

# Work at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

## Our openings

### Respiratory Care Practitioner (night shift)

We are searching for excellent Respiratory Therapists to join our team at Lurie Children's! Must hold RRT or able to obtain RRT within 3 months of hire. We offer a **\$10,000 signing bonus** and **\$1000 relocation assistance** available to those who qualify



### Respiratory Care Manager

Works with the department leadership team, manages daily operations to ensure the highest quality care, patient satisfaction, regulatory compliance and patient safety. Must possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

## About our hospital

Lurie Children's has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the top children's hospital in Illinois and #10 in the country. We deliver the highest quality, family-centered care to children. Not living in Chicago? No problem. If you are willing to relocate we encourage you to apply. Here at Lurie Children's we understand that diversity has made us one of the top hospitals in the country.

## About our Respiratory Team

The Respiratory Care Department provides comprehensive care to children in our Pediatric ICU, Neonatal ICU, Cardiac Care Unit (ranked #3 in the country), intermediate care unit, pulmonary and acute care areas, and in our level 1 trauma certified emergency department. Lurie Children's therapists are also an integral part of the multidisciplinary care team for our Pulmonary Habilitation Program – one of the largest of its kind in the country – caring for ventilator dependent children.

**Learn more** - To apply, please visit our career site: <https://www.luriechildrens.org/jobs>



## Employee Story: A Breath of Fresh Air with Kaneisha

Atlanta-native Kaneisha Green loves helping children and seeing them grow and get better. When she was nine, her mom passed away from asthma. Since then, she has been drawn to the respiratory field with the goal of helping children cope with the condition and live better lives as adults. That's why she joined the team at Lurie Children's almost two years ago.



Before joining the team, she worked for a children's hospital in Atlanta in the same position she holds now: Respiratory Therapist in the NICU. Interested in relocating, Kaneisha applied for a position, not thinking she would get it. Two weeks later, she got an email about setting up a Skype interview. Impressed with the team, who were equally spellbound by her, she knew Lurie Children's was where she needed to be.

### **Tell us about a time at Lurie Children's that really impacted you.**

*I was working on a team and our primary goal was to educate families on how to take care of their child at home, so I did a lot of education and troubleshooting with these families. I remember one day, I was actually discharging one of my first patients from the program, and I remember walking them down to the car; I was outside, in the cold, making sure that they could get into the car and that everything was okay, and watching as they drove off—simultaneously sighing with relief. When I walked back inside, a parent walked up to me and said, 'Oh my gosh! I've been watching you as you were helping the patient, and I don't know if that's normal, but thank God for you and thank God for what you do and how you do it'. That was a really big moment for me because I don't think people pay attention to a lot of the stuff we do, so it's nice to be recognized for the good work.*

### **What has Lurie Children's contributed to your life outside of a career?**

*This job is very humbling, so it makes me approach things a lot differently; I'm a lot more open and a lot more caring and nurturing outside of work because of everything I see here. It just makes me want to reach out and hug everybody because life is short. I see both sides of the hospital, I see happy and sad and grief, so outside I just try to share as much as I can and just be positive on every avenue.*

### **What are the secrets to success in your role?**

*I think the biggest thing is being open to learning new things and trying new things and not being afraid of change; you just have to take everything in. There are so many people to learn from at Lurie Children's, so you just need to absorb everything and put it to use and just constantly keep up and learn as much as you can.*

**Are you not afraid of change and always ready to learn and discover new things?  
Apply today and join our team! <https://www.luriechildrens.org/jobs>**

## Employee Story: Breathing Life into a New Career with Gerri

Not long ago, Gerri Barnes, Respiratory Therapist at Lurie Children's, was at the bedside with a mother who had just received some bad news. She was the only one in the room with her. With compassion and ease, Gerri consoled the mother, assuring her that—even with a ventilator—she could still talk to her child. Gerri then left to grab some children's books. When she returned, she gave the books to the patient's mother and told her to read to her child because she would love to hear her voice.



In that moment, Gerri solaced a hurt parent, while also helping the patient feel more at ease. If she were in any other field, she wouldn't be able to do what makes her happy: helping someone.

**Before she was caring for parents and patients, she was the parent of a sick child.** "My son had a lot of health issues growing up," Gerri intones, "every time they would get blood from him, it was either from the groin or the neck; it was just horrible to watch. Eventually, I took him to a specialist in the city and he ended up having surgery at Lurie Children's. When they were drawing blood, they told me not to worry because they were going to get it from his arm." And they did. "I just knew talking to everyone and walking around and seeing what they did," she explains, "I knew it (Lurie) was the right choice for me."

Since she started in 2010, Gerri has been vocal about people joining the team, even as a second career—because being a respiratory therapist isn't her first career. "Some days, when I go to work and I'm at the bedside, I know why I'm there with that patient that day. In hindsight, I never imagined I'd be working here. Looking back at it now and seeing everything come together, it has turned out to be the perfect plan. This is where I was meant to work."

**There's also another part of the job that keeps her coming back—her teammates and managers.** "Oh my lord, I can honestly say that they are wonderful," Gerri exclaims with intense joy in her voice. "I have really awesome coworkers. It takes more than one person to take care of a patient, especially in coding situations, you need someone helping you, getting you stuff, or checking on your other patients. When you work with a good group of coworkers, no matter how bad the day is, it's a good day."

"The managers are very gung-ho," she adds. "They want people to know what respiratory is and they want us to keep growing—because we need to grow, otherwise you're going to be stagnant. All of the managers hear you out and are very direct."

**If you're flexible and can easily adapt to change, apply today and join our fast-growing team at Lurie Children's!** <https://www.luriechildrens.org/jobs>