Expanding
Cardiopulmonary
Rehabilitation
Staff/Services with
Volunteers and
Students

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Goals of Utilizing Volunteers and Students Into Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation

- Learn why to welcome adult volunteers and students into your services
- Review orientation and competencies needed for quality interactions and purpose for volunteer and student positions.
- Provide the opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills obtained in the classroom to actual clinical situations and experiences
- At completion of the internship, students should be prepared to enter the profession (in your program).



Adult Volunteers & Student Positions in Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation- Why is this Value Added?

- Both add dimension to your work family through compassionate smiles, extra hands, and optimism.
- Volunteers who are patients add real grit to your team and are your best advocates!
- They have wonderful purpose in serving others and compliment your patient experience.
- They assist in recognition and celebration with grateful hearts!
- As a lower cost option to employed positions, they are budget friendly enhancer to the team
- They support your quality by helping recruit friends and families to services in your hospital

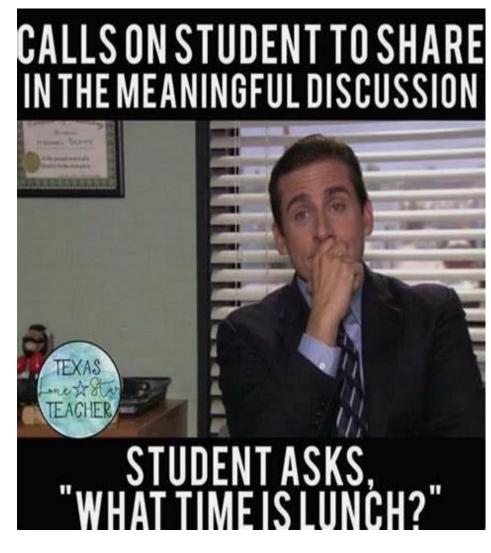
What are Volunteers looking for ?

- A way to give back to humanity
- Social Interaction with others
- Purpose through projects/work
- To support others and thrive with younger generations.



What are the students looking for ?

- Test Drive-Hands on and engaging patient care
- Innovative and creative experiences
- Challenging assignments/projects
- Supportive leadership & supervision
- Course Credit





Student Recruitment Presentation of Duties:

- Measure vital signs including blood pressure, oxygen saturation, heart rate, rate of perceived exertion (RPE), and rate of perceived dyspnea (RPD) at rest, exercise, and recovery.
- Guide and instruct patients through their exercise prescription on various modes
- Clean equipment and facility as directed per infection control department
- Chart patient data into Scottcare for transition to EMR
- Assist the manager with various clerical tasks such as scanning, gathering and transferring patient data to appropriate records, format PowerPoint presentations
- Update Phase III patient exercise prescriptions/ folders
- Attend meetings regarding staffing, scheduling, budget, payroll, and communication with other units of the hospital
- Observe multiple procedures and positions throughout the services.
- Make phone calls to patients regarding their absences
- Take inventory of supplies and other tasks as assigned







Getting Starting

- Assess your organizations needs and abilities.
 - -Affiliate Agreements
 - Budget Considerations
- Create an appealing internship description
 - -Student Job Description/Competency
 - -Brochure
 - -Guest lecture at partner school
- Develop recruitment plan
 - -Establish School Advisors Network
 - -Semester/Academic Schedules
 - Strategy with operational volumes/tasks

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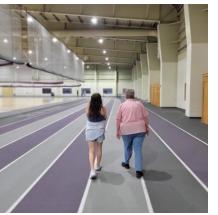
Preliminary Expectations

- Have an onboarding process plan:
 - Designate an initial student contact
 - Identify a "welcome" packet that outlines initial expectations/requirements of the site and team
 - Application
 - Confidentiality Agreement
 - Immunizations
 - Dress Code
 - Schedule ideas to support the student's requested hours.



Supervisor and Intern Communication

- Student should have done welcome packet and schedule a time to present to the unit.
- Sit down on the 1st day and discuss mutual expectations
- At a minimum do a mid-term and final evaluation; openly discussed and signed by both parties
- Don't be afraid to talk and confront issues immediately!





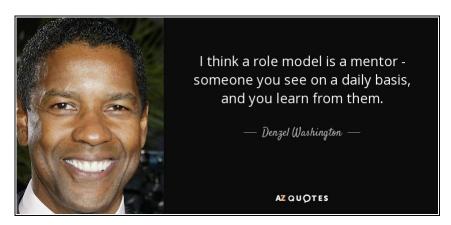




Criteria to Evaluate/Discuss

Behaviors

- Attitude
- Dependability/punctuality
- Flexible/team player
- Shows initiative
- Awareness
- Professional Dress/Presentation
- Overall Quality of Work
- Accepts Criticism







Criteria to Evaluate/Discuss

Knowledge

- Applied clinical exercise physiology
- Applied cardiovascular physiology
- Clinical Diagnostics Observations
- Exercise prescription
- Pharmacology
- Electrocardiography
- Behavior change
- ITPs
- Monitoring systems
- Risk factors and patient education





Criteria to Evaluate/Discuss

Skills

- Written and oral communication
- Patient monitoring (e.g., taking BPs, rhythm recognition, abnormal S & S)
- Exercise prescription
- Exercise leadership
- Counseling
- Presentation abilities
- Computer competencies



Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.



