

Volunteer Research Assistant Program

SEAHEC (South East Area Health Education Center) is an educational non-profit organization governed by a board of directors and administered by the Health Sciences Foundation, Inc. We aim to be the primary resource for healthcare education in southeast North Carolina and an innovator of healthcare education in the North Carolina AHEC system.

Who:

We are looking for volunteers who:

- Are currently enrolled in/graduated from an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Can give anywhere between 8 – 40 hours a week, Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.
- Have an interest in Healthcare or any Social Sciences.

Where:

Volunteers will report directly to the SEAHEC Research and Curriculum Development Department, whose offices are in 2511, Delaney Ave, located in Wilmington, NC. Much of the volunteer's time will be spent in the hospital's Outpatient and Inpatient Clinics.

What:

Hands on experience with a research project where the volunteer is trained about Research Design and Methodology in healthcare research. Volunteers will aid the Research & Curriculum Development Director and staff in Patient Evaluations to Improve Performance.

This will include:

- Direct patient contact to assess the patient's satisfaction through surveys.
- Detailed data entry and data management.
- Generating and reporting survey results.

Benefits:

The Volunteer Research Assistant Program is established to expose undergraduate/ graduate students to healthcare research, and to familiarize them with the opportunities that exist for careers in healthcare. This program hopes to instill in young minds an aptitude for research.

- Certificates of Completion will be issued to each participant.
- Certified volunteer hours to apply to any academic/graduate program.
- Interact with patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff.
- Face-to-face interaction with diverse patient population.
- Gain knowledge of Professionalism; inter personal communication skills, and medical ethics required in a healthcare environment.
- Working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- Real world application of social research as applied to healthcare.
- Engage in all phases of research, from data collection to reporting results.
- The opportunity to participate in SEAHEC-sponsored healthcare education such as Interdisciplinary Grand Rounds (IDGR) in which the attendees are exposed to a wide range of research topics through seminars presented by renowned healthcare professionals.

How to Apply:

The Volunteer Research Assistant Program is an ongoing opportunity. There is no deadline to apply. The program lasts a minimum of ten weeks. To apply, volunteers should send a copy of their resume and two references (with contact information) to Rema Menon, PhD, Director of Research and Curriculum development, at rema.menon@seahec.net. All volunteers are required to pass a background check and attend Volunteer Orientation. From the time of application to start date is approximately four to six weeks!