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2009
**Summer Nurse Externship
Program**



**BON SECOURS
RICHMOND HEALTH SYSTEM**
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What is the Summer Nurse Externship Program?

Bon Secours Richmond Health System (BSRHS) offers selected nursing students the opportunity to gain clinical competence and ease the transition from student to professional through a special summer program. During the Summer Nurse Externship Program, students are assigned to preceptors who are experienced Registered Nurses chosen for their excellence in practice.

Externs participate in a number of clinical experiences and attend special seminars designed to enhance their practice. Externs are assigned to areas that match their personal interests and can select clinical rotations at Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center or St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

The Bon Secours Richmond Health System Summer Nurse Externship Program is a full-time, eight-week, summer program.

Session I: May 11–July 3, 2009

Session II: July 6–August 28, 2009

Externs will receive a stipend while in the program and are expected to work full-time with an assigned preceptor, following their preceptor's work schedule. Externs are also expected to attend all required educational experiences.

The application deadline for all sessions is January 31, 2009. Notification of acceptance will be made by March 31, 2009.

What clinical areas are available?

- ❖ Medical and Surgical Units (with sub-specialties)
- ❖ Oncology
- ❖ Orthopedics
- ❖ Women's & Children's Services
- ❖ Emergency Department
- ❖ Peri-operative Services (OR, PACU, Pre-operative Holding)
- ❖ Critical Care and Step-Down Units

What type of experiences can I expect?

Externs will have a variety of experiences that will enhance their learning in nursing. These experiences may include the opportunity to care for an unfamiliar patient population or follow a patient through the continuum of care such as from a medical/surgical unit to the operating room, and then to post-anesthesia care. Externs will also have the opportunity to enhance clinical skills such as venipuncture, IV insertion, catheterization and wound care. Clinical experiences also emphasize time management and priority setting skills. Special classroom opportunities are also offered to externs.

About Bon Secours Richmond Health System

Richmond Community Hospital, located in Richmond's historic East-End has a full range of medical services including diagnostics, surgery, rehabilitation therapy, and one of the largest behavioral health units in Richmond.



Memorial Regional Medical Center, opened in 1998 and located in Hanover County, is a family-centered acute care hospital providing new facilities and sophisticated technology.



St. Mary's Hospital, located in the western suburbs of Richmond is a tertiary care facility performing the latest in medical procedures.



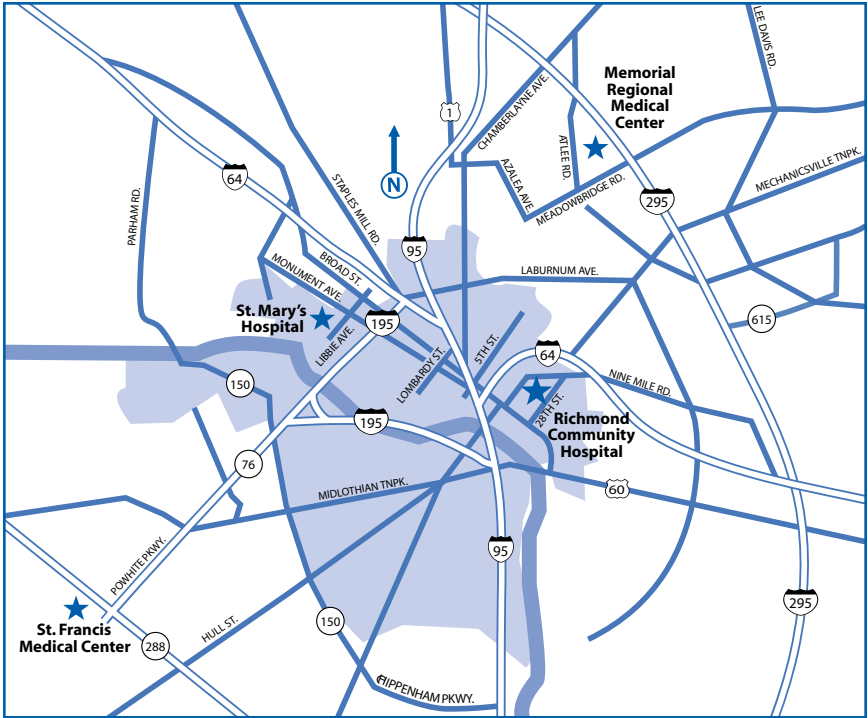
St. Francis Medical Center, our newest facility, is located in Chesterfield County and offers state-of-the-art health care within the healing traditions of St. Francis.



Entry qualifications

To qualify for the Summer Nurse Externship Program, students must:

- ❖ **Attend** an accredited RN school of nursing.
- ❖ **Complete** junior-level studies.
- ❖ **Have current** certification in AHA or ARC health care provider CPR.
- ❖ **Commit** to the entire summer program.
- ❖ **Submit** completed Summer Nurse Externship and Employment Applications.
- ❖ **Submit** two nursing instructor references.



Our Mission

At Bon Secours Richmond Health System our mission is to provide compassionate, quality health care services to those in need, for the purpose of alleviating human suffering and bringing people to wholeness in the midst of pain and loss. We recognize the dignity of all people, and provide compassionate health care services contributing to the physical, social and spiritual well-being of those we serve.

For application information, go to the Bon Secours Richmond Health System website at www.bonsecours.com

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