

2025 AWHONN STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Who:

- Rising Junior & Senior students in pre-licensure BSN programs across the state of Oklahoma
- Students in their final year of pre-licensure ADN programs across the state of Oklahoma
- Applicants must be student members of AWHONN

What:

Student Interns would work closely with their Chapter OK AWHONN Leader and the OK AWHONN student liaisons on a diverse range of projects within these leaders' roles that directly and indirectly promote the nursing profession as well as improve evidence-based, patient and family centered care for women, obstetric patients and families, and neonates nationally, state-wide, and locally.

Student Interns would work with the OK AWHONN Section leadership to promote student AWHONN membership, plan and execute chapter programming, and increase overall engagement within the state AWHONN section.

Upon successful completion of the internship, student interns may request a letter of reference from the OK AWHONN leaders to use when applying for careers, further nursing education programs, or other applicable professional endeavors. A token of appreciation from the OK AWHONN Section will be presented to interns at the statewide conference's award ceremony upon completion of the program.

School credit is not available from OK AWHONN for this program but if requested, the state AWHONN chapter can provide a letter detailing the student's roles and responsibilities in the internship program that the student intern may submit to their educational institution.

Where:

Most work will be completed asynchronously and virtually.

Student interns are expected to attend all of their local OK AWHONN Chapter meetings with the exception of mandatory school conflicts. Every attempt will be made to schedule chapter programming at a time where the chapter's student interns will be able to attend.

Student interns are expected to attend the 2025 OK AWHONN Conference.

Registration for the 2025 OK AWHONN Conference will be complimentary for student interns in good standing within this student internship program.

When:

2025 cycle:

Applications due 1MARCH2025. Decisions decided by 31MARCH2025 and applicants notified of decisions within 1 week. Internship begins 31MAY2025 and ends 31MAY2026 to run concurrently with typical school year.

It may be possible that some students may graduate while interns and as such, can continue in the internship until the natural end of the internship cycle. For these students, their OK AWHONN leader can function as a mentor as they adjust to their 1st year of nursing practice.

Why:

This program will be a critical piece of leadership development for future nurse leaders in the women's health, obstetric, & neonatal fields. Students will gain a deep understanding of and participate in the roles, responsibilities, and internal functioning of a specialized state-wide professional nursing organization.

At the same time, this program will become vital in maintaining OK AWHONN's longevity. By consistently investing in and working to develop excellent and effective nurse leaders, OK AWHONN is taking an active role in ensuring that future nurses in our specialty will be not only adequately, but exceptionally, prepared to take on new challenges, leadership roles at all levels, and elevate the nursing profession.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Form to be submitted via Google Forms

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMnJPNh177l0ywf_qURmZfJeZ8AprkmLA7NxAFrYICnVpa2Q/viewform?usp=header

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

AWHONN Membership Number

Local AWHONN Chapter (dropdown box)

Educational Institution/Where Student is in this Program

Letter of Good Standing from Educational Institution

1 Letter of Recommendation from Faculty

500 word essay on why applicant is interested and what they would bring to this program

Application link/document & promotional flyers encouraging applications to be disseminated via:

-Membership Email

-Social Media (FB, Instagram)

-AWHONN OK Website

-Via student liaisons to schools within their covered area

-Grassroots outreach to OB programs across the state (if OK AWHONN leaders teach/are affiliated with applicable educational programs, request that course coordinator disseminate application)