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The AU/UGA Medical Partnership is currently accepting applications for Standardized Patients (SPs).

► What is a Standardized Patient?

Standardized Patients (SPs) are individuals from the community who portray patients for purposes of teaching medical students within an educational program. SPs allow students to develop excellent bedside manner and data-gathering skills, and other clinical skills such as physical examination.

Unlike a real patient, SPs have the opportunity to provide the medical student with valuable feedback to help improve their ability to interact with patients. Training with SPs is proven beneficial in helping medical students learn to become excellent physicians.

► What does it pay?

This position requires several hours of your time every couple of weeks. If hired, SPs earn \$16 an hour.

► What types of people do you need?

We are looking for **men and women of all ages, physical types, ethnic groups, and various backgrounds** to represent the various types of patients they will be portraying. We need individuals who are strong communicators, who can learn quickly, accept direction, and adapt easily to a variety of different situations.



► What does a Standardized Patient do?

In some instances, an SP will have the opportunity to provide their own medical history as if they were at a real appointment with a personal physician.

In other situations, SPs study a case scenario and are scripted to give specific responses and behaviors necessary for realistic portrayals. A trained SP will simulate a real patient, presenting not just the patient history, but also the body language, emotions, and personality of the character they are depicting.

Additionally, SPs will serve as patients for the basic head-to-toe physical examination elements. There are no invasive examinations. Other roles may involve serving as a patient for ultrasound examination of the heart, abdomen, knee, and eye. Some SPs may portray other healthcare professionals or family members in a simulated environment. SPs may also be assigned as hall monitors or other duties as needed to assist in the flow of SP sessions.

Some encounters require a training session prior to the event. These training sessions include discussing the case, and possibly a video review of previous SP-student encounters or role playing. In addition, SPs are provided instruction on how to assess and offer feedback on medical students' abilities to interact with patients. In testing or graded situations, SPs complete student evaluations based on the specific set of skills being assessed. SPs will also be trained in basic anatomy, as well as basic history-taking and physical exam skills.

General Requirements of Standardized Patients

- An interest in training physicians of the future.
- Willing to provide feedback to students that are learning history and physical exam skills.
- Participate in live in-person encounters with students.
- Attend in-person training workshops.
- Live within driving distance to the UGA Health Sciences Campus.
- Understand encounters will be videotaped for medical student education purposes only.
- SPs are required to be reliable, flexible, follow direction(s) and recall information. Additionally, they must maintain confidentiality of cases and student information.
- Opportunities to participate in shorter, non-scripted simulation and ultrasound sessions.

Interested? Scan the QR code on the front to complete the pre-application form and email to MedPartnershipSP@uga.edu or call 706-713-2642 with questions.