

# UC San Diego Health™



## DREAM Student Nurse Externship

*Pursue your career goals at San Diego's  
only Academic Medical System*



# Vision

We see a world in which community representation stands at the forefront of a dynamic, diverse, and sustainable health workforce.

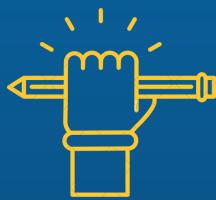
# Mission

To empower communities by providing clear, accessible, and guided career pathways into the wide world of health.

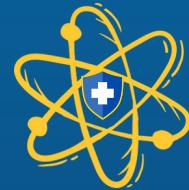
## Our Goals



Forge Career Pathways  
within UCSD, Across  
California, and Beyond



Educate & Equip  
Future Health  
Professionals



Create Experiences  
to Explore  
Health Fields



Championing  
Community  
Representation

## Externship Highlights:

- Welcome Orientation & Skills Training
- 120 Externship Hours per semester
  - 96 clinical hours at UCSDH
  - 24 classroom hours at UCSDH
- RN Preceptor Pairing
- Access to Career Development Seminars & Community Networking Events
- Free Parking
- Awarded Certificate of Completion

## Externship Locations

- Ambulatory Settings
- East Campus Medical Center
- Hillcrest Medical Center
- Jacobs Medical Center

*Based on Unit Availability*





## DREAM Externship

### *ADN Pathway*

#### **Overview:**

The DREAM Nurse Externship aims to enhance community representation and establish supportive avenues for ADN nurses to gain valuable experiences at a Magnet-accredited organization.

Since 2021, the DREAM program is tailored to assist ADN students in transitioning into professional clinical nurse roles and preparing them for new graduate RN positions. Participants benefit from a comprehensive curriculum including didactic sessions, skill-building classes, and career development seminars.



#### **Your DREAM Externship Experience:**

##### **Direct Patient Care**

DREAM Externs can expect to primarily receive a placement on one of our Progressive Care Units (PCU).



*"The DREAM Program has provided such an incredible opportunity to associate degree nursing students like myself who might come from troubled upbringings or emigrated from another country or who couldn't devote their lives to nursing right away, but bring valuable life experiences that our patients can relate to. For patients, it's like we're talking to family because we've been through so much of the same."*

**Christopher V.**  
Southwestern College  
Former DREAM Extern



### **DREAM is a Two Semester Length Program**

- Fall & Spring Commitment
- Co-enrollment in BSN Program is Required
- Eligible for UCSD Health Nurse Aide Position

# All Externship Qualifications

- RN Students are eligible to participate during their final academic year
- Enrollment in nursing program w/ active clinical affiliation at UCSDH through the Allied Health Professions Education Committee (AHPEC-N)
- Enrollment in externship course through your school's nursing program

## DREAM Extern Qualifications

- Be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or legal permanent resident
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
  - Demonstrated on transcript
- Must be co-enrolled in BSN Program
  - Demonstrated with acceptance letter
- Ability to attend required UCSDH didactic classes

## DREAM Externs Must Meet 2 of the Following Criteria:

- Underrepresented minority in nursing
- Be the first generation in their family to graduate from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrated financial need or current enrollment in public assistance programs.

*For precise application dates and deadlines, please visit our application website.*

## Application Requirements:

- Resume/CV
- Cover Letter
- Two Letters of Reference
  - *Dated within 1 year*
- Completed Essay Questions
  - *Provided during application period.*
- Proof of Health Insurance



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