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NURSING EXCELLENCE

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

October 2, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!




Celebrating
Our 7th
Consecutive
Magnet
Designation!
RWJBarnabas
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University Hospital
Magnet
Recognition
Designated
American Nurses
Credentialing Center



Thank you for enhancing the experience of our current nurses and our future nurses and nursing leaders!



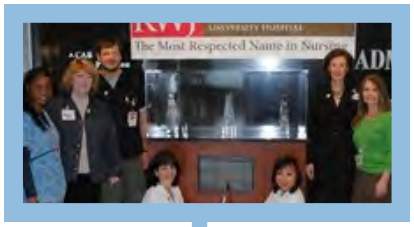
INVESTING IN THE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO BRING SKILL, COMPASSION AND EXCELLENCE TO OUR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITY EVERY DAY

7 consecutive Magnet ® designations by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

1 of only 7
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Holding Continuous Magnet Status Since 1997!















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"The scholarship has allowed me to further my education, expand my knowledge in orthopedic trauma care and integrate advanced clinical practices into patient care. **This support not only enhances my ability to provide evidence-based, compassionate care, but it also inspires me to contribute to the nursing profession through mentorship and leadership.** I am deeply grateful for this investment in nursing excellence and the positive impact it has on both caregivers and patients."

– Katelyn Ribeiro, RN



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CARE AND NURSING PROFESSIONALISM

“Receiving this support means the world to me and brings me one step closer to achieving my educational goals. Your generosity not only relieves a significant financial burden but also inspires me to work even harder in my studies. **Thank you so much for investing in my future and believing in my potential.”**

-Sylvia Francisco, RNC, ADPC



51.2%

RWJUH NURSES HOLD PROFESSIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATIONS





“Thank you for believing in me. I’m commited to using this opportunitiy to give back, especially to underserved and immigrant communities who need compassionate, culturally sensitive care.”

-Antia Sigdel-Tripathee, RN

60 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

41 RNs
8 CCTs
5 Assistant Director
2 RN-APN
1 Logistics Coordinator
1 Nursing Supervisor
1 Patient Access Rep
1 Unit Clerk

6 Associate's Degrees
12 Bachelor's Degrees
33 Master's Degrees
7 Doctorate Degrees
2 Post Graduate Certificate

ALL EMBARKING ON THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR EDUCATION!

Associates Degrees

- Taisa Collins, CCT, 2E Ortho, Union College of Union County
- Gillian Gregory, CCT, 6T, Union College of Union County
- Iyanla Joiner, CCT, 9T, JFK Muhlenburg
- Samantha Pierrette, CCT, 5T, RWJBH School of Nursing
- Maricelis Rivera, CCT, 8T, Union College of Union County
- Leslie Trejo, Patient Access Rep, Patient Access ED, Middlesex County Community College

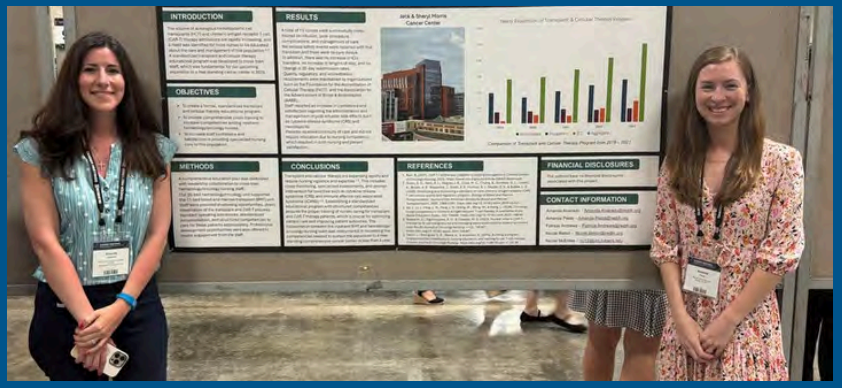


“I am grateful to work for an organization that recognizes the value of education, professional growth, and lifelong learning. Your investment in my education motivates me to contnue developing my knowledge and skills so I that I can provide the highest quality of care to the patients and communities I serve.”

-Christine Hanarty, RN

Bachelor's Degrees

- Giselle Ahenkora, Logistics Coordinator, Drexel University
- Erika Brisita, RN, 4E, Chamberlain
- Yenny Cruz, RN, RDU, Chamberlain
- Sierra Dobles, RN, SBMU, Walden University
- Sylvia Francisco, Assistant Director, NICU, Capella University
- Kellie Kovacs, RN, RDU, Chamberlain
- Kevin Lara Lemus, RN, 4E, Chamberlain
- Louis Momplaisir, RN, 4T, Thomas Edison State University
- Yesenia Ochoa, CCT, Shock Trauma, Chamberlain
- Jordyn Piparo, CCT, 4T, Chamberlain
- Jessica Uzor, Unit Clerk, 7T, Rutgers
- Joseph Vergel, CCT, Medical ICU, Chamberlain







Education is at the heart of who we are as an Academic Medical Center

"Your commitment to Nursing Education is not only an investment in my education but also in the patients, families, and communities I will continue to serve throughout my career. **I am truly grateful for your commitment to supporting nurses in their persuit of higher education and professional growth and excellence in patient care."**

-Amir Hossain, MSN, FNP-C, AOCNP



Thanks to donor support, we have proudly sent more than 50 clinicians to regional, national, and international conferences!



Master’s Degrees

- Anastacia Ayorinde, RN, Morris Cancer Center 9, William Patterson University
- Sylvia Bangura, RN, CCU, Wilkes University
- Renee Beaulieu, RN, Cardiac Cath Lab, Colorado Technical University
- Colleen Binbinon, RN, Morris Cancer Center 10, William Patterson University
- Bernadette Boatey, RN, 4E, Herzing University
- Lindsey Ciacciio, RN, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Seton Hall
- Heidy Cicekci, Assistant Director, 4N, Chamberlain
- Alyssa De Filippo, RN, ED, United States University
- Leslie Doll, RN, Mother/ Baby, Rowan University
- Mary Elmadah, Assistant Director, 4N, Post University/ American Sentinel School of Nursing
- Jacqueline Fabricatore, Assistant Director, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, University of Delaware
- Abigail Gordon, RN, CCU, Chamberlain
- Christine Hanarty, RN, Same Day Cath Lab, Walden University
- Christina Hendrikson, RN, Morris Cancer Center PACU, Felician Univesity
- Nicole Hewitt, Assistant Director, Children's Same Day Services, Western Governor's University
- Mitesh Jariwala, RN, RDU, Rowan University

Master's Degrees

- Anthonyette Karyczak, RN, 2E Ortho, Thomas Edison State University
- Katherine Laughlin, RN, Morris Cancer Center 8, Monmouth University
- Jessica Laurendeau, RN, Labor & Delivery, Wilkes University
- Keely McEntee, RN, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Seton Hall
- Franchesca Mendoza, RN, Float Pool, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Hernan Morocho Torres, RN, CC Float Pool, Walden University
- Alexis Papavero, RN, Morris Cancer Center 8, Monmouth University
- Alison Riccio, RN, Morris Cancer Center PACU, Wilkes University
- Justin Rosales, RN, Morris Cancer Center 8, Chamberlain
- Taylor Schuette, RN, ED, Chamberlain
- Katherine Schultes, RN, Labor & Delivery, Wilkes University
- Hanna Soisson, RN, Pediatric ED, Drexel University
- Jennifer Soto, RN, OP Clinic, William Patterson University
- Ivy Tabu, RN, Cath Lab, Purdue University Global
- Preiyanne Ulep, Nursing Supervisor, University of Arizona Global Campus
- Elisa Velazquez, RN, RDU, Rutgers
- Vanessa Wapples Harrison, RN, 6T, Chamberlain

Continuing the legacy of Betty Wold Johnson Center for Nursing Education





THANK YOU!

YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES OUR TEAM TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

“Through the conferences, **I realized how much potential I have as a nurse.** The diverse topics, nursing innovations and networking opportunities all have served to help me improve my practice. I also recognize how many great things we already do- and continue to do- each and every day”

– CJ Dudek, BSN, RN-BC



Doctorate Degrees

- Alyssa Hall, RN-APN, Morris Cancer Center 4 GI, Quinnipiac University
- Amir Hossain, RN-APN, Morris Cancer Center Infusion, Chamberlain
- Domenico Ippolito, RN, Pediatric ICU, Rutgers
- Olga Karpusyuk, RN, Float Pool, Ramapo College of NJ
- John Lam, RN, Morris Cancer Center 9, Rutgers
- Fia Nichols, RN, Kidney and Pancreas Transplant, Chamberlain
- Genevieve Nitzsche, RN, ED, Chamberlain



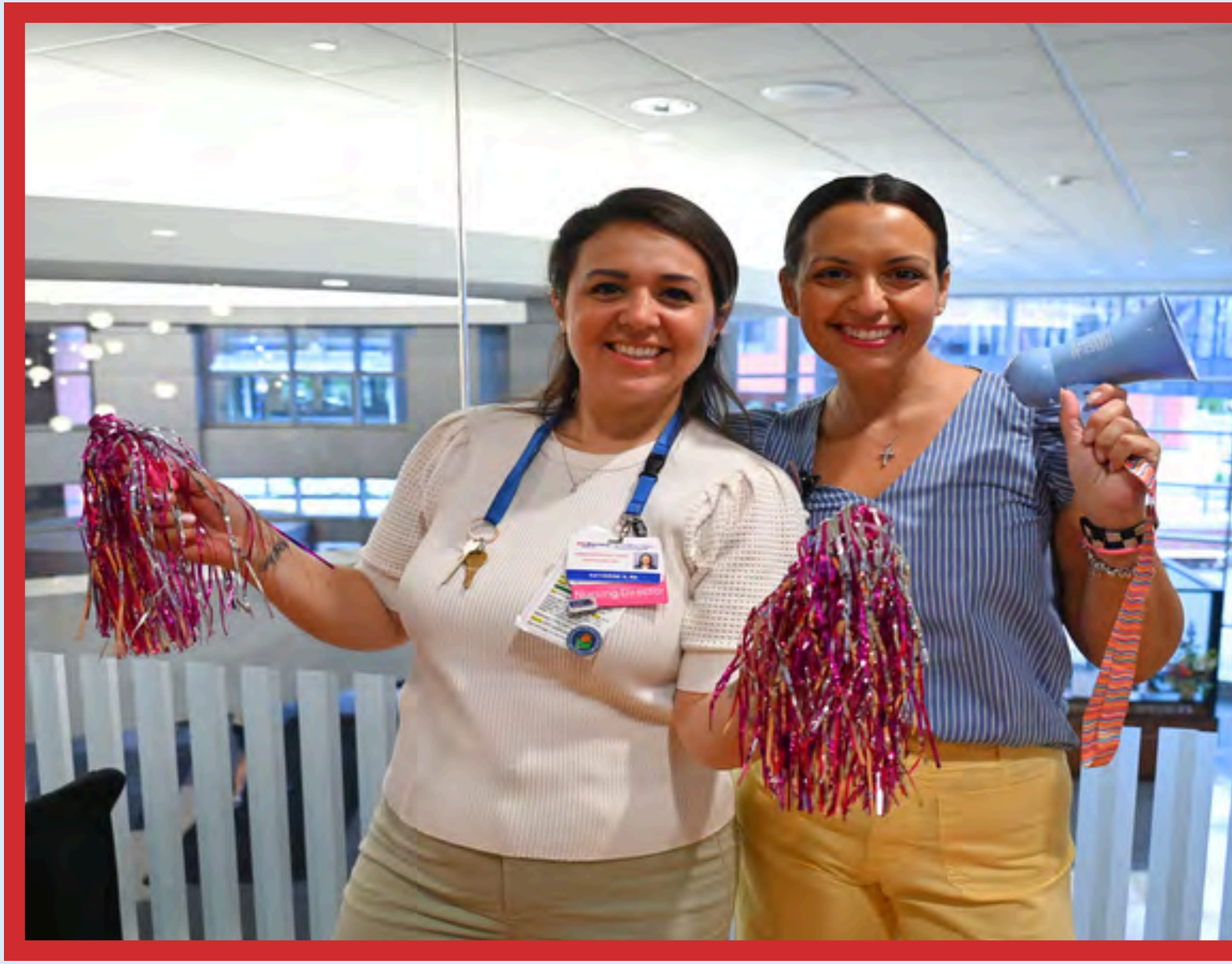
RWJUH exceeds the benchmark in injury prevention in procedural and surgical settings

Certifications

- Margaret Beemer, RN, CC Float Pool, Walden University
- Ingrid Sokolsky, RN, Pediatric Float Pool, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

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Thank you for continuing to write the story of nursing excellence!



BRINGING TOGETHER DIVERSE SKILLS & PERSPECTIVES TO DELIVER SAFER AND MORE EFFECTIVE PATIENT CARE!





TRAINING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH NEW BRUNSWICK SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

NURSING RECRUITMENT

266

IN 2026
(JANUARY-AUGUST)

437

IN 2025



UNANIMOUS DECISION TO RE-DESIGNATE RWJUH BY THE COMMISSION OF MAGNET







RWJUH HAS A

91.11%

RN RESIDENCY RETENTION RATE

**NATIONAL AVERAGE 90%*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP



The Commission on Magnet recognizes RWJUH Chief Nursing Officer Maureen Harding, MSN, BSN, RN's exemplary advocacy for and support of nurses' well-being and transformational leadership



86.6%

OF RWJUH NURSES HAVE A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR HIGHER IN NURSING

CLINICAL CARE TECHNICIAN RECRUITMENT

205

IN 2026 (JANUARY-AUGUST)

304

IN 2025





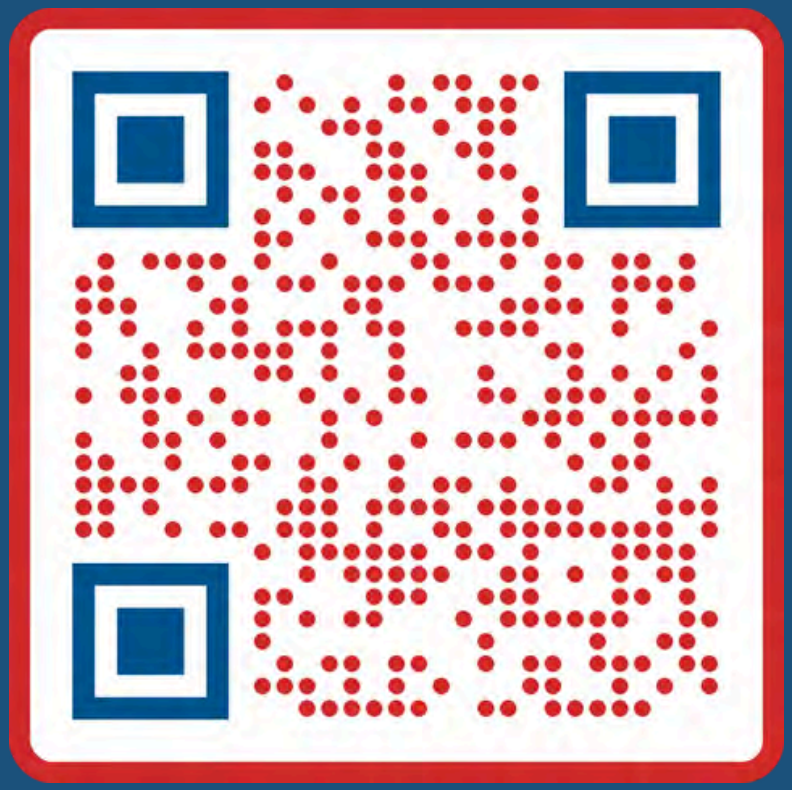
RWJUH exceeds the benchmark for fall injury prevention in ambulatory departments!



THANK YOU!

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