

## ANONYMOUS

Candidate, Children's Hospital of Michigan Resident Nursing Program



I recently completed the rigorous nursing program at *Wayne County Community College*, and am fully prepared to commence my professional career as a nurse. Translating my academic performance into a dynamic hospital setting is a challenge I look forward to, and considering my long-time residency in the metropolitan Detroit area, am excited about the prospect of serving as a nurse at the *Children's Hospital of Michigan*. The opportunity to apply my intellectual foundation in nursing will not only furnish me with the opportunity to interact with patients and medical staff, but also cultivate a skill-set that has evolved into a labor of love. Furthermore, the opportunity to do so in the very community I call home would be ideal, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve patients and improve the aggregate health of my community. Indeed, the *Children's Hospital of Michigan's RN Transition Program* provides an unparalleled forum to evolve as a nurse, serve patients who arise from my community, and work with a dynamic team of medical professionals.

After closely researching Children's Hospital of Michigan's' RN Transition Program, I resolved that it would be the most fitting progression after earning my nursing degree. First, the program will equip me with the resources and training to develop into a competent and confident safe practitioner. The mentorship from preceptors and other medical professionals will extend my nursing education into a more dynamic, practical setting, which ensures my growth as a nurse while on the job. While I anticipate that my the medical realities I will observe in my capacity as a Children's Hospital nurse will range, encompassing both routine and critical patients, I am fully prepared to assume the challenges that will collectively shape my capacity to excel as a nurse.

Serving pediatric demographics ranks as my principal interest, which I hope to make the centerpiece of my nursing career. The Children's Hospital of Michigan boasts an unrivaled reputation in the community, and I vividly recall the sense of comfort associated with a loved one's child being sent to your care. Under the custody of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Staff reassured that the child was being tended to be the best and most compassionate staff in the state, if not the country. Therefore, as an aspiring nurse armed with a passion for children, I also envisioned joining your ranks, and being part of your heralded staff. One experience in particular confirmed that realization. Recently, a friend of the family's newborn baby was admitted to Children's Hospital of Michigan with pertussis, which left the family with a sense of helplessness and desperation. The staff at Children's Hospital of Michigan immediately extinguished the family's anxiety, and instilled us with a sense of confidence that the baby would receive the optimal level of care. As a new member of the medical and health profession, my objective is to attain the competency and capacity to deliver the same level of care given to my friend's newborn, but also, the ability to win the confidence and trust of the families and patients I serve. Without question, the RN Transition Program will cultivate these capacities, and prepare me for a long and healthy career as a nurse.

The Children's Hospital of Michigan's RN Transition Program will be the stage that prepares me to a consummate nurse and healthcare provider, and in line with the program's mission, I am confident that the New School will provide me with the skills, spirit and perspective to serve every patient with dignity and quality.

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Nursing is fit with the intellectual challenge and philanthropic spirit I am seeking in a career, which aligns with my desire to emerge into a staple caregiver of my community. Furthermore, my interest in pediatrics stems from the physical and psychological vulnerability of children, whom confront the greatest challenges when in a hospital setting. In light of these special sensitivities, serving children requires a keen sense of patience and compassion, and also, an educator's spirit to "coach" children beyond the fears and anxiety linked to medical care. Moreover, many parents simply cannot accompany their children to hospitals, a circumstance that demands nurses to function as objective guardians on the hospital premises. During my rotations in pediatric nursing, I learned that I not only had a passion for working with children, but also an innate talent to earn the trust and confidence – twin realizations that led to my decision to specialize in pediatric nursing.

In conjunction with my studies, I had the opportunity to be guided by a pediatric nurse with over twenty-five years of experience during my pediatric nursing clinic. In addition, I worked with both indigent and affluent children-patients of all races and religions, and resultantly, developed a keen knowledge of the demographical, economic and age-related variables that impact children. Regardless of the socioeconomic circumstance of the child, I quickly learned that our medication calculations and assessments were of vital importance. I took this into consideration when devising meticulous assessment skills for children, designed in order to deliver the optimal level of care. I discovered that medication errors rank among the greatest problems with healthcare, and learned that with regard to pediatrics, smaller people naturally require smaller dosages. Consequently, the importance of being precise was paramount, and I rechecked and recalculated every medication for safe dosing before prescribing it to a child-patient. The Children's Hospital of Michigan boasts the most up-to-date medical technologies and resources, which combined with the integrity and professionalism of the staff, guarantees that dosage errors will be minimized. Furthermore, the sense of community among pediatric nurses, physicians and medical staff, who share a likeminded passion for working with children, functions like a collective partnership aimed at advancing the health of children. In line with the recognizable slogan, *"It takes a community to raise a child,"* I look forward to joining the unique medical community at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, and thereby, serve the broader community of children in Southeastern Michigan.

As I reflect back on my journey thus far, it is anything but coincidental that my next professional destination is the RN Transition Program at the Children's Hospital of Michigan. This program will not only shape me into an exceptional nurse, but also a community leader whose capacity to bring about change, and healing, transcends the clinical lab or the hospital setting. As a nurse in your program, every one these opportunities will be within arms reach, and I am excited about the prospect of joining the Children's Hospital of Michigan.