

## 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.