



Frequently Asked Questions

Simulated Participants

Simulated Participants (SPs) provide valuable opportunities for learners to practice clinical skills in a safe environment that is supportive to the learning process. By practicing their skills with SPs, our learners can develop and refine their assessment, communication, interpersonal skills and professionalism.

What do SPs do?

First and foremost, we ask our SPs to take their role seriously because they are impacting patient care through education of health care providers. We ask for a commitment to be prompt, reliable, quick to learn, adaptable and continually improve. SPs interact with the learners as patients and/or family members. This interaction is vital for helping the learners buy into the simulated environment and treat the scenario as if it were a real-world encounter. SPs are also called on to be models for a variety of physical exams such as knee and shoulder joint assessments or abdominal ultrasounds.

Is this full time?

This is not a full time or even a part time position. This is considered "as needed" and is based on the needs of our user groups. The schedule is not fixed and there are no guaranteed hours. SPs can request or decline sessions based on their availability through our online scheduling platform. Sessions are booked on a first come first serve basis with the consideration of previous experience and session needs. It is imperative to stay in communication with the SP Coordinator for scheduling.

What training and orientation is there?

Orientation includes online modules that provide the foundation of simulation best practices and expectations before being scheduled for a session. Training varies depending on the role, experience, and objectives or requirements of the session. There will be multiple opportunities to ask questions, review the case requirements and practice with the scripts. Case information is provided at least a week in advance of the session for review and preparation. There are opportunities to ask questions and clarify things prior to the session with the facilitator and/or SP Coordinator.

Do SPs have to be an actor or have acting training?

While acting skills or experience are always helpful, it is not a requirement. SPs **ARE** required to be at least 18 years old or older, regardless of experience.

How does someone become a SP?

Those who are interested in applying to be a SP should fill out the [online application](#) and they will be contacted for an interview.