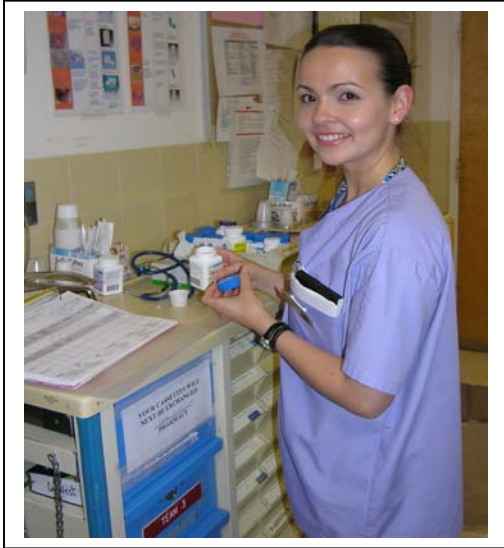


## Working @ Bridgepoint Health

***“A welcoming and valuable student experience...”***



From the moment she walked through the doors of Bridgepoint Hospital, Megan Nguyen felt at home.

“The staff were really very welcoming and always ready to answer any questions that I had,” she said. “And so were the patients. They want to help you learn.”

Located in the east end of Toronto, Bridgepoint Hospital is a 479-bed complex continuing care and rehabilitation hospital dedicated to providing students with the skills they need to provide exceptional care to the growing numbers of people in the Greater Toronto Area living with complex chronic disease and disability.

“Our students have the rare opportunity to work in an environment where they make a significant impact *every day* on the quality of their patients’ lives,” says Diane Whidden, Vice President Human Resources and Communications. “We specialize in complex chronic disease, which means our patients are living with three or more chronic conditions such as diabetes, Parkinson’s, arthritis, HIV/AIDS or stroke. The complexity and variety of our patient population makes for a clinical experience that is as stimulating as it is rewarding.”

Bridgepoint Health takes a great deal of pride in its culture which provides students with plenty of opportunities to Bridgepoint Health offers new nursing graduates an opportunity to work in an environment that fosters professionalism and gain hands on experience practicing in a Chronic Disease Management model.

This exciting new care model is known to remarkable benefits for people living with chronic disease and disability and involves a team-based approach to caring for patients and family members who are truly partners in their care.

“Applying the model at work will give new nursing grads a unique opportunity to enhance their assessment and critical thinking skills as well as their diagnostic abilities and comprehensive pain and symptom management capabilities,” says Jane Merkely, Chief Nursing Executive.

Students who decide to pursue a career at Bridgepoint enjoy:

- A competitive compensation, benefits & employee assistance program



- A culture of clinical scholarship, innovation, academic excellence, employee engagement and communication - we live our values in everything we do,
- Multiple opportunities for growth including:
  - education, leadership, and nursing research exposure
- Orientation and hands on experiences to advance their academic goals including: scientific poster creation, rounds, research projects and teaching
- One-on-one mentorships
- Customized orientation programs with exposure to different programs in line with career goals
- Health and wellness benefits:
  - On-site fitness classes & Weight Watcher program
  - Wellness Room
  - Access to on-site registered massage therapy and physiotherapy and
- Many opportunities to get involved and stay informed through:
  - Reading “Reflections” the monthly newsletter and participating in Town Halls and multiple employee recognition and learning activities/

In the end, students who come to Bridgepoint Health quickly come to realize that Bridgepoint Health believes that their patients’ well being depends on the everyone performing at their best – every day, every minute.

“They value the unique contributions made by every staff member,” says Nguyen. “This was an invaluable learning experience!” she adds.

“If students are committed to offering exceptional patient care, teamwork, diversity, and life-long learning then Bridgepoint Health is a great place for them,” says Diane. Nguyen agrees, “I came to Bridgepoint for a three-month clinical placement and left with an invaluable education in complex chronic disease and disability management that is unique in all of Canada,” she said.