College Volunteer Program

Thank you for your interest to volunteer at Mission Hospital. At any one time, there are between 100 - 130 college volunteers at Mission Hospital. Positions become available by completion of a volunteer’s service and/or when new service area is added. We would be happy to reserve a seat for the next available information session. We offer four information sessions per year. Students will be contacted approximately two weeks prior to the information session and will receive an application and further instructions as to location and time of the meeting.

College Volunteer Information Session

The Auxiliary of Mission Hospital offers informational sessions for college students who are interested in volunteer opportunities at Mission Hospital. The information sessions provides an overview of Mission Hospital, the Auxiliary College Volunteer Program, membership eligibility, requirements and a review of available volunteer service area openings.

Saturday Information Sessions: 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- February 7, 2015
- April 4, 2015
- June 6, 2015
- October 3, 2015

To reserve your seat for an information session, please send an e-mail with your information to mission.auxiliary@stjoe.org.

Please review the college volunteer eligibility before replying to this e-mail (see below). Attending an information session does not guarantee acceptance to the College Auxiliary Volunteer Program.

Note: Pre-Physician Assistant (PA) students, please review your school’s criteria for the definition of clinical hours before considering a volunteer position. Most pre-PA programs require hands-on clinical time, and therefore, this program would not meet your needs.

To consider an opportunity for a paid position as a scribe, go to emsscribesystems.com to learn more about scribe opportunities in Mission Hospital’s Emergency Department or other contracted facilities.
College Volunteer Program Overview and Eligibility

The College Volunteer Program of the Mission Hospital Auxiliary at Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach campuses is a year-round volunteer program that provides opportunities to currently enrolled college students in an acute-care hospital setting. The volunteer’s role is to compliment and assist the hospital staff with a variety of duties and services that enables departments to run efficiently and effectively. We do not offer “summer only” or short-term volunteer opportunities within the Auxiliary College Volunteer Program. The Auxiliary does not provide shadowing, externship or internship opportunities.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be between 18 – 28 years of age, and a pre-professional with no current license, including, but not limited to licensed vocational nurse, registered nurse, speech therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist or registered dietician.
- Carry a minimum of six units in a vocational, college or university within 20 miles of Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo or Laguna Beach. (Online courses do not apply.)
- Must be able to commit to a weekly four (4) hour shift for a minimum of 45 weeks or a minimum of 100 hours service.
- Upon approval to participate in the program, the prospective volunteer must meet Mission Hospital’s Occupational Health requirements, including verification of immunization of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Chickenpox and two TB (PPD) test clearances. (TB tests are complimentary if performed at Mission Hospital.)
- A completed and signed membership application, including your social security number to complete a background check and verification of college enrollment.
- Students are required to wear a uniform. The Auxiliary supplies the polo shirt for $20. Students must provide the white pants and white shoes.
- $15 Auxiliary membership dues will apply.

Volunteer opportunities are available in the following departments: Emergency Room, Emergency Help Desk, Medical/Surgical Nursing Floor, Cardiac Telemetry, Bio-Medical Engineering, Nutritional Care, Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Pharmacy and Outpatient Services/Post Anesthesia Recovery Unit.

Volunteers will be interviewed by the Coordinator of Student Volunteer Services and possibly a department representative before being approved for a volunteer position.

Volunteers receive complimentary parking, one meal per volunteer shift, and are indemnified for professional liability and worker’s compensation by Mission Hospital.
A two-hour mandatory general orientation is required following a personal interview, placement and health clearance. In addition, volunteers are required to attend a minimum of 2 – 4 trainings sessions by the department in which they are assigned. Training is conducted by Mission Hospital personnel and/or an experienced volunteer.

**Suggestions for students seeking health care volunteer and/or community service opportunities:**

**CHOC Hospital:** Visit choc.org/volunteer or call (714) 532-8889 or (714) 532-8673

**Mission Hospital Foundation:** For more information, please contact Shawn Lurie at (949) 364-1400 ext. 7908.

**Mission Hospital Thrift' N Gift:** A fun thrift store in San Juan Capistrano, open seven days a week. Contact Lois Lyons at (949) 487-9727.

**Hoag Hospital:** hoag.org/volunteering/clinical-care-extenders. Clinical Care Extender Health Internships. Excellent opportunity for those seeking exposure in the medical/hospital profession, especially suited for the pre-med and pre-nursing students.

**Safe Rides:** theyouthcenter.org. Volunteers can provide rides to students who are unable to drive due to intoxication or use of other substances.

**Operation Smile:** operationsmile.org. A nonprofit organization that raises funds and awareness about children who are born with cleft palates. There are opportunities to start a campus club or become involved on your school campus with this program.

**Invisible Children:** invisiblechildren.com. A nonprofit organization that works to transform apathy into activism by documenting the lives of those living in regions of conflict and injustice. Opportunities are available to raise awareness with youth groups and to start campus clubs.

**Tom's Shoes:** tomshoes.com. Become an intern or campus representative that helps in the goal where every pair of shoes purchased, another is donated to a child in need.

**Illumination Foundation:** ifhomeless.org. The Illumination Foundation (IF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness in Orange County. IF provides stable housing and comprehensive wrap-around services for the families in the program, so that they might build a future life of independence. There are opportunities for students who wish to help with clothing drives, fundraising, etc.
Orangewood Children’s Home: orangewoodfoundation.org. The home is the only emergency shelter in Orange County that serves adolescents. It provides shelter for neglected or sexually-abused children that need to be removed from a volatile environment.

Other Resources:
- One OC: oneoc.org
- United Way: unitedwayoc.org
- American Red Cross: redcross.org
- Habitat for Humanity: habitat.org
- Big Brothers Big Sisters: bigbrothersbigsisters.org
- Boys and Girls Club: bcca.org
- Falling Whistles: fallingwhistles.com

Mission Hospital does not endorse organizations that are not affiliated with St. Joseph Health. The additional resources provided are intended for informational purposes only.