

## Standardized Patients (SPs)



Standardized Patients are people trained to present the symptoms, history, and emotions of a patient with a health problem (a case). They will interact with clinical students in a simulated setting (an encounter).

SPs are trained with their SPs for each case.

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BECOMING A STANDARDIZED PATIENT**

## **What are the benefits of becoming an SP?**

You will be paid \$24.00 per hour for training and performance. You will be participating in preparing tomorrow's healthcare professionals.

## **Would I have to fill out an application?**

Yes, and candidates meeting the qualifications for open positions will be contacted directly by the recruiting program or department. Candidates invited to participate in the interview process will be asked to complete an application and a consent form for a background check.

## **Is this like a clinical trial or a study?**

Being an SP is not like a clinical trial or a study. It is not discounted or free health care. It is more like a very structured acting job.

## **Do I need to be an actor to become an SP?**

No. Some SPs are actors, but many have never been on the stage nor ever considered the stage.

## **Will I have to make up an illness?**

We will give you all the information, signs, and symptoms (your case), and you will be practicing with other SPs who will be presenting the same case in your training session.

## **How often does an SP work at Touro University?**

SPs are booked for each event, which runs from 1 to 5 days. Rarely will a day be more than 6 hours long. Typically, an event day runs from 3 to 5 hours. We have 25 to 30 events each year. You may be asked to participate in several throughout the year and can choose events based on your availability. You will need to work two events per year to stay in the program.

## **What do I need to become an SP?**

Here are some of the things we look for in potential SPs:

- Reliability
- Availability
- A good memory
- A willingness to take direction
- A computer at home and an email address
- Good communication skills
- Enjoy working with other people

## **What would I have to wear as an SP?**

For history only cases, SPs wear street clothes. For history and physical cases, you will wear a cloth patient gown with undergarments underneath. You will *never* be completely disrobed as an SP.

## **What kind of physical exams will be performed on me?**

Physical exams are simple and on the surface. You may have to lower the patient gown for some exams (listening to heart or lungs with a stethoscope and abdominal exams.) Students will look in your eyes, ears and nose with a small light and check your reflexes.

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## **How do I start the process to become a Standardized Patient?**

Fill out the Questionnaire.

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