

About Regional Health

As the leading health care system in western South Dakota, Regional Health serves diverse, growing communities with the very best health care. As an integrated system of care, our purpose is to help patients and communities live well.

Patient Care Model

In a collaborative, patient and family-centered care environment, we utilize the nursing process to prioritize and address each patient's unique physical, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs.



Regional Health Rapid City Hospital attained Magnet Recognition® as part of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®. This program recognizes excellence in nursing and is the highest honor a health care organization can receive for professional nursing practice.



Student Nurse Extern Program



For more information about the Student Nurse Extern Program:

Call 605-755-5510

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Human Resources

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Program Description

Regional Health's Student Nurse Extern Program gives nursing students the opportunity to provide direct patient care under the supervision of a Registered Nurse preceptor.

With support from the South Dakota Board of Nursing, Regional Health has designed this unique program for senior nursing students to:

- Gain experience in performing clinical nursing skills through a mentorship program with nurses.
- Increase critical thinking and organizational skills by providing nursing care to patients on nursing units throughout the hospital, such as: Ortho/Neuro/Surgical, Medical, Oncology, Adult Intensive Care (surgical, medical, and coronary), Progressive Care Unit (PCU), Cardiac Interventional Unit (CIU), Rehab, Pediatrics, Maternal Child, Neonatal Intensive Care and the Emergency Department.

This 10-week, 240-hour paid clinical experience allows the student nurse to further develop the art of nursing practice and promotes additional interaction with health care professionals.

The Student Nurse Extern Program typically begins the last week of May, and is available within all Regional Health healing environments. Student Nurse Externs must make their own housing arrangements.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Regional Health's Student Nurse Extern Program, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in and have completed all but the final year of an NLN Accredited Registered Nurse program.
- Pass a criminal background check and meet Regional Health's caregiver health requirements, including a drug screen.

Application Process

After September 1st, go to regionalhealth.org/careers. Search for "Nurse Extern" and click "Apply".

Upload the following documents:

1. A resume containing complete contact information
2. A transcript from the nursing program in which you are enrolled, including GPA
3. Three letters of reference, including at least two from nursing instructors

If these are in sealed envelopes they can also be hand delivered to:

Regional Health Human Resources

Attn: Rebecca Bradley, Nurse Recruiter
5301 S. Hwy. 16, Suite 300
Rapid City, SD 57701

4. A statement of personal expectations for the summer including expected graduation date and the following service lines ranked preference from 1-10:

- Med-Surg
- Step-Down (PCU, CIU)
- Critical Care (ED, ICU)
- Women's and Children's
- Surgical Services
- Behavioral Health
- Float Pool
- Ambulatory Care/Clinic-Outpatient
- Long-term Care/Rehab
- Specialty (Wound Care, Dialysis, Endoscopy, etc.)

If you are interested in any department that isn't listed please include your desired area of interest in your statement letter. An explanation of preference is encouraged.

After all required documents are uploaded, click next and continue to fill out all information until application process is complete.

The application closes on December 1st.



Do you have questions about the Student Nurse Extern Program or the application process?

For assistance please call Rebecca Bradley, Nurse Recruiter, at 605-755-5505.