HIV Counseling and Testing Program Participation Requirements

SOURCE (Student Outreach Resource Center)  
The Community Service and Service-Learning Center

Johns Hopkins University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health

SOURCE’s HIV Counseling and Testing Program is open to currently enrolled JHU students in the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health only. Students must be enrolled throughout the entire 2015-2016 academic school year. NOTE: Undergraduate students in the School of Nursing must be enrolled in the Community Outreach Program to participate.

If you are interested in becoming an HIV counselor for testing clinics in Baltimore, please review this full document thoroughly. If you are able to adhere to the requirements and expectations laid out in this document, you may then fill out the online application located at: www.jhsph.edu/source/HIV/HIVApplication.html

The application deadline is Sun, Sept. 20 by 11:59 PM

Note: In order to participate in the program, you must fully attend the 3-part mandatory HIV Counseling Trainings on:

EITHER

Tue, Oct, 6th (3:00 – 6:30 pm) OR Wed, Oct 7th (3:00 – 6:30 pm)

& BOTH

Sat, Oct 10th (9 am - 5 pm) AND Sun, Oct 11th (9 am - 5 pm)

If you are not available during all of the days and times listed, then you are not eligible for this program. Accepted students will be required to pay $25 in order to supplement the training costs.

Required commitment for the program is a minimum of 2 shifts per month for the school year and attendance at quarterly reflection sessions.

Community-Based Organization (CBO) Site Placements

Please review the details about the CBOs that are participating in the HIV Counseling and Testing Program. You will have an opportunity to select which of these CBOs you would be willing and able to be placed with for your HIV Counselor placement. Please note the typical volunteer shifts at each site, as well as the travel options. This is important, as not all sites are easily accessible if you do not have your own transportation. Additionally, please consider your current academic schedule and what time slots you would have available to serve at any of these CBOs. All sites understand that your schedules will change periodically. However, it is expected that you will continue to serve your clinic throughout the entire academic year. This means that as your academic schedule changes, you will still be expected to fit HIV Counseling into your schedule. The exact
time slots need not remain the same from term to term. You will agree upon your schedule at the CBO with your site contact and designated student leader.

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**STAR (Sisters Together And Reaching)**

STAR is a faith and community-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing spiritual support, direct services, and preventive education to women infected with HIV/AIDS through a holistic women’s community center and mobile van unit. The program has a focus on women, but does serve the entire population (including men and the GLBTQ community).

Location:
901 N. Milton Ave, Ste 260
Baltimore, MD 21205
Phone: (410) 276-8969
*Use the call box directory for access after 4:30pm.

Located 6 blocks from the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus. Onsite parking is available.

**Involvement:**

Work with STAR’s mobile unit to conduct outreach and HIV Counseling and Testing. Exact shift times are determined by the requesting community organization or community event for the mobile unit.

Typical shifts include:

- **Tuesdays:** 6:30am – 10:30am
- **Wednesday nights:** 3:30 pm – 7:30pm, or 7:30pm – 11:30pm
- **Thursday nights:** 3:30 pm – 7:30pm, or 7:30pm – 11:30pm
- **Friday nights:** 7:30pm – 11:30pm, 8:00pm – 1:30am
- **Saturday days:** varies between 8:30 am – 5:30 pm (example: 10am – 2pm; 10am – 3pm; 11am – 5pm)
- **Saturday nights:** 8:00 pm – 1:30am (*occasional Saturday nights. Most are Saturday daytime shifts)

**STAR On-site Training:** Thursday, Oct. 2 or Friday, Oct. 3
3pm – 7:30pm

The STAR On-site Training will include STAR-specific confidentiality, risk assessment, and viral Hep-C (HCV) forms; the Clearview Complete Rapid HIV Type 1/Type 2 Antibody Test; and documenting and referral processes.

NOTE: The STAR mobile unit goes to different parts of the State throughout the week. Depending on the shift you select, you will be at different test sites. **All student volunteer trainers will be responsible for meeting at the STAR office prior to going out and will return to the STAR office at the end of the shift.** As such, shift times are listed from the time students **should arrive** to the time they should **expect to be back** at STAR offices.

Check out what past students have said about their experience:
“The experiences with STAR were certainly instrumental in developing skills that incorporate forming connections and trust with people on a relatively quick time scale, as well as maneuvering through tough subjects with more comfort.”

“It was a great learning experience in every stage - from working with the staff at STAR and SOURCE, to the mechanics of how the mobile unit works at STAR, to their normal routines/measures to maximize testing, to the actual experiences with individuals themselves. I found that it was one of my favorite experiences in school this year, and I’m really glad I was given the opportunity to participate.”

“I really enjoyed working with STAR. The staff is amazing and we had the opportunity to see many different Baltimore neighborhoods and test a wide variety of clients.”

Johns Hopkins Hospital Emergency Department

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Emergency Department (ED) HIV testing program has been in operation since 2005. Our program has identified over 200 previously unknown positive patients and linked them to care. We offer and perform free routine HIV screening to all patients ages 15-65. Post-test counseling is performed with all tested patients and we assist with the linkage to care for new HIV diagnoses, or for HIV positive patients that are not currently in care. Testing is available to eligible ED patients 16 hours a day (8am-12a), 7 days per week.

Please note this is not a research project or a counseling program, but a clinical testing program designed to test, identify and link previously unknown HIV positive patients to care to help prevent the spread of the disease.

Testing facilitators and students receive a two-day HIV counseling skills training, device training for performance of point of care (POC) tests with patients, in additional to on site ED training by full time HIV testing facilitators to orient you to the clinical operations of the ED.

Location:
Department of Emergency Medicine
Zayed Tower
Baltimore, MD 21209

Testing will take place at the Emergency Department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. This location is on the Johns Hopkins University Medical Campus and the main Emergency Department entrance is on 1800 Orleans St.

Involvement:
Volunteer coverage is available between the hours of 12 pm and 12 am at a minimum of 4 hours per shift.

Typical daily volunteer shifts include:
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
12:00 – 4:00 pm
4:00 – 8:00 pm
8:00 pm – 12:00 am

Check out what past students have said about their experience:
“The ED experience was fast paced, a lot of testing was accomplished and you get to experience how a hospital functions.”

“I found this experience enriching and would definitely recommend others to join the JHHED program.”

“I would recommend this program for anybody interested in working in the emergency department, HIV/AIDS, or any other similar field.”

Harriet Lane Clinic

The Harriet Lane Clinic (HLC) is a primary care clinic serving patients from birth to 25 who come primarily from low-income neighborhoods and experience disproportionately high rates of unintended pregnancy and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The HLC is comprised of three units: the Center for Adolescent & Young Adult Health, the Resident Clinic, and the Ryan White Intensive Primary Care (IPC) Clinic. This facility is a teaching setting for Johns Hopkins Department of Pediatrics inclusive of trainees from the following disciplines: pediatric medical residents, adolescent medicine fellows, nursing, social work, psychology, and nutrition.

The HIV Testing Program is a part of the clinic’s Title X Program. The goal of the clinic’s Title X Program is to reduce unintended pregnancy among HLC young patients while ensuring access to uninsured, underinsured and/or patients needing confidential care. The goal of the clinic’s HIV Testing Program is to increase rapid HIV testing among all clients seen 13 and older.

Roles & Responsibilities
1. Volunteers will be co-located with clinic providers where they will monitor the schedule and ensure every patient who presents and needs a rapid HIV test gets one.
2. Volunteers will complete risk reduction, family planning education and rapid HIV testing with all patients 13 and older.
3. Volunteers will complete data collection, cleaning and compiling as needed as part of the HIV testing program.
4. Volunteers will assist Health Educators in program planning and development as needed.

Location:
Rubinstein Building
200 N. Wolfe St 1st floor
Baltimore, MD 21205

The Harriet Lane Clinic is located on the East Baltimore Campus of Johns Hopkins University on Wolfe Street between Fayette and Orleans Streets. The clinic is located on the first floor of the Rubinstein Building.

Involvement:
In addition to Level 1 and OraQuick training, all volunteers will be required to complete HIPPA and CITI online trainings. All volunteers will also be required to complete an additional 2-hour training with the clinic’s Health Educators before volunteering can begin. This additional training consists of 1) a brief introduction to East Baltimore and the youth population served at the clinic, 2) integrating family planning and sexual health counseling into standard risk reduction counseling, and 3) skills and techniques to effectively work with adolescents and young adults including understanding stages of adolescent cognitive development and
counseling for behavior change from motivational interviewing, personalized cognitive counseling to Project RESPECT.

Volunteer shifts are primarily available in the afternoons Monday through Friday. However, there are some morning shifts available. **Participants must be available to complete one shift per week.**

**Primary Volunteer Shifts:**
Monday – Friday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Secondary Shifts:**
Monday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Check out what past students have said about their experience:

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with patients, especially when we connected. I really felt that I had the opportunity to provide valuable resources to the patients in terms of information about sexual health, various methods of contraception, and making sure the physician was aware of the patients’ health risks/concerns.”

“I have been able to learn more, help my community and become much better at interviewing patients and understanding how a primary care clinic runs.”

“This was such a great experience to strengthen communication skills and to learn how to counsel people for harm reduction, in addition to learning how to test for HIV.”

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Student Volunteer Counselor Expectations

The following are expectations of all student volunteers in the HIV Testing and Counseling Program:

- Agree on and document, with the CBO, the expected deliverables and duties.
- Serve for a minimum of 2 shifts per month at the assigned CBO (shifts are approximately 3-4 hours in length).
- Meet time and duty agreements made with the CBO, and provide adequate notice of absence if needed.
- Participate in orientation activities at designated CBO, which may include criminal background check, HIPAA information, reference checks, PPD tests, providing a resume, pertinent videos, drug testing, and attending an orientation session for the CBO (activities vary by site).
- Be prompt, willing, respectful and positive at their CBO.
- Provide feedback about their experience and its relevance to their field of study through SOURCE’s online feedback and reflection form.
- Be open to learning about cultures and lifestyles different from their own.
- Speak with their site preceptor and student leader if uncomfortable or uncertain about their responsibilities.
- Speak with SOURCE staff and/or the student coordinators if they are displeased with their service experience or need mediation.
- Adhere to the CBO’s rules and procedures, including the confidentiality of the clients served.
- Know that they are not able to provide clinical care without the direct supervision of a faculty member from their Johns Hopkins University school (i.e. a medical student must be supervised by a JHU SOM faculty, students are unable to perform blood draws).
- Accept supervision and feedback that will enhance the learning experience.
- Coordinate their own transportation to/from the CBO where they are assigned to do HIV counseling and testing.
- Participate in quarterly service-learning reflection sessions with other volunteers, student leader, and site preceptor.
- Comply with MD laws/regulations regarding consent procedures, assisting with agency reporting as necessary, etc.
- Be open to providing information and referrals relating to reproductive health services including but not limited to: gender identity issues, same-sex sexual behaviors, abortion services, etc.
- Provide additional services at their designated CBO when not in a counseling session (i.e. administrative duties, health education, putting testing packets together, organizing outreach materials and giveaways, community outreach activities, etc.)

- Be patient at the start of the program, as there are a number of orientation activities to complete prior to being able to be involved as an HIV counselor.

- Maintain regular communication with student leader at their site.

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