

PAH Volunteer Resources Frequently Asked Questions...

Can I just do my 40 hour school requirement?

The Volunteer Program requirements at PAH exceed most secondary school community service requirements. At PAH we ask potential volunteers to seriously consider a minimum 6 month commitment to volunteering.

Will PAH Volunteer Resources provide a written letter of reference?

PAH Volunteer Resources may supply a written letter of reference providing excellent performance on behalf of the volunteer following 30 hours of voluntary service. Letters of reference will include information such as: start and end dates, program, total hours and consistency of commitment. Letters will be written at the discretion of the Manager/Coordinator of Volunteer Resources.

Can I volunteer at an accelerated rate to complete my hours more quickly?

No. Our program is structured in order to meet the needs of the hospital. Volunteers are assigned a regular day, time and placement in order to provide consistency to our programs and to the residents, patients and staff that we serve.

Can I observe medical procedures or help with medical treatments?

No. Observing or shadowing medical staff is not volunteering. All volunteers must follow the roles of the volunteer placement and service descriptions.

How are placement decisions made?

Placements are based on interest, suitability of the volunteer, current vacancies and the needs of the hospital. Not all applicants are accepted into the volunteer program. We reserve the right to determine final placement decisions and may

reassign a volunteer at any time. Placements are limited and are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Can I volunteer in different areas or do rotations in different areas?

Unfortunately we can not provide the opportunity for volunteers to regularly rotate roles for the purposes of gaining experience in a variety of areas. Volunteering is about making a difference and meeting the needs of the hospital.

Can I get employment at the hospital if I volunteer?

Volunteer Resources at PAH is not linked to any employment program.

What if I don't like the area in which I have been placed?

Our goal is that suitable volunteers are placed in roles they will enjoy and find meaningful. If you are not enjoying your volunteer activity we will want you to let us know. We will also follow up with volunteers who are not working out in an area.

Do I need to wear a uniform?

Photo ID and a name tag are required to be worn by all volunteers at Peace Arch Hospital. Most volunteer programs do require volunteers to wear a vest. You will be informed at the time of placement if you are required to wear a vest.

I have a special skill or hobby that I would like to share.

Please indicate your special skills or hobbies on your application and at your interview.

Can I resign or be terminated?

More than three absences may result in termination from the volunteer program at PAH. Failure to follow the policies and procedures of the PAH volunteer program will result in termination of the volunteer. A volunteer can resign at anytime with as much notice as possible.