

Volunteer Opportunity

Palliative Care Volunteer

WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

Palliative Care is interdisciplinary care that seeks to relieve suffering, strives to ensure physical comfort, attends to practical care needs and improves quality of life for patients with chronic and/or life threatening illness. Palliative Care is an appropriate and medically demonstrated model of care, supported by evidence-based medicine, and is offered simultaneously with all other appropriate medical treatment, including curative and complementary therapies. Palliative Care attends to the whole person by offering physical, psychological, social and spiritual care to patients and their families.

PURPOSE: To provide emotional support to patients/families in crisis & during the active dying process, in compliance with hospital policies.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Complete the appropriate palliative care volunteer training program required by the hospital and its accrediting bodies.
- B. Maintain confidentiality at all times
- C. Meets all health requirements set by Mary Immaculate Hospital
- D. Participate in volunteer support groups and/or educational in-services a minimum of two times in the course of each calendar year
- E. Maintain open communication and reports regularly to the Volunteer Coordinator and/or Nursing Supervisors as appropriate
- F. Inform Volunteer Coordinator of availability, gives at least 4 hours notice of change in availability
- G. Adheres to Mary Immaculate Hospital and Palliative Care Policies and Procedures

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Supportive of the Palliative Care concept and willing to serve others in a volunteer capacity
- B. Agree to volunteer for a minimum of one semester or 4 months, and agree to attempt to serve a minimum of eight hours every two weeks
- C. Comfortable working with families with different cultural and religious values and grief experiences
- D. Good communication skills
- E. Ability to sit for long periods of time
- F. Successful completion of appropriate trainings, health exams, background checks and mandatory policy statement

REPORTS TO:

Mary Immaculate Hospital: Volunteer Services Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, Nursing Supervisor

TO SIGN-UP, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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This is a good opportunity especially for Pre-med & Pre-Physician Assistant students!