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Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, PA 19104

RE: Student Nurse Extern

Dear Hiring Manager:

Please accept my application for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Student Nurse Externship position. As a junior in Widener University’s Nursing Program, I am eager to start my professional career and work toward my goal of becoming a pediatric nurse. Through my clinical experiences, on-campus leadership work, and volunteering in my local community I have acquired skills that would allow me to succeed in this position, including but not limited to: critical thinking, attention to patient safety, and technical skills. Based on my experience with Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia through my clinical rotations along with researching your externship program, I am excited to submit my application for this opportunity.

Widener University’s aggressive nursing curriculum has provided me with clinical experience in pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and medical-surgical nursing at Foulkways at Gwynedd Continuing Care Retirement Community. During clinical rotations, I learned how to promptly and positively respond to patients when faced with emergent situations. I developed these skills after experiencing one of my patients having a stroke during a clinical shift. Recognizing the symptoms of a stroke, I quickly and calmly notified the proper personnel and followed the facility’s procedure by implementing proper nursing interventions to achieve the best possible outcome. As a student on the floor, this was a valuable learning experience that left me with critical thinking skills I can transfer to your extern position.

Along with technical skills learned in the clinical setting, my qualifications also stem from involvement in many campus activities, as well as volunteer experience. As Philanthropy Chair of Theta Theta Theta, I was responsible for planning wish reveal parties for children in the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This event has allowed me to further develop my passion for child care. While demonstrating professionalism in representing Theta Theta Theta and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, I am able to utilize care and compassion in planning events directly aimed at each child’s specific needs. This correlates directly with how a pediatric nurse creates a plan of care tailored to the needs of each distinct child.

I am hard-working and keep time management as a top priority, as demonstrated by holding three leadership positions on campus, working a part-time job, completing two clinical rotations simultaneously, volunteering with three organizations, while maintaining a GPA of 3.76. Serving as an extern under experienced professionals will help me gain the confidence and skills needed to be the nurse I aspire to be. I am full of questions and eager to learn from the best.

The nurse externship program at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia would be a privilege to be a part of, serving as a vital step in my professional journey. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I look forward to the potential opportunity of an interview. Have a wonderful day.

Respectfully,

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