

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

Yes, we work with applicants to interview for their top unit of interest. If an offer is not extended and the applicant would like to interview for another unit, this can be scheduled.

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

No, but all required forms must be received by the due dates. However, the transcripts may be received later than the due date as this is school dependent.

- 4. How soon after interviewing will applicants receive the decision?**

Most managers prefer to interview all applicants before making decisions. Once all applicants have been interviewed, students will be notified. The interview time is at least one month long.

- 5. 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.

- 6. 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 or they may be able to work on a sister unit under the same manager.

- 7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. 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 Smartsheet form.

**10. 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.