



Approved Volunteering Organizations

Things to Remember:

- Volunteering through these organizations on this list will be accepted or any other organization of your choice, that allows you to shadow/volunteer in an office setting learning about ethics, not patient interaction. Please email tqadri@uga.edu if you are unsure.
- You may volunteer at multiple sites.
- You must **document and get the signature of a staff member** or someone in leadership for each volunteer site; see volunteer log sheet on the ppao.uga.edu website.
- You have from **August 17 to December 15, 2026**, to complete **20 hours of volunteering** and submit documentation to the program coordinator via email (tqadri@uga.edu). This program is approved for experiential learning. Once approved, if you wish to have credit for Experiential Learning, volunteering must be completed by **December 15th, 2026**.
- Volunteering may take a while to set up, therefore students are strongly encouraged to **start the process of volunteering early** in the semester.
- Be aware not all volunteer sites may be accepting volunteers.
- To get the most from the program, students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zone and try a new volunteer opportunity. This will also be helpful on your professional school application if you challenge yourself.

Choose ONE area:

-  Healthcare Access & Underserved Communities
-  Patient Advocacy & Rights
-  End-of-Life & Hospice
-  Aging & Long-Term Care
-  Immigration & Healthcare
-  Mental/Behavioral Health
-  Disability & Healthcare
-  Public Health
-  Emergency/Disaster Health
-  Vulnerable Populations & Child Advocacy

Organizations

Mercy Health Center	Patient Liaison, etc.
Athens Community Council on Aging	Especially the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program—students can learn decision-making.
Affinis Hospice	They currently have an administrative volunteer opportunity. This is ideal for discussing end-of-life ethics, dignity, autonomy, family decisions, and hospice care.
County	administrative support.
Hospice	centered care.
UGA Community Health Law Partnership Clinic (Community HeLP)	Students could learn how legal and social circumstances affect healthcare access.
Long-Term Care Ombudsman	autonomy, and quality of care. The program is housed through ACCA.
Department - Main Clinic	immunizations, and population-level healthcare decisions.
MedLink Athens	health, health access, and underserved populations.
The Cottage	Students can learn about trauma-informed care, sexual assault advocacy, medical advocacy, forensic examinations, consent, confidentiality, and vulnerable populations.
American Cancer Society	fundraising, and healthcare access.
Georgia Chapter	populations, and community response.

Nursing Homes – Interactive map to locate nursing homes in Georgia.

[Nursing Homes In GA](#)

Try to find your own organizations also.