



Academic and Advising Services

Health-Related Volunteer Opportunities in Macon Georgia

Students on pre-health professions tracks must participate in volunteer, shadowing, and/or employment activities specific to the profession that they are interested in. These activities show admissions committees that you have tested your interest in the field, and that you are committed to preparing yourself for it. Below are the large health care facilities that welcome volunteers. Be aware that most facilities will require that you complete an application, provide references, and may require a criminal background check and/or a training session. Students are encouraged to keep a "volunteer journal" to record dates, times, contacts, and experiences. Such a journal can be an invaluable resource when the time comes to build a professional resume and write a personal statement.

HOSPITALS

Recommended for pre-medicine and pre-physician assistant students to obtain volunteer service and/or shadowing of health care professionals. Pre-pharmacy students may be able to arrange volunteer service in the hospital pharmacy. Pre-physical therapy students may be able to arrange volunteer service in the physical therapy department.

A. The Medical Center of Central Georgia

777 Hemlock Street

Volunteer Services Ph: 478-633-1355

<http://www.mccg.org/volunteers/volunteershome.asp>

"Volunteer Services offers a wide-range of volunteering opportunities throughout the hospital for persons age 15 and up including Hospice of Central Georgia and includes free training for those interested. If you can give an hour a month or several hours a day, get involved as a volunteer! For more information about Volunteer Services, call (478) 633-1355 or if you are interested in being a Hospice volunteer, call (478) 633-5660."

B. The Coliseum Health System

Coliseum Medical Centers – 350 Hospital Dr.

Volunteer Services Ph: 478-765-4116

Coliseum Northside Hospital – 400 Charter Blvd.

Volunteer Services Ph: 478-757-6091

<http://www.coliseumhealthsystem.com/VolOpp.asp>

*"Volunteers play a very important role at **Coliseum Health System** by helping us to provide high quality, cost effective healthcare to the Coliseum Medical Centers and Macon Northside Hospital community. They do this a number of ways:*

- *Augmenting and expanding the services provided by our staff.*
- *Providing supplemental services which contribute to patient care and satisfaction.*
- *Assisting non-patient care departments with clerical support.*
- *Helping to spread the word about the good things happening at our two facilities within the community.*

CLINICS

Recommended for pre-medicine, pre-dental, and pre-physician assistant students to obtain volunteer service and/or shadowing of health care professionals. Pre-pharmacy students may be able to arrange volunteer service in the clinic pharmacy.

A. The Macon Volunteer Clinic

376 Rogers Ave.

Ph: 478-755-1110

<http://www.maconvolunteerclinic.com/>

Medical Volunteers

"Macon Volunteer Clinic serves our patients through the generosity of volunteer physicians, nurses, phlebotomists, pharmacists, x-ray technicians, dieticians, and other medical and dental volunteers. If you are a medical professional interested in volunteering at the Clinic, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at mvcvolunteers@cox.net."

Hours for medical volunteers are:

Monday 1 - 4 pm	Dental;	5 - 7 pm	Medical
Tuesday 5 - 8 pm	Medical		
Wednesday 9 - 12 noon	Medical		
Thursday 9 - 12 noon	Medical		

Administrative Volunteers

"Macon Volunteer Clinic appreciates volunteers who fill a critical need during clinic and screening hours by serving as front desk receptionists and working in the dispensary. We could not operate without these important volunteers. Volunteers may also choose to assist with fundraisers and special projects. If you are interested in volunteering at the Clinic, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at mvcvolunteers@cox.net."

Hours for administrative volunteers are:

Monday 1 - 4 pm	Dental Clinic, Eye Clinic ;	5 - 7 pm	Medical Clinic
Tuesday 1 - 4 pm	Weight Loss Clinic;	5 - 8 pm	Medical Clinic
Wednesday 9 - 12 noon	Medical Clinic		
Thursday 9 - 12 noon	Medical Clinic;	2 - 4 pm	Screening
Friday 9 - 12 noon	Administrative Assistant		

"Mercer University Pre-Med students are energetic young people who add enthusiasm to Macon Volunteer Clinic every time they volunteer! Students help at the front desk during clinic and screening hours, as well as in the dispensary and 'charting' for Dr. Ulrich. Students first complete a one-hour orientation class where they learn about MVC's history, mission and organization. In addition, they receive a tour of the clinic and sign up for a training session. Volunteering in an administrative role at the clinic teaches these aspiring young physicians what is involved 'behind the scenes' in a medical office.

Mercer University School of Medicine students have a unique opportunity at MVC - MUSM holds a supervised student-run clinic every sixth Saturday in which students gain patient experience in a clinic setting. In addition, Medical Director Dr. Lynn Denny serves as Volunteer Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at MUSM and supervises 4th year medical students who intern at the clinic.

We appreciate our Mercer connection!"

B. Private Medical, Dental, Podiatric, Veterinary, and Physical Therapy Clinics

Consult the Macon or Warner Robins yellow pages for privately-owned facilities.

HOSPICES

Recommended for pre-physician assistant students or any pre-health student to obtain volunteer service and/or patient care experience. Hospice volunteering counts as “direct patient care” experience for most physician assistant programs. Note that hospice volunteering requires a deeper commitment than some of the other volunteering experiences, and is not to be undertaken without some serious forethought.

A. Hospice of Central Georgia

3780 Eisenhower Pkwy, Macon, GA

Volunteer Ph.: 478-633-5660

<http://www.hospiceofcentralgeorgia.org/givevol.asp>

“At Hospice of Central Georgia, volunteers are the "heart of hospice" and a vital resource. Not all volunteers have had a direct experience with hospice, but many have had their lives touched by hospice in one way or another.

Volunteers provide non-medical services to patients and families. These services include providing respite care and friendship, running errands, doing light household chores, reading/letter writing and simply listening.

Hospice volunteers also attend a training class and should commit to a minimum of three (3) hours per week to the patient and family to whom they are assigned.

If you or your group has an interest in volunteering for Hospice of Central Georgia, please follow the link below to complete and submit the Volunteer Profile Form. Our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you with further information.”

B. Heart of Georgia Hospice

103 Westridge Drive, Warner Robins, GA

Volunteer Ph.: 478-953-5161

<http://www.heartofgahospice.org/volunteer.htm>

“Volunteers at Heart of Georgia Hospice, Inc. and the Heart of Georgia Hospice In-Patient Care have always played an essential role in the "special kind of caring" which is provided to the dying. Men and women of all ages, backgrounds and talents bring the ability to love, and the commitment to care, to hospice patients and their families. After training, volunteers help with a multitude of services including...

- *visiting with patients and family members*
- *providing a break to caregivers*
- *escorting patients to appointments*
- *running errands*
- *bereavement support*

For more information, email Kenyada Cottrell at kcottrell@heartofgahospice.org”

C. Vista Care Hospice

319 Margie Drive, Warner Robins, GA

Volunteer Ph.: 478-750-9777; 478.953.1016

<http://www.vistacare.com/>

“Hospice is more than just a job. It's a calling to help others in need. And at VistaCare, we're privileged to share this calling with the more than 1,500 volunteers who give of their time, with the hundreds of donors who generously give of their resources to support the Odyssey VistaCare Hospice Foundation, and with the scores of organizations with which we work to make a difference in each community we serve.

By giving of their time, treasure, and talent, our volunteers and donors make vital contributions to our work here at VistaCare and to the hospice industry, in general. And by reinvesting in community-based civic groups, nonprofit organizations, and other important causes, we're honored to have the opportunity to give a little something back.”