

IdRaHaJe Camp Nurse FAQ's

What is the time frame for camp?

Camp is 8 weeks long. The commitment for a camp nurse also includes a week of training with the entire summer staff, as well as 4 days prior to that for nurse specific training. For 2018, nurses will arrive at camp on Mon. May, 28th in time for training to begin at 2pm. We will begin that evening with a tour of camp and a brief Wilderness First Aid training.

What if I have a prior commitment during part of the summer?

We understand that there may be prior commitments for a wedding/graduation/job etc. We can often work around those if they are a short period of time as long as we know in advance what those days are. However, we typically give preference to applicants who can commit to the entire summer.

What about my NCLEX exam?

We understand that all new grads must take their boards, and we encourage you to do that as early in the summer as possible. We have found that those who wait don't have the same experience as those who take it early because they are constantly feeling the pressure of studying for it. We will give you internet access and time to study prior to that exam at designated and agreed upon times that do not interfere with your duties as camp nurse. You must verify your test date with the head nurse prior to setting it, however, we have never had a problem while scheduling. We will give you most of that day off so you will have ample time to get to the testing site, test, and have a bit of a breather after.

I am concerned about being on my own because I am a new grad. Will I have help?

YES! We consider this a great intro to the nursing world with a bit of preceptorship to it. The head nurse lives in the middle of camp. She is available for questions 24hrs a day. LITERALLY! She will also be around helping you frequently. We work as a team and back each other up. You should never feel like you are on your own.

Will I be paid?

Yes. Camp nurses are compensated \$200/week and room and board is included. We would love for that pay to be much higher than it is. However, we have the opportunity to provide a lot of scholarships to inner city kids and we try really hard to keep our costs low. As a result, full time staff are considered missionaries and raise support for a living. Your expenses while at camp are very minimal. We realize this pay is nothing compared to what you can make in a hospital, but we also know that God always provides us with staff that have a heart for ministry and adventure. The rewards are numerous and it promises to be a summer that our staff never forget.

What will my lodging arrangements be?

We try to accommodate all nurses with private quarters. Occasionally, depending on staffing needs, a nurse may have a roommate. We have 4 camps operating at once (with a different age group at each camp) and there is a nurse assigned to each camp. Nurses stay at the same location all summer unless we need to rotate based on numbers. You are welcome to stay there on weekends as well. By mid summer many friendships have been formed and many staff go in groups to friend's or family's houses to spend their down time but that is optional. The head nurse always makes her home available as a home away from home to the camp nurses as well.

What are the main duties of the camp nurse?

The biggest job is medication administration. Campers or anyone under the age of 18 (and any staff staying with a minor) are required to turn in ALL medications, including over the counter, vitamins, and herbal supplements, to the camp nurse. The nurses are responsible for organizing, dispensing, and keeping record of all of the medications. They are also needed to be available at all times for sickness and injury, although we try hard to keep these times to a minimum. Nurses also do a mini screening (mostly lice and pink eye check) on every camper on Sundays. The nurses work closely with the leadership team and are an integral part in helping campers with mental health concerns and homesickness. While the duties listed above are the primary ones assigned to the camp nurse, nurses are also involved in other camp activities and have wonderful opportunities to invest in the lives and campers and show Christ to them.

What is the hiring process if I am interested in pursuing employment at IdRaHaJe?

Interested candidates must submit an application which is available online at our website: www.idrahaje.org. Once your application is received, you will be sent a link for reference forms that you will need to email to 3 references. Once those are received, you will be contacted to set up a time for a phone interview.

Why would I want to serve at IdRaHaJe?

Once you enter the hospital world so to speak, it's nearly impossible to get an employer to allow you to take 2-3 months off for a summer to participate in a ministry opportunity such as this. If you have a heart for ministry, this is a great chance to do a job such as this before going off to other adventures and challenges. The hours are long, the pay is meager, the work can be hard at times, but the rewards are immeasurable. Your walk with Christ will grow. You will make lifelong friendships. You will gain nursing experience and confidence. You will have adventures you have never had before. But most importantly, you will have a chance to impact the lives of children/youth for eternity.