Surry-Yadkin Works

Surry-Yadkin Works is the first internship program of its kind in North Carolina. This program allows Juniors, Seniors, and Super Seniors in the Elkin City, Mount Airy City, Surry County, and Yadkin County Schools districts to work in paid internships and pre-apprenticeships. Each month, after working at least 48 hours, students receive a $250 stipend, as well as a monthly wage from most of the internship sites. Through this program, students learn real-word skills, earn high school credit, obtain work experience in career fields they’re interested in, and have a possibility of being offered a job at the place they intern at. Learn More
Crystal Folger-Hawks
SURRY-YADKIN WORKS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Crystal Folger-Hawks is the Program Director for Surry-Yadkin Works. She's spent 20 years in business and education. She has been a Career & Technical Education Teacher, a College Liaison, and a Career Coach. She has a Masters in School Administration and is a National Board Certified Teacher.

Fun Fact: Ms. Folger-Hawks is an "i" type personality in the Wiley DiSC® Assessment. Being an "i" personality means you are enthusiastic, possess substantial optimism, and seek freedom of expression.

Surry County Schools
HVAC Pre-Apprentices

Two Surry-Yadkin Works Students Hired for HVAC Pre-Apprenticeship with Surry County Schools
06/16/21

Two recent high school graduates are getting paid, hands-on training in the HVAC field through a pre-apprenticeship program coordinated by Surry-Yadkin Works.

Surry County Schools has hired East Surry High School graduate Victor Hall and North Surry High School graduate Wyatt Edwards. They are taking the ISC 112 Industrial Safety course this summer at Surry Community College and working 20 hours per week with the HVAC departments at Surry County Schools to learn about the career field. This opportunity is Hall's second job experience with Surry-Yadkin Works. He served as a custodial intern at Dobson Elementary School during the spring semester. At the end of this summer pre-apprenticeship, Surry County Schools can select Hall and Edwards as official apprentices. This will allow them to continue their HVAC degree at SCC for free and work part-time.

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Northern Regional Hospital Pre-Apprenticeship Program

First Youth R.N. Apprenticeship Program in N.C. Begins at Northern Regional Hospital with Surry-Yadkin Works Interns
02/11/21

The first youth apprentice program for registered nurses in North Carolina started with 13 Surry-Yadkin Works interns who began working as employees of Northern Regional Hospital in January. Twelve of the students were hired as certified nursing assistants, and one is employed as a patient care technician.

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Northern Regional Hospital Apprenticeship Program

Ten Surry-Yadkin Works Interns Sign with Northern Regional Hospital as Apprentices
05/27/21

The first youth apprentice program for registered nurses in North Carolina has culminated in 10 students committing to apprenticeships with Northern Regional Hospital in Mount Airy.

The apprentices are Carrie McKeaver and Ashley Sewell of Surry Central High School; Jenny Cortes and Natalie Evans of Mount Airy High School; Julie Marshall of East Surry High School; Katie Kellam of Elkin High School; Eryn O’Neal and Annslley Puckett of North Surry High School; Emily Orellana of Surry Early College High School; and Anna Serrano of Starmount High School.

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Pre-Apprentice Spotlight

JENNY CORTES

Jenny Cortes is a recent grad from Mount Airy High School and was a Patient Care Assistant Pre-Apprentice at Northern Regional Hospital until May 14th, 2021.

Interview:

1. Why did you choose this pre-apprenticeship? I choose the pre-apprenticeship because I've always loved the health care industry. I knew I wanted to go into the healthcare field but I wanted a hands on insight versus just reading and learning about the field. As a young mom I started doubting how far I wanted to go in my career due to the bills that came with it. Now, thanks to the Surry-Yadkin Works program, I can keep going in my career without fear.

2. What are your career goals? My career goals are to achieve my Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN). I plan to earn my CNA June 2021 and attend Surry Community College for my Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN). After earning my ADN I would like to work at NRH as an RN while continuing my education to earn my BSN.

3. How has this pre-apprenticeship helped you reach those goals? The pre-apprenticeship has helped me beyond measures. I now am certain I will not stop until I achieve my nursing degree. It has given me a true feel of the healthcare field. I never considered the Labor and Delivery field because I was always set on working in the Emergency Department. Now I am fully in love with the Labor and Delivery field. The pre-apprenticeship has led me to the correct career path and has helped me find a new love within the healthcare field.

4. Have you enjoyed your pre-apprenticeship? I have indeed enjoyed my pre-apprenticeship. I was able to float between different units within the hospital, which helped me realize what units I liked and disliked. The Labor and Delivery unit has allowed me to constantly work with newborns and perform newborn screenings. I love my unit more and more when I get to work with newborns, as I have a passion for pediatric patients. My pre-apprenticeship has been very enjoyable as the labor and delivery staff have always been extremely welcoming.

5. What's one thing that you didn't expect in your pre-apprenticeship? Do you like or dislike it? One of the things I didn't expect in my pre-apprenticeship was to be floated between units. At first I was a little iffy on the floating, but as time went on I learned to truly enjoy it. I was able to view different areas of the hospital, including the Emergency Department, ICU, the Step Down Unit, and MedSurg. I was able to see first hand the different environments and tasks that had to be completed. Because of this, I learned which areas didn't suit me and found areas with work environments that I enjoined, some of which I had never considered before.

Jenny Cortes
Intern Job Signing

Spring semester, 30 Surry-Yadkin Works interns are continuing to work full-time or part-time at their internship sites upon completion of the program. 

Learn More

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