

Ronald Reagan-UCLA Medical Center Department Descriptions

5ICU (PICU) – 2nd rotation and up

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Description:

Ronald Reagan Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU/5ICU) is one of the most diverse departments in the Care Extender Program. The intensive care unit is a specialized department that house patients in critical condition. It has a high patient to nurse ratio, which allows Care Extenders to develop close, interpersonal relationships with both nurses and patients. Pediatric-ICU has pediatric patients with various conditions from ages 0 to 17. There is also a section of the PICU dedicated to cardiothoracic patients. Care Extender duties may include assisting with patient transfer to and from gurneys, wheelchairs, cardiac chairs, and patient beds, observing procedures, and asking questions regarding patient care and calling attention to patients' needs to staff for medication, questions, etc. Because of WW-ICU's variety, Care Extenders may potentially see and experience three different specialties in just one rotation.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

5-East (5E) – 1st rotation and up

Description:

The Ronald Reagan 5 East Department (5E) offers Care Extenders various opportunities to learn and observe procedures like lumbar puncture and swallow studies, and shadowing nurses and physicians on their rounds. 5 East is a 13-bed unit that provides complex medical care to our patients with multiple medical conditions, including renal and liver disease, respiratory and cardiac disease, and diabetes.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm



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6-East (6E Oncology) – 1st rotation and up

Description: The 6E Oncology department is primarily dedicated to delivering care to cancer patients and their families. This department exposes Care Extenders to a unique environment of patient care and undoubtedly provides them with a valuable learning experience while making a meaningful impact throughout the floor. Care Extenders' primary role will be to assist the nursing staff as they perform their daily routines, run errands, provide attention to patients and their families, and perform some clerical work.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

7-East (7E) – 1st rotation and up

Description:

The Medical Telemetry Unit in 7 East, comprised of a 26-bed unit and 5EMS 13-bed unit, provides complex medical care to patients with multiple medical conditions, including renal and liver disease, respiratory and cardiac disease, and diabetes.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

7W-CTU – 1st rotation and up

Description:

A typical shift in the 7-West Cardio Thoracic Unit (7W-CTU) will consist of restocking, observing minor procedures, going to the blood bank, dropping off/picking up supplies from SPD and OR, calling techs, helping nurses, speaking to patients (with permission of the nurse/doctor), restocking linens and other supplies, transport, tidying up, etc. Care Extenders may talk to the staff and ask them questions about patients or other areas of interest.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

8 North (8N) – 1st rotation and up

Description:

In 8-North, Care Extenders will have many chances to gain valuable clinical experience while working with nurses, doctors and fellow interns. The medical-surgical center is a floor with higher patient to nurse ratio;



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therefore, Care Extenders will get to improve their communication skills and bedside manners while increasing overall patient and hospital exposure.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

8-East (8E) – 1st rotation and up

Description:

In 8 East, Care Extenders will have many chances to gain valuable experiences while working with nurses, doctors, and fellow care-partners (i.e. dietitians, social workers, etc.). The medical-surgical center is a floor with a higher patient to nurse ratio; therefore, Care Extenders will get to improve their communication skills and bedside manners while increasing overall patient and hospital exposure. Care Extenders will get the chance to learn from healthcare professionals by observing medical procedures (vital signs, explanation of diagnosis and medication, IVs, etc.), assisting nurses, making rounds with physicians, and helping out the unit secretaries.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

8-West (8W) – 1st rotation and up

Description:

In 8 West, Care Extenders will have many chances to gain valuable experiences while working with nurses, doctors, and fellow care-partners (i.e. dietitians, social workers, etc.). The medical-surgical center is a floor with a higher patient to nurse ratio; therefore, Care Extenders will get to improve their communication skills and bedside manners while increasing overall patient and hospital exposure. Care Extenders will get the chance to learn from healthcare professionals by observing medical procedures (vital signs, explanation of diagnosis and medication, IVs, etc.), assisting nurses, making rounds with physicians, and helping out the unit secretaries.

Shifts:

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8ICU (Liver Transplant) – 2nd rotation and up

Description:



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In Liver Transplant (8ICU), Care Extenders will have many chances to gain valuable experiences while working with nurses, doctors, and fellow care-partners. Care Extenders have the opportunity to learn from healthcare professionals by observing medical procedures (vital signs, explanation of diagnosis and medication, IVs, etc.), assisting nurses, making rounds with physicians, and helping out the unit secretaries.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Cardiac Cath Lab (CCL) – 2nd rotation and up

Description:

The Cardiac Catheterization Lab gives Care Extenders the chance to observe angioplasties, angiograms, pacemaker insertions and many more procedures. Other duties for Care Extenders may include stamping paperwork packet with patient's ID card, picking up/delivering items to other departments, lab, pharmacy (not for medications), central supply and patient transport.

Shifts:

Monday through Friday, 7:00am-11:00am and 11:00am-3:00pm

Eye Institute – 3rd rotation and up- Must have ICU experience

Description:

This department consists of patients who are in the recovery area of the Eye Institute after having outpatient procedures completed. Care Extenders will assist staff with various tasks, such as making beds, cleaning and preparing rooms, discharging patients, etc. CEs will also have opportunities to observe surgeries taking place in the unit.

Shifts:

Monday through Friday, 7:00am-11:00am and 11:00am-3:00pm

Interventional Radiology (IR) – 2nd rotation and up

Description:

CEs will assist department staff with providing ipads to patients, which will have videos educating them on the procedures they will be having. CEs will also have opportunities to observe procedures taking place in the unit during downtime. Staff will train CEs during their shifts.

Shifts:

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Emergency Room (ER) – 3rd rotation and up

Description:

In the RRH Emergency Room, Care Extenders will have the opportunity to observe and participate in variety of procedures. Furthermore, they can work closely with and learn from doctors, nurses, residents, and technicians. A typical shift will consist of restocking items, cleaning and making beds, picking up items from dietary, lab, or central services, helping transport patients, observing procedures, and much more.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Geriatrics (200 Med Plaza) – 2nd rotation and up

Description:

Care Extenders in this unit will be assisting geriatric patients with wayfinding and escorting to their appointments in the clinics. Care Extenders will also have the opportunity to assist in the clinic with various duties.

Shifts:

Monday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm

Gonda – 2nd rotation and up

Description:

The GONDA unit houses patients who are in need of observation and treatment after coming from the ER. Care Extenders have the opportunity to learn from healthcare professionals by observing medical procedures (vital signs, explanation of diagnosis and medication, IVs, etc.), assisting nurses, making rounds with physicians, and helping out the unit secretaries.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) – 2nd rotation and up

A mandatory training will be held during the first week of the new rotation, most likely during the late morning/early afternoon. DO NOT sign up for this department if you do not have flexibility during the first



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week of the new rotation and cannot attend training. If you are assigned to this department but do not attend the training, you will be reassigned to a different department, which may not have been part of your original preference choices.

Description:

The Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) houses patients with various illnesses. Care Extenders in this department will have the opportunity to observe insertions of A-lines, intubations, open chest procedures, and overall assist with nurses, care partners, and physicians with any needed assistance.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) – 3rd rotation and up

Description:

Patients in the NICU consist of babies days old through infants a few months old. Care Extenders have the opportunity to shadow nurses and observe procedures. Care Extenders will have the opportunity to form relationships with the NICU nurses, respiratory therapists, and rounding physicians.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Pediatrics (PEDS) – 3rd rotation and up

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Description:

Pediatrics houses patients ranging in age from infant to teenagers. Patients seen here are in delicate conditions. The diseases in this department vary with age, sub-department, and season. These include immuno-suppressive diseases, cancer, organ transplants, and infections. Care Extenders have the opportunity to learn from healthcare professionals by observing medical procedures (vital signs, explanation of diagnosis and medication, IVs, etc.), assisting nurses and unit secretaries and making rounds with physicians.

Shifts:

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PostPartum (PP) – 1st rotation and up

Description:

Post Partum consists of mothers who have just given birth and their babies. Care Extenders will have the opportunity to round on the mothers providing any assistance as needed. You may observe small procedures, such as circumcisions. Care Extenders also have the opportunity to assist in the nursery and hold babies.

Shifts:

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, 7:00pm-11:00pm

Surgery Center – 3rd rotation and up

Description:

Care Extenders will cooperate and interact with a diverse medical team of physicians, registered nurses, clinical social workers, physical therapists, and many more facets of the hospital in order to provide exceptional health care and compassion to our patients. Care Extenders in this department will assist the patient care team with various tasks, such as making beds, cleaning, assisting patients with transfer, etc. CEs will also have opportunities to observe surgeries taking place in the unit.

Shifts:

Monday through Friday, 7:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-7:00pm, excluding holidays