

summer 2026 nurse extern program

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

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

- 9-week mentored clinical experience, from May 4 through July 4, 2026 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 3, 2026, 12:00 pm.

References can be accessed on Dayton Children's home page at childrensdayton.org – search “extern”.

Applications and reference forms will be available on our website beginning November 3, 2025. Please visit childrensdayton.org and search “nurse extern.”



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caring for kids is what we do best



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 2027.
- 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 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 3, 2026, 12:00 pm.

choose from the following pediatric specialty areas

Emergency Department

Provides urgent and emergent treatment for acutely ill patients.

Mental 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.