

# summer 2025 nurse extern program

A unique program combining  
on-the-job skills and nursing academics.



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Dayton Children's Hospital has been a leader in providing pediatric health care since its opening in 1967. Our mission is the relentless pursuit of optimal health for every child within our reach. With a staff of over 3,000 physicians, residents, technicians and support staff, Dayton Children's ensures that a strong environment for professional advancement is offered.

Dayton Children's is the only hospital in the area dedicated to the health care needs of children, teens and families. Employees have the opportunity to work with medical staff specially trained and experienced in working with children.

We understand your needs as a nursing student. Our Summer Extern Program provides you with the specific experiences and skills needed to be successful. Be a part of our specialized team who provides excellent pediatric nursing care.

## eligibility

- Currently enrolled at Wright State University or Cedarville University with graduation no later than Spring of 2026.
- If attending another accredited nursing program, you can still apply for the externship. If accepted into the program, you will need to enroll as a non-degree seeking student at Wright State University in order to participate in the program.
- Completion of all junior-level courses
- Completion of pediatric or maternal child rotation required
- Completed references from two nursing faculty members using the provided reference link by January 5, 2025, 12:00 pm.

## **choose from the following pediatric specialty areas**

### **Emergency Department**

Provides urgent and emergent treatment for acutely-ill patients.

### **Behavioral Health Unit**

Provides care for children who require inpatient admission for behavioral or mental health needs.

### **Hematology/Oncology**

This unit offers specialized care for patients diagnosed with cancer, sickle cell and blood related disorders.

### **Home Care**

Provides pediatric home care for chronic and acute needs.

### **House Float**

Provides nursing care for the children in the various units, the emergency department and perioperative services. Floats to the various units based on unit needs.

### **Newborn Intensive Care Unit**

A Level III tertiary care center for the treatment of sick neonates and neonates requiring surgery.

### **Pediatric Intensive Care Unit**

Provides the environment to care for critically ill pediatric patients.

### **Perioperative Services**

Provides perioperative nursing care during the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative period for patients undergoing a surgical procedure.

### **Specialty Pediatrics**

Provides inpatient nursing care for general medical/surgical patients.

### **Transitional Care Unit**

Provides care for children with chronic care needs, who are technology dependent and need close observation.

## summer nurse extern program

A partnership of Dayton Children's, Wright State University College of Nursing and Health and Cedarville University.

- 9-week mentored clinical experience, from May 5 through July 5, 2025 at Dayton Children's
- Weekly seminar of didactic lecture and classroom experience at Dayton Children's
- 36-40 paid hours per week
- College credits awarded

**Deadline for application and two completed references by nursing faculty due by January 5, 2025, 12:00 pm.**

References can be accessed on Dayton Children's home page at [childrensdayton.org](http://childrensdayton.org) – search “extern”.

**Applications and reference forms will be available on our website beginning November 1, 2024. Please visit [childrensdayton.org](http://childrensdayton.org) and search “nurse extern.”**



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