The Step & Grade program was created to fairly compensate, recognize and reward years of service as a registered nurse. Before this program, salary offers were subjective and based on many factors. The Step & Grade is a formal program with pay rates assigned by years of RN experience. Methodist Healthcare Senior Management selected this as the best approach to ensure fair and competitive pay for our bedside direct care RNs, which will prevent competition among units and facilities within our System.
What Positions are Eligible for the Step & Grade System

Full/Part time direct care bedside RNs, Charge Nurses and Service Line Coordinators are eligible to participate in this compensation program.

Positions that are **not eligible** for this special pay program are:

- RNs with PRN status
- RNs in a grandfathered status
- RNs in a specialized position or not providing direct 24/7 care
- RN Educators
- RN Case Managers
- RNs in a management function both exempt and nonexempt.
How are years of experience calculated?
- Years of experience are based on experience as a Registered Nurse. If you had an RN license, but were not functioning in that capacity, the date you started to function as an RN would be used.

How am I assigned to the Step & Grade System?
- This is based on your years of experience as a Registered Nurse. For example, if you are a RN II with five years of experience you would be placed on step five of the RN II grade.
Nursing Clinical Excellence Program

*Sometimes referred to as The Clinical Ladder*

This is an excellent opportunity to be rewarded for your annual continued professional activities such as:

- Specialty Certification
- Shared Nurse Governance activities
- Continuing Education activities
- Leadership activities at your facility
- Research activities

Each facility has “champions” who can assist with the application process. Take credit for all you do to advance your professional development!
Career Enhancement Through Educational Opportunities

- **Education Assistance Program** Tuition reimbursement. Maximum of $600 per semester for a total of $1,800 per year. (Policy #3418/3)

- **Specialty Education Funding** For attending an educational conference. (Policy # 4618/1)

- **Certification and Specialty Recognition**
  Two tiers of recognition:
  - At the time of initial certification, receive a one time monetary lump sum payment.
  - Annual Recognition for specialty certification in one area of practice
More Career Enhancement Through Educational Opportunities

- Onsite certification review courses

- Onsite ongoing CEU opportunities including: IABP, EKG, Jurisprudence, Chemotherapy, IV Therapy, Pacemaker Therapy, Trauma Nurse Core Course, CRRT, Preceptor Update, Charge Nurse Preparation

Just to name a few!
Please log on to the HCA Rewards website to view your total rewards, including health benefits, 401k, and more. We value your tenure and loyalty with us. www.hcarewards.com