We invite you to make Cleveland Clinic your destination for nursing practice.

When you become a Perioperative Nurse Associate at Cleveland Clinic, you will work with nurses who are supportive of each other and dedicated to delivering superior care to our patients. We take pride in mentoring new nursing professionals and are pleased to offer many exciting opportunities to nursing students.

Work Commitment

The Perioperative Nursing Associate Externship is a 10-week program offered throughout the summer months to nursing students who have completed their junior year and are entering their senior year in a BSN program. In 2017, the program is available in two different cohorts: May 15 – July 21 or June 5 – August 11.

As a Perioperative Nurse Associate, you will be hired as a PRN nurse associate extern and work five 8-hour shifts per week following your RN mentor’s schedule.

During your externship, you will work with experienced registered nurses and surgical technologists to learn the unique roles a perioperative nurse performs in the operating room (OR): circulating and scrubbing. Throughout your experience, you will learn tasks and skills that form the foundation of perioperative nursing. These tasks will help you develop the organization and critical thinking skills needed to serve as a valued member of the interprofessional surgical team.

Your experience will include working with an RN mentor, as well as classroom experiences. These classroom learning opportunities will include time spent with the larger Cleveland Clinic Nurse Associates as well as individualized classes to discuss perioperative implications of content discussed with the larger group.

Nurses at Cleveland Clinic, one of the world’s premier academic medical centers, comprise a diverse and dynamic group recognized by the American Nurse Credentialing Center’s Magnet Recognition Program® for nursing excellence, the nation’s highest award for exceptional nursing practice.

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In addition to time spent in the OR, your experience will include exposure to all aspects of surgery, including preoperative care, post anesthesia care (PACU), and sterile processing. Clinical observation opportunities are also available in nursing specialties as well, including medical-surgical, critical care, labor and delivery, and behavioral health.

The Perioperative Nursing Associate Externship program is available at various Cleveland Clinic health system locations.

Additionally, when you complete the program, you will have the option of working PRN until you return to school or throughout your senior year.

Qualifications

Eligible students must:

• Attend an accredited nursing school BSN program and be one year or less away from graduating when starting as a Nurse Associate.
• Be in good standing with the nursing school.
• Be currently enrolled in courses that meet the requirements of a nursing education program.
• Have up-to-date CPR certification.
• Participate in an interview with a nurse manager.
• Complete a pre-hire screening process.

Additional Information

Before you begin working, you will attend a general orientation, skill sign-off session and two additional classes.

Cleveland Clinic will provide a Secure Student Portal for program participants that will include additional program information, detailed class and skill checklists, educational articles, photos and more.

Apply Today

Applications are available at: ecf.org/nursingstudent

It is best to apply early, as there are a limited number of openings for each group.

Please include the following with your application:

• Scanned copy of both sides of a current CPR card.

Your application will be reviewed upon submission to ensure you meet the minimum qualifications, etc. Following review of your application, you may be contacted to discuss your location preferences to make sure the job you apply for is the perfect fit for you.

To learn more about the Perioperative Nurse Associate Externship program and other student nursing opportunities at Cleveland Clinic, visit jobs.clevelandclinic.org (keyword search Nurse Associate), or contact Nancy Tompkins, Nurse Recruitment, at 216.448.0401 or tompkn@ccf.org.

To learn more about Cleveland Clinic’s Nursing Institute, visit clevelandclinic.org/nursing.