

IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE COMPLETING VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Commitment

- Have I considered my schedule for the next 12 months?
- Am I able to realistically commit to volunteering for a weekly shift for a year?
- Along with my important work, school, and family obligations, will I be able to regularly volunteer at Children's and not be calling off due to a lot of conflicts?

Hospital Environment

- Am I comfortable volunteering in an environment and interacting with sick infants, children, and teens from a variety of backgrounds with various illnesses, some of which may be life-threatening or terminal diagnoses?
- Am I comfortable interacting with family members of children, respecting boundaries, maintaining confidentiality, and offering support free of judgment, religious undertones, or overly personal in nature?
- Am I willing to visit and interact with children who are under isolation status (I will be provided with infection prevention training and all proper materials for maintaining a safe environment for the patient and myself)?

Volunteer Assignments

- Would I be accepting that part of my regular volunteer experience includes wiping down and sanitizing toys and equipment to help maintain infection prevention standards and keep kids safe?
- Can I indicate my preferences for the type of volunteer experience that I am seeking but remain flexible to complete tasks that benefit patients and families upon request as needed?

Regulatory Requirements

- Am I willing to complete an initial orientation and ongoing regular training as requested within the established timeframe?
- Am I willing to submit the information required for securing the appropriate background clearances?
- Am I willing to receive a TB test both initially and on an annual basis and share results with the volunteer office?

Personal Motivations to Volunteer

If any of the following statements pertain to you, we ask that you reconsider applying to be a volunteer with Children's Hospital at this time.

- Within the last year I have experienced the loss of a significant loved one.
- I am seeking a clinical experience in my volunteer role, either by shadowing a particular physician or staff member or gaining a clinical skill set for my education.
- I am interested in finding a job at Children's and view volunteering as a stepping stone to secure employment.
- I view volunteering as a way to spread my own personal or religious beliefs to others.
- I am looking for a short-term volunteer experience because I am unemployed, on break from school or work, or need community service hours to fulfill a mandated obligation.