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TIPS

FOR FINDING YOUR FIRST JOB AS A NEW NURSE

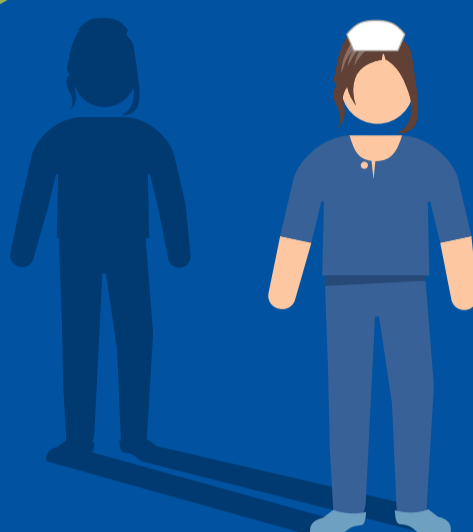
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1 HOSPITAL INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Check hospital websites (such as Eisenhower Medical Center) for application deadlines and procedures.



2 JOB SHADOWING

Look for opportunities to shadow experienced nurses in a variety of specialties, from med/surg to critical care to pediatrics and more.



3 PER DIEM ROLES

Consider taking on a per diem role, no matter the shift or facility, to gain direct patient care experience.

4 NURSING ASSISTANT POSITION



Think of a nursing assistant role not as a job for which you're overqualified, but as an opportunity to network and show your potential at your setting of choice.



5 VOLUNTEER

Non-paid work in patient care activities at health fairs and other community events not only offer valuable direct contact with patients, but it's also viewed favorably by healthcare recruiters.

6 FIND A MENTOR

Explore opportunities to connect with an experienced nurse for helpful advice and additional clinical knowledge.



7 NETWORK

Talk with friends, family members, and school or work associates who are nurses or who know RNs. Your neighbor may know of a position that's right for you!



8 GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Ask your clinical instructors for advice, tips, or their knowledge of potential jobs.

9 GET TO KNOW NURSE MANAGERS

They're the ones with the real pull when it comes to job offers.

10 KEEP UP TO DATE

Prepare to show your knowledge and commitment during interviews by staying apprised of clinical developments, particularly in the specialty of your choice. Follow healthcare news, join a professional nursing association, complete CE activities, and attend conferences.

