary disease processes seen include pneumonia, COPD, CHF, AIDS, acute and chronic renal failure, cellulitis, gastrointestinal bleeds, deep vein thrombosis, and diabetes mellitus. Telemetry monitoring is for up to eight patients. There is a keen awareness of the psychosocial issues faced by patients and families as they cope with chronic illness. Discharge planning is an important part of the patient’s care and nurse’s collaboration with case managers and social work is an essential part of this. F6/5 East provides a wonderful place to stretch one's nursing skills among a very supportive staff.

Family Medicine and Forensics
Family Medicine is a fast paced acute medical service seeing patients admitted by the Family Practice Service. Patient diagnoses might include rule out MI, pneumonia and other infections, asthma exacerbation, GI problems and other acute medical illnesses on this 14-bed unit. The Forensics Unit is 10-bed secure nursing unit and provides care for adult male patients who are inmates in the correctional system of the State of Wisconsin. Employees from the Department of Corrections provide security coverage for the nursing and medical staff while they care for these patients. All services admit to the Forensic Unit, so it is truly a medical/surgical patient population. Additional inpatient inmates may include those males from federal institutions, the forensic institutions, the forensic unit at Mendota Mental Health and court ordered county inmates.

Neurosciences General Care Unit
Nurses on this 26-bed unit specialize in treating and managing patients with post head and spinal cord injuries, cerebral strokes, central nervous system tumors, cerebral aneurysms, ALS and other neuro-generative diseases. Nurses are involved in comprehensive seizure and movement disorders evaluation and treatment, as well as coordinating and evaluating recovery of neurosurgical patients.

Neuroscience ICU Unit
Nurses will provide intensive care to patients who are acutely ill from a neurological deficit. This unit specialized in subarachnoid hemorrhages, unstable strokes, traumatic brain and spinal cord injury. The Neuroscience ICU is a 16 bed ICU which provides ICP monitoring and hemodynamic monitoring of unstable patients. NICU will provide nurses the opportunity to work with neurological and neurosurgical populations.
Acute Rehabilitation
Nurses on this 21 bed CARF accredited unit provide complex care to individuals who require acute rehabilitation following a major event such as a spinal cord injury, stroke, brain injury, amputation, and multiple traumas. Nurses are involved in managing the medically complex issues and coordinating appropriate treatments to prepare patients for discharge. Rehabilitation nurses are an integral part of a multidisciplinary rehabilitation team whose goal is to restore maximum functional independence for patients.

Emergency Department
The Emergency Department offers comprehensive services with access to a full team of sub specialists for our immediate community and referrals from regional hospitals and organizations. Approximately 36,000 patients a year are treated on an ambulatory, urgent and emergent basis in our brand new 29 bed department. Its staff coordinates care with ground ambulances and Med Flight for severely ill and injured patients. As the focal point for emergency care, the Emergency Department performs diagnostic intervention, offers immediate consultations for cardiac catheterization, Level I trauma care, operative procedures, special diagnostic testing and definitive care for all patients – pediatrics to adults.

Trauma and Life Support
The Trauma Life Support Center (TLC) consists of an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals delivering comprehensive care for patients and families with complex medical, surgical or neurological illnesses as well as severe traumatic injuries. Together with physicians, respiratory therapists and pharmacists, nurses utilize advanced technologies and therapies, cutting-edge ventilatory management and provide sophisticated interventions to ensure optimal patient outcomes in this 24-bed unit. TLC offers motivated nurses an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and skills in a supportive academic environment that fosters the development of critical care and critical thinking skills, as well as a strong continuing education program supported by both medicine and nursing.

Pediatric Intensive Care
The Pediatric ICU offers challenging and rewarding critical care nursing opportunities. Patients range from newborns through adolescence. PICU nurses provide comprehensive care for patients admitted with a wide variety of both medical and surgical issues including; acute head injuries, critical neurological disorders, pulmonary diseases, cardiac anomalies, organ transplantation, multi system organ failure, and ECMO. Primary nurses, with a highly skilled and committed multidisciplinary team, provide family-centered care to critically ill or injured children and their families in this state-of-the-art 21-bed unit.

Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Neuroscience, ENT and Plastics Unit
Nurses on this 16-bed unit care for children from infancy through adolescence and deliver care through the Primary Nursing Care Delivery Model. Included on this unit is a four bed segregated transplant area for the children who are highly immunocompromised. Nurses will provide care to children receiving state of the art therapy for hematology, oncology, and immunology diagnosis. These treatments include MIBG and hematopoetic transplant. In addition, nurses care for children and adolescents requiring medical and surgical interventions for complex neurological, plastic and ear nose and throat diagnosis. The nursing staff on this unit provides a holistic and integrative approach to care which creates an environment that fosters opportunities for normalized growth and development. Through school and daily recreation programs, open visitation for parents, siblings, relatives and friends, rooming-in for a family member who wants to stay overnight. Nurses facilitate active participation of patients and family members in treatment and care. In addition, Madison area’s only approved hospital school is housed adjacent to this unit.
General Pediatric Unit
The General Pediatric Unit is a 24 bed high acuity unit that provides many opportunities for nurses who are interested in caring for children. Nurses care for children from New born to the adolescence who have a wide variety of complex medical and surgical problems, including organ transplantation, congenital anomalies, pulmonary disorders, renal disorders, cardiovascular defects, esophageal reflux, diabetes, trauma, urology, surgical repairs, ventilator dependent patients, and patients with a tracheotomy. The care that is given is customized to the individual patients and family's physiological, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs. Our focus is health orientated; we will work in a collaborative manner by using our cutting edge skills in assessments, interventions and treatment to restore our children and their family to their highest level of recovery. The nurse works very closely with a multidisciplinary team which includes Physicians, Respiratory therapy, Physical therapy, Psychology, Surgeons, Case manager, Social worker and Child life specialists to coordinate a holistic plan of care for the patient and family.

General Surgery/Trauma/Bariatric Center of Excellence
The General Surgery/Trauma unit and Bariatric Center of Excellence is a 28 bed telemetry unit. Nurses on this unit are highly competent to care for high acuity patients while always maintaining compassionate, empathetic and patient centered care. Many of the patients and their families are experiencing life changing events as a result of their surgical outcomes or due to the traumatic injuries they have sustained. Staff team work is paramount to achieving the best patient outcomes due to of the complexities of the patients. Nurses provide care for a wide variety of surgical patients including GI, endocrine, liver, pancreas, as well as cancer and bariatric surgeries. This unit is the Bariatric Center of Excellence at UWHC which has state of the art bariatric rooms and equipment to better care for all bariatric surgical patients. Nurses are also trained and are highly competent to care for multisystem trauma patients. Trauma patients may be directly admitted to this unit from the emergency department or be transferred from the Trauma Life Support unit and may have sustained injury from motor vehicle, occupational or sporting accidents. Our surgical patients with scheduled admissions arrive after their completed surgeries. A strong emphasis is placed on professional development through continuing education for nursing staff; patient specific certifications and training; and developing experts on the unit to help teach and develop new staff to maintain the high standard of care nurses on this unit provide to patients.

Gynecology, Urology, Plastics, and ENT
Nurses on this 28-bed unit meet the acute care needs of gynecology and urology patients as well as those from plastic reconstructive surgery and ENT services. Nurses provide care for patients receiving new and innovative surgical procedures, administer chemotherapy to post-surgical patients and specialize in care of patients requiring one of the three lead-lined patient rooms for radioactive implants. Nurses plan individualized patient care during hospitalization as well as home care upon discharge. Such a combination of patient populations and the opportunity to participate in the most advanced surgical procedures being performed today provides wonderful learning opportunities and challenges nurses by requiring a broad range of surgical and medical nursing skills.

Transplant Unit/Intermediate Care
UW Hospital’s multi-organ transplant program is among the largest and most successful in the country. The Transplant Unit with 36-beds offers professionals the chance to practice on the forefront of kidney, liver and pancreas transplant nursing. Primary nurses teach patients about self-management of medications, dietary change, and assessing rejection symptoms-while preparing for discharge.
Orthopedics
Nurses on this 27 bed orthopedic unit provide care to patients with a variety of orthopedic injuries and conditions. High volume elective surgeries include joint replacements and spine surgeries. In addition to elective surgeries, the nurses on this unit care for trauma patients with a wide range of orthopedic injuries resulting from motor vehicle, industrial, farming, and other accidents. Surgical nursing is the major emphasis; however this population provides the opportunity to utilize both surgical and medical nursing skills, including cardiac telemetry monitoring. Pain management is a high priority with the orthopedic patient. Nurses are exposed to and become very proficient in utilizing multi-modal therapies in managing pain. Patient education and multidisciplinary collaboration are important aspects of care provided. Nurses work closely with physical therapy and play an integral part in preparing patients for a safe discharge.

Burn Unit
The seven-bed regional Burn Unit provides care to patients of all ages with all types of burns. It provides a fine opportunity for nursing, in caring for patients from the acute phase through rehabilitation and discharge planning to home. Nurses here are specifically trained in caring for burn patients. The nurse-to-patient ratio is determined by the severity and acuity of the patient’s burn.

Psychiatry
The Psychiatry Unit provides care for adult patients using medication intervention, individual and group therapy, occupational and activity therapy on this 20-bed unit. Nursing plays an integral role in this multidisciplinary team in coordinating care for patients often suffering from multisystem breakdowns requiring the integration of medical and psychiatric nursing skills.

Hematology, Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Palliative Care
Nurses on this 39 bed unit provide comprehensive care to adult patients requiring the following services: Medical Oncology, Hematology, Bone Marrow Transplantation, and Palliative Care. In order to provide a comprehensive, coordinated plan of care, the unit is comprised of a multidisciplinary team that collaboratively strives to provide high quality care to our patients and their families. The services and treatments performed on this unit are multi-faceted and include physical care, psychosocial support, discharge planning, patient/family education and vigilant physical assessments. Nurses are knowledgeable in the administration of chemotherapy, blood products and antimicrobial medications.

Heart and Vascular Unit
The Heart and Vascular Progressive Care Unit is a 15-bed telemetry unit that cares for patients admitted to the vascular surgery, medical cardiology, or cardiac and thoracic surgery services. Also known as "HVC Progressive," it has general and intermediate care beds, providing a wide range of nursing care for patients with acute and chronic disease processes that require medical or surgical treatment, including catheterization. HVC Progressive is the home of Vascular Surgery, which treats Aneurysm repair, Arterial endarterectomies, and peripheral vascular occlusive disease including bypass grafting and percutaneous transluminal angioplasty. Nurses are experienced and competent to care for a blend of Heart and Vascular patients, including those with surgical and medical cardiology related diagnoses.
**Cardiac Medical Intensive Care**
Nurses on this seven-bed unit are dedicated to providing high quality intensive care to critically ill cardiac and medical patients. Patients are likely to be individuals with myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, rhythm disturbances, pulmonary edema, or cardiogenic shock. In addition, medical patients with sepsis, acute renal failure, hematologic disturbances and respiratory failure may be admitted to this unit. Primary nursing care is delivered with a mixture of technological expertise and a positive commitment to meeting patient and family needs.

**Inpatient Cardiology Unit**
The Cardiology Unit is a medical cardiology unit located adjacent to the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Primary nursing care is delivered for cardiology patients requiring diagnostic testing and state-of-the-art, non-surgical interventions for coronary artery diseases and dysrhythmia treatment. There is a strong emphasis on patient education on this 16-bed unit.

**Cardiothoracic Surgery Unit**
B4/5 (5B-West) is a 27 acuity adaptable bed unit, providing care to adult patients from a variety of specialty areas, with the emphasis on the cardiothoracic surgery patient population. The majority of patients on B4/5 are post-surgical inpatients that have undergone coronary artery bypass, valve replacement (aortic, mitral, and pulmonic), valve repair (aortic, pulmonic, tricuspid, and mitral), and thoracotomy for wedge resection, pneumonectomy, lobectomy, esophagogastrectomy, or photodynamic therapy. In addition, transplant patients (heart, lung, or heart/lung) during all phases of transplantation (pre-transplant evaluation, post-operative, annual evaluation, and acute/chronic organ rejection) are treated medically or with assist devices such as ventricular assist devices. A small number of patients are unable to safely wait for organ transplant at home and stay on the unit pre-transplant until an organ becomes available. B45 has 27 acuity adaptable beds. We staff up to 8 ICU and 6 IMC beds. The goal of the acuity adaptable models is to provide seamless care from the time of admission to the time of discharge. Patients are admitted to any room in this unit and the nursing care revolves around the patient depending on their acuity. A Primary Nurse is assigned to every patient within 24 hours of admission. Primary Nurse develops and reviews the plan of care based on admission and ongoing assessments, personalizes the plan according to the patient’s unique needs, discusses the plan with patient/family, communicates the plan to colleagues and other care providers, and modifies the plan as needed.

**Inpatient Operating Room**
More than 14,000 surgical procedures are performed per year in UW Hospital’s 22 in-patient operating rooms. Nurses are an integral part of surgical teams that perform multispecialty procedures including transplant, oncology procedures and trauma.

**Care Initiation Unit (CIU)**
Nurses on this 18-bed unit provide care to a diverse population of adult medical and surgical patients. The unit has two primary functions; 1) to care for those medical and surgical patients with an expected short stay for a postoperative procedure or a medical condition requiring a 1-2 day length of stay, and, 2) an admission unit providing admission care and treatment for patients entering the hospital as a transition before being placed on a specific nursing service unit. Patients are received from multiple services: Emergency Department, Operative Services, interhospital transfers, and direct admissions from clinics, scheduled admissions awaiting bed availability and specialized out patient procedures requiring prolonged stay. The night shift census consists primarily of the short stay patients unless high census dictates the need to care for in patients. The diversity of the patient population provides nurses with the challenge to use their expertise in assessment and intervention.