

Position title: Standardized Patient

Reports to: Dr. Hawa Koon

Location: ELAB-JFK Medical Center, Monrovia, Liberia (rotation to other ELAB sites needed)

Engagement: Part-time contractor

Expected hours: 8-10 hours per week during peak times; there may be some weeks with no work at all.

About ELAB:

CTLI's Experiential Learning and Assessment Lab (ELAB) delivers simulation-based training utilizing standardized patients (actors) and high-tech manikins that allow students and health practitioners to practice professional skills and patient care techniques in a simulated clinical setting. Clinical simulations are built around the application of research findings (including new standards of care and best practices as identified by national, regional, or international regulatory bodies or associations) in outpatient and inpatient care scenarios, incorporating debriefings with trained observers following each simulation.

Overview

A Standardized Patient (SP) is a non-medical or medical person trained to portray a certain effect, personality, or characteristics. This could be a patient or a family member of a patient (parent/guardian, sibling, spouse, partner, child, etc.)

The standardized patient uses an expert's designed history or instruction, assessment, or practice of communication and examining skills of a healthcare provider. In the health and medical sciences, SPs are used to provide a safe and supportive environment conducive to learning.

Summary of Position:

The SP will be trained to portray a patient scenario, using an expert's designed history and physical exam findings, for instruction, assessment, or practice of communication and/or examining skills of a healthcare provider. He/she will provide a safe and supportive environment conducive to learning for standardized assessment.

Description of Responsibilities:

The SP's level of engagement is variable depending on the simulation schedule at the ELAB. SP will be assigned specific roles based on the academic programs and other courses offered by the ELAB at any given time. Each role may be performed once or many times depending on the ELAB's schedule.

- Complete the training on standardized Participants
- Study assigned roles and memorized scripts outlined in a case scenario
- Coordinate scenario scheduling with ELAB staff, communicating any scheduling conflicts as soon as possible
- Complete a dry run before each new scenario, and incorporate feedback from ELAB staff
- Perform in the assigned role during the simulation session with learners

Qualifications

- Previous training in the health sciences (e.g. nursing, midwifery, medical degree) OR training or professional experience as an actor
- Strong oral communication and public speaking skills
- Fast learner, including willingness to learn new health-related content and ability to quickly memorize scripts (words and behaviors)
- Excellent listening skills
- High level of dedication and promptness for scheduled appointments
- High level of professionalism in interacting with diverse groups, including faculty, staff and students
- Looking for people who are generally comfortable in their skin (e.g. for a physical exam), who would be comfortable in a hospital setting, patient clothing, etc.
- Enthusiastic about participating in and improving the healthcare system
- Receptive to feedback and suggestions for improvement

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