

## **NEW VIRTUAL SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Recently, RSVP has partnered with the University of Maine's Nursing Program to offer you a unique volunteer opportunity. We are pleased to offer this opportunity in a virtual format that is designed for safety and allows for all of us to follow the CDC guidelines.

**Title:** University of Maine' Nursing Program Simulated Patient Volunteer

**Description:** **Would you like to be involved with educating tomorrow's nurses?** University of Maine School of Nursing provides education for our future generations of Nurses, Nurse Educators and Healthcare Leaders, as well as Family Nurse Practitioners. Several times a semester, students participate in a simulated experience that replicates real life to help with their education. As a volunteer for our simulation program, you can help educate these future healthcare providers by being a standardized patient. A standardized patient is a person that is trained to 'act' the physical and emotional characteristics of a real patient so the students can learn under the supervision of their faculty. This volunteer opportunity is both fun as well as critical to educating our students. Each semester the simulations change, but at this time we are looking for the following requirements:

- **No prior medical knowledge or training needed**
- **Someone who can 'act' out a patient role or family member via telehealth for nurse practitioner students**
- **Participate in training needed to act a patient role**
- **Focus would be on the student's communication and assessment skills with a patient with memory issues and their participating family members**
- **Participate in the telehealth simulation sessions in our simulation labs at the University of Maine's Orono campus; faculty & staff available on-site to assist you with joining**
- **Student simulations are scheduled for half hour intervals on Monday, August 23, 2021 and Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Volunteers could do all or segments of these simulations.**

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