



New Mexico State University School of Nursing

Standardized Patient Commitment

A standardized patient (SP) is an individual trained to portray a specific patient case in a consistent manner. All SP encounters are for the education of the nursing students by providing them opportunities to practice learned clinical skills and situations.

Standardized Patient Expectations

- **Professionalism**
 - The SP must keep all case scripts, material, and student performance information confidential.
 - The SP should use appropriate language during encounters.
- **Attendance**
 - The SP must be available for the full time requested; example of events include:
 - Case Training- Trainings for each case assigned. Days and times may vary.
 - Encounters- Typically last 1-3 hours. Days and times may vary. Encounters may be in person or virtual.
- **SP Events**
 - Parking- Visitors can obtain 5 free visitor passes online and 5 free visitor passes in person at the parking office each calendar year. If visitors have used 10 free visitor passes, the department can provide a parking placard.
 - Check In-All SPs must sign in upon arrival with the Lab Coordinator.
 - Punctuality - Punctuality is critical so that student experiences can start on time. The SPs are required to arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the encounter. The SP must contact the Lab Manager as soon as possible if not able to arrive on time.
 - Cancellations – Although we understand that a SP may occasionally have a last-minute emergency, we ask that SPs make an effort to honor their scheduled commitments since last minute cancellations affect the student’s learning experience. Please contact the Lab Manager as soon as possible if unable to attend a scheduled event so that a replacement can be found.
- **Dress Code**
 - Trainings-Modest Street clothes are acceptable, unless otherwise requested.
 - SP Encounters- Gowns will be provided, shirts and tops will need to be removed. Women must wear sports bra under the gown. Only shorts or sweatpants with elastic band area allowed. No Jeans or Khakis.
- **Case Preparation**
 - The SP will be required to attend scheduled training sessions and memorize key points of the script.
 - SP will not alter script or change roles without first consulting with facilitating faculty.



- SP will not volunteer information or give hints about the case to the students.
- **Relationships with Students**
 - The SP will not interact with the students on a personal level since you will have a role in assessing the student's performance.
- **Hygiene**
 - Please arrive freshly showered to all SP events and refrain from using strong perfume or cologne.
- **Video Recording**
 - For education purposes only, the SP encounter may be recorded and viewed by students and faculty.
- **Compensation**
 - SPs are paid at a rate of 18 dollars per hour/scenario. At the conclusion of all events- hours of participation will be submitted by the Lab Manager to accounting for processing of payment.

Failure to honor these commitments will result in discontinuation in the program

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I _____, certify that I have read this commitment form in its entirety. I understand that by signing I am committing to the requirements of the program. Failure to honor these commitments will result in dismissal from the program. I understand that I may ask questions and I am free to withdraw from the program at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____