



About Regional Health

As the leading health care system in western South Dakota, Regional Health serves diverse, growing communities with high-quality care. Our purpose is to make a difference in the lives of our patients and in our communities. Every day.

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.



STUDENT NURSE EXTERN PROGRAM



***For more information
about the Student Nurse
Extern Program:***

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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 during their last summer as a student.

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

- Gain experience performing clinical nursing skills through a mentorship program with an RN.
- Increase critical thinking and organizational skills by providing nursing care to patients in departments such as: Ortho/Neuro/Surgical, Medical, Oncology, Adult Intensive Care, Progressive Care Unit (PCU), Heart and Vascular Unit (HVU), Inpatient Rehab, Pediatrics, Maternal Child, Neonatal Intensive Care and the Emergency Department.
- Gain valuable experience in any one of our critical access hospitals: Spearfish, Sturgis, Lead-Deadwood or Custer.

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 interdisciplinary health care professionals.

The Student Nurse Extern Program typically begins June 1 through early August; unique to Regional Health is the opportunity to work during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. 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 last semester or year of formal academic nursing program.
- Pass a criminal background check and meet Regional Health's caregiver health requirements, including a drug screen.

Application Process

Open Oct. 1, go to regionalhealth.org/careers. Search for **"Nurse Extern"** and click **"Apply"**.

Upload the following documents in Workday:

1. A professional resume containing complete contact information
2. An unofficial nursing transcript, including GPA
3. Two letters of reference, including at least one from nursing instructors

Note: All submissions should be online.

4. A statement of personal expectations for the summer, including expected graduation date and a ranked list of the following areas:
 - Med-Surg
 - Intermediate Care (PCU, HVU)
 - Critical Care (ED, ICU)
 - Women's and Children's
 - Surgical Services
 - Behavioral Health
 - Float Pool
 - Ambulatory Care/Clinic-Outpatient
 - Long-Term Care/Rehab

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 the application process is complete.

The application closes on December 1.

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

For assistance, please call an Onboarding Nurse Educator at 605-755-7133.

