

PRIMARY CARE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING SCHOLAR (PCCHNS) PROGRAM BSN STUDENT APPLICATION

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Year (check): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

The Primary Care Community Health Nursing Scholar (PCCHNS) program is an exciting option for BSN students. Scholars will join with other nursing students and faculty throughout their four years to focus on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to provide care coordination and primary health care services in both hospital and community settings. Graduates will have specialized knowledge and experiences in primary health care, *IN ADDITION* to the standard BSN curriculum.

- Primary health care is the care that people need to stay healthy or to manage chronic conditions. It is offered outside of hospitals in community clinics, ambulatory care centers, physicians' offices, mobile vans, and in patient's homes.
- Primary care nurses work as part of an interprofessional team to develop sustained partnership with patients and families. They provide both direct nursing care and coordinate care for patients across multiple settings.
- Students in the PCCHNS program will have primary care experiences in community health centers, clinics, and sites serving underserved populations, as well as hospitals. The goal is to promote wellness and to care for the sick in a variety of settings.
- Many primary care nurses go on to graduate school to become nurse practitioners, which is another type of nurse primary care provider.
- Students selected for the PCCHNS program will have opportunities for summer internships as paid medical assistants in primary care clinics and will be eligible for special field trips and primary care experiences.
- Students who work with veterans in ambulatory settings will get a head start in the Veterans Administration (VA) health system.
- PCCHNS students will join a cohort of students and faculty, interested in primary health care, who will meet regularly and support each other throughout the BSN program.
- Best of all, there is **no additional cost to students** who qualify for this program!

Expectations of a Primary Care Community Health Scholar:

- Complete the application (next page) and meet with one of the leaders of the program.
- Maintain good academic standing in the School of Nursing (GPA of 2.8 or above)
- Participate in online asynchronous modules at each level of the program
- Participate in experiential learning activities each semester
- Maintain good communication with fellow students and designated leaders in the program

Please go to the next page to complete the application.

Instructions:

Please use the space below to share why you would like to be part of the Primary Care Community Health Nursing Scholar program. ***Please do not exceed 500 words.*** Include:

- Motivation for applying
- Why you would like primary care experiences in community settings working with underserved populations, in addition to the standard Loyola curriculum
- How coordinating care for patients and families could be helpful to you as a future Loyola nurse
- Why being part of a cohort of faculty and students interested in primary care nursing appeals to you.

Keep in mind that PCCHNS students will be part of a group of like-minded faculty and students who participate in additional learning opportunities and clinical experiences in primary care throughout the four-year program. The ultimate goal is to prepare students for professional nursing positions in a wide variety of settings, including as qualified primary care nurses.
