

Advocate Children's Hospital Nursing

Advocate Children's Hospital is a 279-bed pediatric hospital and one of the largest providers of pediatric care in Illinois and the Midwest. With campuses in Oak Lawn and Park Ridge, Advocate Children's serves as a major regional referral center offering family-centered care across a full range of specialties, including Level IV NICUs and Level I Pediatric Trauma Centers. Its 1,100+ nurses and 690+ pediatric specialists deliver expert care in critical care, NICU, emergency, hematology/oncology, behavioral health and transport. A founding member of the Chicagoland Children's Health Alliance, Advocate Children's advances access, innovation and outcomes for children and families.

 **1080+ Nurses**


Average Years of Service – 9.2
544 RNs with 5+ Years of Service


 **Magnet Recognition with Distinction** American Nurses Credentialing Center


1st Pediatric Hospital to achieve Magnet[®] with Distinction

Magnet designated since 2020

 **17** Magnet Exemplars

 **89.5% (930) of nurses have advanced degrees**

 **52% of eligible nurses are certified**




- 21 Podium Presentations**
- 20 Poster Presentations**
- 20 Keynote Presentations**
- 4 Publications**

 American Association of Critical Care Nurses
The Beacon Award for Excellence
Pediatric ICU - Oak Lawn & Park Ridge

 Extracorporeal Life Support Organization
ECMO Center for Excellence
Gold Level Award – Oak Lawn & Park Ridge

 **Member of the AACN Healthy Work Environment Collaborative**

 Practice Greenhealth
Environmental Excellence Award
Top 25 Green Health Centers - Oak Lawn

The Power of Nursing Voices

- Milestone 20 years of shared decision making and influence with Professional Governance.
- Monthly Nurse Connect sessions with CNO prioritizing active listening, transparent communication, and consistent follow-through on feedback.
- Professional Development investments in certifications, conference support, and career-long learning through tuition and continued education financial support.

Clinical Excellence

- Virtual Nurse program integrated into our Neonatal and Pediatric care units.
- Nationally ranked Peds Cardiac Program & one of the few Peds Heart Transplant programs in IL.
- Seamless transition to practice, through externship, orientation, residency, and mentorship for new nurses and students.
- Two new satellite Transport Hubs improving response times for children needing urgent ground and flight EMS care.

Clinical Inquiry

- An internal poster fair designed to share clinical inquiry projects with peers, highlighting 40 initiatives in its inaugural year.
- Mentorship & integration of AI for clinical inquiry to support nurses through QI, EBP, and research processes.
- 41 Nurse-led QI, EBP, & research initiatives started in 2025.
- Nurses support nurses by raising funds that fuel career growth and impact children and families.