DePaul Medical Center, located in Norfolk, offers state-of-the-art services, including a premier cancer center, the Bon Secours Heart & Vascular Institute, and the region's only certified midwifery center, which received the 2014 Advocate of the Year Award from Birth Matters Virginia. We have been awarded five stars for outpatient breast health and birth center patient satisfaction by Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Mary Immaculate Hospital offers Peninsula residents exceptional care through a wide range of services, including our Surgical Weight Loss Center—Virginia's top bariatric program, The Mary Immaculate Birthplace—considered the Peninsula's Birth Center of choice, and orthopaedic services—ranked in the Top 10 in Virginia for three consecutive years by HealthGrades. St. Francis Nursing Center is a 115-bed intermediate and skilled care facility offering physical and occupational therapy and 24-hour professional nursing.

Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center and the Harbour View Healthcare campus were awarded the Prestigious Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center; recognized as an organization that creates a positive environment for nurses to work and flourish. Maryview Medical Center is an accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI and Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology. Maryview received the Get with the Guideline Gold Plus Stroke Award and the Nurses Improving Care of Healthsystems Elders designation. In 2014, Maryview was recognized with a Gallup Great Workplace Award and by the American Heart Association as a Platinum Fit Friendly Workplace. Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View is an ambulatory surgery center that offers an array of award-winning outpatient services.

How to apply
To apply for the program, please complete an Employment Application.

- Complete the Employment Application
  To complete the employment application, go to our website at careers.bonsecours.com. Select <Search for Job>.
  Then use the keyword search box and type in “Nurse Extern.”

Summer Nurse Externship
2015 Program

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What is the Summer Nurse Externship Program?
Bon Secours Virginia Health System (BSVHS) offers selected nursing students the opportunity to gain clinical competence and ease the transition from student to professional through a special summer program. During the Summer Nurse Externship Program, students are assigned to preceptors who are experienced Registered Nurses chosen for their excellence in practice.

Externs participate in a number of clinical experiences and attend special seminars designed to enhance their practice. Externs are assigned to areas that match their personal interests and can select clinical rotations at Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, or St. Francis Watkins Centre in Richmond, Virginia or DePaul Medical Center, Mary Immaculate Hospital, Maryview Medical Center, or Health Center at Harborview in Hampton Roads.

The Bon Secours Virginia Health System Summer Nurse Externship Program is a full-time, eight-week, summer program.

June 1 – July 24, 2015

Externs will receive a stipend while in the program and are expected to work full-time with an assigned preceptor, following their preceptor’s work schedule. Externs are also expected to attend all required educational experiences. The application deadline is March 1, 2015. Interviews will be conducted in February and March, and notification of acceptance will be made by March 31. The Summer Nurse Externship Program is very selective as there are more applicants than available externships.

What clinical areas have been offered?

- Medical and Surgical Units (with sub-specialties)
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Women’s & Children’s Services
- Emergency Department
- Peri-operative Services (OR, PACU, Pre-operative Holding)
- Critical Care and Step-Down Units

What type of experiences can I expect?
Externs will have a variety of experiences that will enhance their learning in nursing. These experiences may include the opportunity to care for an unfamiliar patient population or follow a patient through the continuum of care such as from a medical/surgical unit to the operating room, and then to post-anesthesia care. Externs will also have the opportunity to enhance clinical skills such as venipuncture, IV insertion, catheterization and wound care. Clinical experiences also emphasize time management and priority setting skills. Special classroom opportunities are also offered to externs.

Entry qualifications
To qualify for the Summer Nurse Externship Program, students must:
- Attend an accredited RN school of nursing.
- Complete junior-level studies.
- Commit to the entire summer program.
- Complete Online Employment Application and Assessment

About Bon Secours Virginia Health System
Richmond Community Hospital, located in Richmond’s historic East-End, has a full range of medical services including diagnostics, surgery, rehabilitation therapy, and one of the largest behavioral health units in Richmond. Richmond Community also received the Bronze award for high standards in stroke care from the American Heart Association and has been honored as a top performer for ER Patient Satisfaction.

Memorial Regional Medical Center, opened in 1998 and located in Hanover County, is a family-centered 225 bed acute care hospital providing new facilities and sophisticated technology. Memorial Regional is deemed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a Magnet facility recognizing nursing excellence. The hospital is also recognized by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), designated as a Center for Chest Pain (CHF/CP/A-Fib), holds certification from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and disease specific certifications by the Joint Commission in hip and knee replacement, stroke, and palliative medicine. Memorial Regional is nationally recognized for clinical excellence and is ranked among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the country for cardiac surgery, as well as listed among America’s 100 Best Hospitals by HealthGrades.

St. Mary’s Hospital, located in the western suburbs of Richmond, is a tertiary care facility providing exceptional care. Specialty services include neonatology, pediatrics, women’s health, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, cardiology, bariatrics, and geriatrics. St. Mary’s Hospital was the first community hospital in Richmond to achieve Magnet® Recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center for nursing excellence in 2008 and was redesignated in 2013. We are proud of our multiple awards and national designations which recognize our commitment to compassionate, quality care.

St. Francis Medical Center, our newest facility, is located in Chesterfield County and offers state-of-the-art health care. Our peaceful setting provides a restful and contemplative environment for patients, families, staff and the community. St. Francis received the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence in 2013 and the Critical Care Excellence Award three years in a row from HealthGrades.

St. Francis Watkins Centre includes a free-standing 24/7 emergency department, diagnostic imaging, physician practices, breast center and sports medicine services.