

Maternal Newborn Standardized Patient (SP) Incentive

The University of Texas Austin - School of Nursing Simulation Center is a state-of-the-art nursing educational facility that incorporates simulated, realistic learning experiences into the instruction of nursing students. Future nursing professionals safely practice in a simulated environment honing their skills, learning team work, valuable communication and interpersonal skills required in patient care situations.

The primary role of the Maternal Newborn Standardized Patient (SP) position is to portray a prenatal laboring and postpartum patient, in a clinical setting. SPs will be asked to convey specific emotions, behaviors and symptoms while interacting with nursing students during the simulation, designed to enable experiential learning and/or assessment of students' skills. The SP may be physically examined by students (while wearing a foam lined partial body costume over clothing) as part of their clinical learning experience.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Read and follow a case script detailing specific emotions and behaviors designed for character being portrayed.
- In a standardized, accurate, and reliable manner - present/act all aspects of case information, including history of current problem, affect/behavior and physical findings. Be willing to wear a hospital gown and educational learning props.
- Be highly dependable and punctual, demonstrate flexibility with scheduling and assignments.
- Work in a professional manner when interacting with learners, faculty, trainers and peers.
- Maintain confidentiality of information related to cases, student behaviors and feedback evaluations.
- May be photographed during student sessions.

Required Level and/or Type of Education

Must be 18 years or older; child birth experience is preferred; if a current nursing student, must be Level S1 or above ONLY.

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Given extended time commitment of maternal newborn simulation experience, SPs may qualify for incentive, per the following guidelines.

Eligibility for Gift Card (HEB \$50)

- SPs who are **NOT** currently "On the Clock" in another department or student seeking clinical hours in place of a class.
- Student employees are eligible to receive Gift Card incentive up to \$600 annually, upon which payroll incentive is applied.
- To accept the incentive, SPs will need to complete the: [Multiple Participant Receipt Form](#), which will be provided to SPs prior to completion of simulation.
- SPs are welcome to OPT-OUT of the incentive and donate their time in place of the incentive.

Eligibility for Payroll Incentive (\$50)

- SPs on UT Payroll who exceed the \$600 (gift card) annual limit: employee, student, foreign student, CTA, TA.
- To accept the cash incentive, SPs will need to complete the [Individual Receipt Form](#), which will be provided to SPs prior to completion of simulation.
- SPs are welcome to OPT-OUT of the incentive and donate their time in place of the incentive.
- SPs will receive payment via payroll after forms have been submitted.

If you live in the Austin area and would like to become a participant in the Standardized Patient Program, please complete the [Maternal Newborn Standardized Patient - UT Nursing](#) survey. After completion of the survey, your information will be added to a database of patient roles and we will contact you when casting calls become available.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the incentive?

Qualified SPs are paid via \$50 gift card per session. If you'd like to donate your time, you can opt out of payment.

What is a Standardized Patient (SP)?

The "SP" is a person who has been trained to simulate a patient in a clinical setting.

How are standardized patients trained?

We provide the SP with a link to a training video and script they will need to realistically portray a patient.

Do you need any special education?

No, our SPs come from various backgrounds, and we will teach you everything you need to know about your assigned role.

Do I need to bring a lunch if attending all day session?

Refrigerator and microwaves are available on the 3rd floor in the student lounge, near O's café. Offsite Cafés are located nearby at: UT/Dell Medical School (1501 Red River St), Dell/Seton Med Hospital (1500 Red River St), Health Learning Building (HLB - 1601 Trinity St)

Where do I park?

Reserved or validated parking will be authorized prior to simulation and instructions sent via email. Current UT employees or students are not eligible for this option.