

## 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 2011-2012 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 3 page 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](http://www.jhsph.edu/source/HIV/HIVApplication.html)

The application deadline is **Thursday, September 22, at 12 pm.**

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

**Sat, Nov 12 (9 am - 5 pm)**

**Sun, Nov 13 (9 am- 5 pm)**

**PLUS One Additional Training**

Note: For ER volunteers, the third training will be scheduled in mid/late October. For STAR volunteers, the additional mandatory training will be held during the week of October 24 in the late afternoon. Times will be determined based on students' schedules.

**If you are not available during all of the days and times listed, then you are not eligible for this program.**

Additionally, accepted students will be required to **pay \$25** in order to supplement the training costs.

**Required commitment for the program is a min. 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.

## **STAR (Sister Together And Reaching)**

STAR is a Christian-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).

1505 Eutaw Place  
Baltimore, MD 21217

Accessible by Light Rail and Subway

Some shifts will end later than the light rail and/or subway run. Free street parking is available.

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:

Wednesday nights: 6 pm – 12 am

Thursday nights: 6 pm – 12 am

Friday nights: 6 pm – 12 am

Saturday days: varies between 9 am – 5 pm (such as: 10 am – 2 pm; 10 am – 3 pm; 11 am – 5 pm, etc)

Saturday nights: 5 pm – 9 pm (\*occasional Saturday nights. Most are Saturday daytime shifts)

## **JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Emergency Department offers FREE routine HIV Counseling and Testing. Testing is available 16 hours a day (8am- 12:30am) 7 days per week to all eligible Emergency Department patients. Volunteer coverage is preferred during evenings and weekends, between the hours of 12 pm and 12am at a minimum of 4 hours per shift, however there are some morning shifts available.

Typical volunteer shifts include:

7:30 am – 11:30 am

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

7:30 pm – 11:30 pm.

On-campus. Main ED entrance is on Monument Street.

### **Student Volunteer Counselors are expected to:**

- 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 the orientation activities at their 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 in order to be up and running with their assigned clinic as an HIV counselor.