



2026 Nurse Associate Externship: Traditional and Advanced Tracks

Because teamwork and learning go hand-in-hand

Your experience as a Nurse Associate Extern

Cleveland Clinic is committed to shaping the future of healthcare by providing nurses with the resources they need to learn, grow and reach their potential. Your 10-week externship will include working one-on-one with a nurse mentor, as well as time with fellow externs in workshops. In 2026, nurse externs will have the exciting new opportunity to experience the specialty of neurology.

Ideal candidates will be purpose-driven individuals who thrive on hard work and are committed to giving their best to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Student applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited nursing school (ADN, BSN or BSN/ MN program for the traditional track and BSN or BSN/ MS for the advanced track) and entering their last year or semester upon completion of their externship. Candidates must hold Basic Life Support certification through the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross for the duration of the program.

For the advanced externship, candidates must be enrolled in a BSN or MN program from one of these institutions:

- Kent State University
- Ursuline College
- Cleveland State University
- Case Western Reserve University
- University of Akron
- University of Mount Union

In 2026, the program is available:

May 12-July 17 or June 2-August 7 for traditional participants.

May 12-July 17 for advanced or perioperative participants.

Applications portal is open.

During the program, advanced externs must be concurrently enrolled in the designated elective course and will perform advanced skills.

FAQs

Where and when is the externship available?

Externships are available at Cleveland Clinic Main Campus and Cleveland Clinic regional hospitals in Ohio. Transportation between sites may be required.

For traditional participants, the program will be from May 12-July 16 or June 2-August 6.

For advanced participants, the program will be from May 12-July 16.

How can I apply?

Applications are now being accepted! Visit <https://jobs.clevelandclinic.org/nursing/> and search 314910 to submit your application and/or résumé. If you are a current caregiver, please be sure to indicate your Cleveland Clinic affiliation.

What can I expect after I submit my application?

All applications will be reviewed by a recruiter. If you meet the program requirements, you will receive an email to complete a preferences form and speak with a recruiter. Finalists will move to a virtual interview with a nurse leader.

I am not from the area, where will I live?

For short-term housing during the program, Cleveland Clinic has approved [housing options](#) at negotiated student rates.

What hours will I work?

You will be expected to work up to 40 hours per week 8 to 12 hour shifts depending on your nurse mentor's schedule.

Is the externship paid?

Yes, this is a paid opportunity.

Hear about our program from Madeline, a former Nurse Associate Extern

