About the Critical Care Internship

The Critical Care Internship (CCI) has been a part of the University of Utah Critical Care service line for over 15 years. As a program we look for applicants with strong skills in the following areas.

- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Team work
- Self-motivation

Through intensive course work, precepted clinical shifts, and mentoring, the CCI has become an important part of the ICU culture here at the University of Utah. There is an abundance of alumni throughout the service line as well as in other areas at the hospital. The program’s goal is to create the most skilled, experienced, and well-rounded ICU nurses. Graduates of the program will have an increased knowledge base in all Critical Care areas, enhanced critical thinking abilities, and the clinical skills to be a successful ICU nurse.

The Critical Care Internship Program is a 22-week supervised program with start dates in January, March, July and September. The program is tailored to experienced nurses without ICU experience and new graduates. The program provides didactic and clinically supervised experiences, which will transition the nurse intern into the role of an adult critical care practitioner. The program consists of the following:

- Didactic instruction - 150 hours approximately
- Clinical experience - 600 hours approximately

Education

The Critical Care Internship program is committed to providing quality education to prepare candidates to work in the Intensive Care field. Along with scheduled orientation and bi-monthly conferences, interns complete the Basic ICU Course, an intensive education course designed to teach the essentials of critical care. The Basic ICU course provides AACN approved online coursework, lectures by knowledgeable educators, physicians and technicians from within the hospital, and EKG education through hands-on teaching and testing. The course is comprised of 40 hours of modules, and 28 hours of classroom work. Certificates are awarded upon completion.

Experience

Clinical rotations in our Surgical ICU, Burn Trauma ICU, Medical ICU, Neuro Critical Care, Cardiovascular ICU, Emergency Department and the Huntsman Intensive Care Unit (oncology) play a major role in the ICU Internship Program. Interns spend approximately 84-96 hours in each rotation. Work schedules during clinical rotations will consist of working side by side with experienced RN's. These experienced RN's are exceptional nurses chosen to teach and mentor interns as they care for patients in the different Critical Care settings.
**Completion**

At the completion of the Critical Care Internship Program, interns are hired into one of the adult Critical Care Units or ICU float pool. Graduates are placed in units based off of the needs at the time of graduation. Interns are required to fulfill two years of full-time employment in the critical care units at the University Hospital upon completion of the program.

**Benefits**

As an intern, you will receive the following benefits during the program:

- Pay at the regular hourly RN salary
- All benefits
  - Medical and Dental insurance
  - Retirement contributions
  - All other benefits as an eligible benefiting full-time employee at UUH&C (paid time off for vacation, sick and holidays, flexible spending accounts, on-site or near site child care, free bus and TRAX passes, discounts to University special and cultural events, and much more!)

**Applications**

Applications for the Spring 2017 Cohort starting March 2017

- Open December 2nd – December 23rd
- Located through the University of Utah Hospitals job portal [http://healthcare.utah.edu/careers/](http://healthcare.utah.edu/careers/)
- Must include resume AND cover letter (References will be checked through a skill survey after the initial application process),
- New graduates: it is highly suggested to have an externship or capstone in critical care

**Questions**

Please contact us at, cci@hsc.utah.edu or visit us at, Critical Care Internship [http://healthcare.utah.edu/careers/nursing_resources/educational_opportunities/rn_internships/internships_criticalcare.php](http://healthcare.utah.edu/careers/nursing_resources/educational_opportunities/rn_internships/internships_criticalcare.php)

Thank you!

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