

Clinical Scholar Program

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Is the 3.0 GPA required at the time of application, or can it be after current semester grades are posted?

All applicants are required to have a 3.0 GPA or greater at the time of application and must maintain the GPA for the duration of their senior year.

2. Who should complete the letter of recommendation forms?

Letter of recommendation forms should be completed by the applicant's clinical instructors (an Adult Health instructor is preferred for one). If the applicant cannot get in touch with two instructors, a faculty member may be used in their place. We do not accept letters of recommendation from employers. All recommendation forms must be submitted by the person submitting the recommendation - they cannot be emailed by the applicant.

3. Are applicants allowed to interview for more than one area?

Applicants are initially allowed to interview for one unit in their division of interest. After the interview, if the applicant or the manager feels that it is not a good fit, the applicant may be able to interview for another unit that is available.

4. Do all of the required application items need to be submitted at one time?

Given all required items are received by the application due date, applicants have the option to submit them all at once or separately. Although paper forms are accepted, email is the preferred method of submission for application requirements (except official transcripts which must be mailed).

5. How soon after interviewing will applicants receive an offer letter?

Offer letters are typically not sent until all interviews are complete. Applicants who interview early may not receive notification of an offer for several weeks. For areas where fewer students are interviewed, notification of an offer may be sooner.

6. Are transcripts accepted after the application deadline?

Yes. Official transcripts will not be received until after current semester grades are posted, which falls after the application deadline. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to request their transcript to be sent upon the close of the semester.

7. If an applicant is a student nurse on the unit that they are offered a scholar position, can they still work on that unit during their practicum?

No. Per school policy, students are not allowed to work on the same unit where they are completing their practicum hours. If an applicant chooses to stay as a student nurse, they will need to transfer to a different unit that has available positions.

8. Can an applicant apply to an area different from where they are currently employed as a student nurse?

Yes. Applicants are allowed to apply to any area of their choice, but should notify their current nurse manager if doing so.

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9. How many scholar positions are available?

The number of positions varies each semester as openings are dependent upon unit needs. Applicants should list their top two areas of interest, keeping in mind that they will have a two year commitment to that unit if they are offered and accept a scholar position. Managers will review the applications and select the interview candidates.

10. Can applicants list their area of interest as well as a specific unit in that area?

Yes. If an applicant prefers a specific unit, they should list it in the comment section on the Smartsheets form or in their cover letter.

11. If an applicant is not a student nurse at the Medical Center, do they still have a chance of getting a scholar position?

Yes. It is not required that an applicant be a student nurse to be selected for a scholar position. Many applicants who are not student nurses are selected as scholars.