



# UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

## 2026 Summer Nurse Internship Children's Minnesota

Children's Minnesota divides their patient care into Care Communities. Each Care Community cares for a type of patient that is divided then into several units across our campuses.

During your interview process, you will be asked to **rate your top 3 Care Communities**. Please use the information below to help guide your decisions.

Unless otherwise noted, all units:

- **Require day, evening, night, and weekend shifts**
- Care for infants, children, and young adults.

Care Community	Locations	Description
<b>Medical / Surgical</b>	<p><u>St. Paul:</u> Med/Surg Units</p> <p><u>Minneapolis:</u> Med/Surg Unit Epilepsy Monitoring Unit Hematology &amp; Oncology</p>	<p><u>Med/Surg units:</u> Care for patients with a variety of diagnoses and hospitalization needs including cystic fibrosis, post-operative care, diabetes, trauma, and diseases involving the urologic, respiratory, digestive, or ENT systems.</p> <p><u>Limited Stay Unit (LSU):</u> Similar to the Med/Surg units, the LSU cares for patients that need to be hospitalized for shorter time periods of observation.</p> <p><u>Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU):</u> Cares for patients with epilepsy and med/surg patients.</p> <p><u>Hematology / Oncology Unit:</u> Cares for patients with a hematologic or oncology diagnosis requiring chemotherapy or inpatient care and med/surg patients.</p>
<b>Float Pool</b>	St. Paul & Minneapolis	Float team nurses are divided out into the neonatal, med/surg, and critical care communities and care for patients on a single campus (St. Paul or Minneapolis). Interns will be paired with 1 preceptor and learn their specific care team. An excellent option to see a variety of departments and patient types.
<b>Critical Care</b>	<p><u>St. Paul</u> Pediatric ICU Emergency Department</p> <p><u>Minneapolis</u> Cardiovascular ICU Pediatric ICU Emergency Department</p>	<p><u>Pediatric ICU:</u> Caring for med/surg patients that require higher acuity care for a variety of diagnoses.</p> <p><u>Cardiovascular ICU:</u> Caring for patients with cardiac issues including congenital and injury related diagnoses.</p> <p><u>St. Paul Emergency Department:</u> Level IV trauma center that cares for all types of emergent or urgent diagnoses including inpatient mental health emergencies.</p> <p><u>Minneapolis Emergency Department:</u> Level I trauma center that cares for all types of emergent or urgent diagnoses including high acuity traumas.</p>



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<b>Inpatient Mental Health</b>	St. Paul	Unit cares for children and young adults only. No infants.  Caring for patients that are admitted for mental health concerns which includes safety checks, patient assessments and therapeutic conversations, and group activities.
<b>Peri-Operative</b>	St. Paul & Minneapolis	Caring for patients through the spectrum of the surgical experience – including preparing for surgery, operating room, and postoperative recovery. <b>No overnights or weekends.</b>
<b>Neonatal</b>	<u>St. Paul</u> Neonatal ICU  <u>Mercy – Coon Rapids</u> Neonatal ICU  <u>Minneapolis</u> Neonatal ICU Infant Care Center Special Care Nursery	All units care for premature infants only.  <u>Neonatal ICU:</u> Cares for the highest acuity of premature infants requiring the most care to survive or thrive.  <u>Infant Care Center (ICC):</u> Stepdown unit for NICU, caring for chronic infant situations with tracheostomies, GI issues, postop, and feeding issues. Also cares for ED and postop infant admissions for illness.  <u>Special Care Nursery (SCN):</u> Level II nursery that focuses on infants that need assistance with feeding and family education. Excellent option for learning about the complexities of premature birth and congenital diseases.
<b>Ambulatory</b>	<u>Minneapolis</u> – Hem/Onc Clinic	<u>Hematology/Oncology Clinic:</u> Cares for patients with all types of malignancies and bleeding disorders by providing complex care management, infusions of medications or chemotherapy, and provide patient and family education. Open Monday-Friday 8:30a.m. – 5 p.m. <b>No overnights or weekends.</b>