

## UCHealth Hospital Volunteer Program

UCHealth offers a volunteer program with Poudre Valley Hospital (PVH) in Fort Collins and Medical Center of the Rockies (MCR) in Loveland. The program partners with CSU Health Professions Advising so interested CSU students must go through Health Professions Advising (in the Collaborative for Student Achievement, east side of Canvas Stadium).

### **Application**

There are two application cycles each year, one starting in July (for the fall semester), and one starting in November (for the spring semester).

- Volunteer pre-applications are available through the Health Professions Advising Office
- After pre-applications are accepted, students will receive the Volunteer Application by email from a health professions advisor (forwarded from the hospital volunteer coordinators)

### **Informational Overview**

After volunteer applications are accepted by the hospital volunteer managers, students are invited to a *mandatory* Informational Overview session:

- Fall semester (session held in September) – will be at Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins
- Spring semester (session held in February) – will be at Medical Center of the Rockies, Loveland, so students will need a car or to carpool

### **Training**

Students who decide to move forward after the Informational Overview will:

- Schedule a 1-on-1 interview with the volunteer manager for the hospital they choose (either PVH or MCR)
- Participate in mandatory training if they are approved after the interview. If you go through training but decide not to volunteer, you may be charged for the training (in other words, don't do this!)
- List the top three units in which they would like to volunteer. While the volunteer coordinators do their best to place you in one of those three areas, they also must work with 'hospital need' and it is possible you might not be placed in any of your three choices

### **Expectations of Volunteers**

Volunteers will:

- Be required to volunteer a minimum of six months (some volunteer positions will require longer commitments). Most shifts are two-three hours once per week.
- Need a car if volunteering with MCR in Loveland
- Continue volunteering over the summer if you accept a volunteer position starting in the spring semester
- Conduct themselves in a professional manor – take the volunteer position seriously. You represent CSU and health professions students. This is a privilege.
- Remove any facial piercings other than earrings during a volunteer shift
- Wear appropriate clothing during volunteer shift
- Need to have an annual flu shot, current MMR vaccination, and a TB test
- Take the volunteer position seriously! If you do not conduct yourself in a professional manor or do not adhere to guidelines (including your minimum time commitment) you will be dismissed from your position and not be invited back to volunteer in the future