

Bon Secours Mary Immaculate RN fellowship celebrates earning practice transition accreditation

Newly accredited Transitions in Practice program creates framework for transitioning RNs between specialty areas at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Aug. 26, 2016 — Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital registered nurse fellowship program, Transitions in Practice, is the first such program in the United States to receive accreditation through the American Nurses Credentialing Center Practice Transition Accreditation Program™.

Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital program helps current practicing nurses transition from one nursing specialty to another, such as medical-surgical nursing to labor and delivery nursing. The fellowship program focuses on helping nurses at all levels of professional practice gain experience in specialty areas. The program emphasizes real-time, on-the-floor learning, including precepted experience utilizing evidence-based competencies, as well as simulations, case studies, class discussions and online modules. The Transitions in Practice program at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate highlights the importance of accrediting all types of transition programs in nursing. Accreditation provides the program with enhanced credibility within the nursing community. The Transitions in Practice program received accreditation with distinction in the highest award granted by the Commission on Accreditation, which highlights the rigor of this homegrown program.

According to Lynn Newberry, administrative director of professional practice and critical care at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate, the nurse fellowship program's modular courses enable educators to provide nurses with more individualized programming. "Our professional development specialists coordinate RNs' onboarding and training experience, focusing on each RN's unique needs," she said.

"Bon Secours has demonstrated to the nursing community that all levels of nursing need transition programs, and by seeking accreditation of their program they have raised the bar for all RN fellowship programs," said Sheryl Cosme, senior manager of operations of the Practice Transition Accreditation Program at ANCC.

To learn more about Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Transitions in Practice RN fellowship program, please visit bonsecours.com/hampton-roads. To learn more about the ANCC Practice Transition Accreditation Program, please visit nursecredentialing.org/becomeptap.



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