



# AtlantiCare Nursing Fellowship Program

Designed to develop future nurses to meet the healthcare needs  
of our community



## *2008 Community Application*

### *Affiliate partners include:*

Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County

NAACP – Atlantic City Chapter

Philippine Nurses Association of Atlantic County



## **AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center Nursing Fellowship Application Fellowship Information**

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center is proud to once again announce the availability of paid fellowships for our community members to prepare future nurses entering Associate Degree or Bachelor of Science Degree Nursing programs. These fellowships are being offered in an effort to encourage a broad field of applicants that will reflect the diverse community served by AtlantiCare.

We are proud to continue our work in collaboration with several community affiliates who provide leadership and guidance to our fellowship candidates. These Community affiliates include:

- The Hispanic Alliance
- The NAACP
- The Philippine Nurses Association

Students who are graduating in Spring 2008 or have graduated in the past five years from high schools in Atlantic County, NJ are eligible to apply.

Students awarded fellowships may be eligible for available positions at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC) as a Companion, or Administrative Associate while pursuing their nursing degree.

Entrance into Nursing programs throughout the United States is highly competitive. Acceptance into Atlantic Cape Community College as with other Associate degree and some Bachelor degree programs does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program. AtlantiCare will assist the fellow in finding access to educational support programs based upon the unique needs of each candidate.

During 2007, Fellowship recipients began meeting with fellowship staff prior to the beginning of each semester to design a personal professional development plan. This tool helps the student to monitor their educational progress and establish personal goals throughout their time as an AtlantiCare Nurse Fellow.

Fellows also take a pre-evaluation Nurse Entrance Exam offered through AtlantiCare. Attendance in a Nursing Entrance Exam preparation program during the first year of your fellowship may be required based on the results. This process provides an opportunity to establish an individualized educational pathway to help you achieve your goal of acceptance and success in a Nursing Program.

Fellowship participants will take part in a mentorship program through ARMC. We have highly dedicated nurses who will provide you with support during your nursing education and career journey.

In 2007, we began a Nursing Community Service program where nursing fellows have an opportunity to share their enthusiasm for nursing by participating in a community service program. An AtlantiCare nurse mentor will provide you with information about several ways you will be able to help promote the positive image of nursing and health literacy. You will also be invited to attend educational offerings and nursing celebrations held at AtlantiCare throughout the year.

Qualified fellowship participants must remain in good standing throughout their fellowship. Upon successful completion of the RN program you will be expected to apply for employment as a Registered Nurse with AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and accept the offered position for the agreed time frame in exchange for the fellowship.

### **Application Period and Deadlines**

The application filing period will begin April 14 and continue through May 29, 2008. Applications should be postmarked no later than May 26. Faxed applications will not be accepted. No exceptions or extensions will be made beyond the deadline. All applicants will be notified by July 14, 2008 regarding acceptance into the Fellowship program.

## Instructions

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the application package is complete and all required materials are sent on time. *Only completed application packages which include all of the following 5 components will be considered:*

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal Qualities Statement (why you should be chosen).
3. If the applicant is a graduating high school student or has graduated within the last 12 months they must include all of the following:
  - A. Official school transcript (grade point average must be 2.5 or higher on a 4 point scale or 3.1 or higher on a 5 point scale)
  - B. Letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor
  - C. Letter of recommendation from a personal source (not a relative)
4. If the applicant is an adult they must include:
  - A. Proof of successful completion of high school
  - B. Completed AtlantiCare Community Fellowship Application
  - C. Two (2) letters of recommendation from a personal source (not a relative)
5. **IMPORTANT** - Fellowship applicants who will be attending ACCC are required to complete the ACCC Placement Test (ACCUPLACER). Results must be received by AtlantiCare with this application on May 29, 2008. If you have already taken the exam you may submit those results with your application. You may also submit the following with your application instead of the (ACCUPLACER) test results.
  - Applicants who have taken the SAT test within the last four years are requested to submit a copy of those results with the application.
    - Applicants who have taken the ACT test within the last four years are requested to submit a copy of those results with the application.
  - Applicants who already have a degree (A.A., B.S., etc.) must submit a copy of your official transcript with the application.
  - Applicants who have completed or are in the process of completing college pre-requisites to the nursing program are required to submit a copy of their school transcript with this application.
  - If you do not fit into any of the above categories you must submit an entrance/placement test result such as the Accuplacer – (required at ACCC prior to beginning classes) with this application **or** you may submit proof of acceptance into a Nursing program.

Completed packages must be postmarked by **May 26, 2008** or delivered to the City Campus Administration Office by **May 29, 2008**. The packages should be addressed to:

**Robyn Begley, RN MSN**  
**Vice President of Nursing**  
**AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center**  
**1925 Pacific Ave.**  
**Atlantic City, NJ 08401**

**Please direct questions to:**

Mary Jean Burke, RN MS  
Director of Nursing Innovation and Outcomes  
[mjburke@atlanticare.org](mailto:mjburke@atlanticare.org) or call (609) 407-2553

## **Description of Requirements**

**Application Form:** The applicant must completely fill out the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center fellowship application which may be obtained from the Human Resources Department in both campuses, guidance counselors, principals or any Board of Trustee member of HISPANIC ALLIANCE OF ATLANTIC COUNTY, NAACP OF ATLANTIC CITY or PHILLIPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC COUNTY. Applications must be signed and dated in the space provided. *Incomplete applications will not be processed.*

**Personal Qualities Statement/Community Involvement:** The applicant must submit a one or two page typed summary including the following:

### **High School Students**

1. Student/leadership activities
2. Honors and/or awards
3. Career goals
4. Community involvement
5. Why the applicant should be awarded this fellowship

### **Adult Applicants**

Adult applicants should submit 3 through 5 as outlined above.

***Remember - for both High School and Adult Applicants include evidence as outlined in requirement #5 (found on page 3 under the Information section).***

**Official Transcript/Academic Achievement:** Graduating High School students must include an official up-to-date (sealed) transcript of the high school from which the student will graduate. This must be received by the May 29th deadline.

**Letters of Recommendation:** The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation. Letters should address the applicant's qualities such as motivation, leadership, nursing attributes, ability to learn new things, and commitment to achieving goals. Letters should be submitted with the completed fellowship application form and must be postmarked no later than May 26, 2008.

**Application for the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center Community  
Nursing Fellowship Program**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent or Guardian's name (and address if different from applicant)*

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are a high school student please state your grade point average (GPA):* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attached/sent the requirements listed on page 3 under #5  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ other

ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I HEREBY GIVE ATLANTICARE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER PERMISSION TO USE MY NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS. NOTE: ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a minor your parent/guardian must sign here:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation Member    Hispanic Alliance    NAACP    PNA    Other

**Personal Qualities Statement**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved RB,BC.