QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT WORKING AS A STANDARDIZED PATIENT WITH NYU UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

What will I be doing in this job?

You will be hired to be a Standardized Patient, also known as an SP. A Standardized Patient is a healthy person who is trained to act like a patient. Standardized Patients are used by most medical schools to train medical students and doctors. After you learn about a medical case, you will go to clinics and pretend to be a real patient. You will give a doctor a fake medical history and allow a doctor to give you a physical exam.

What types of physical examination would be involved?

The doctor will probably listen to your heart and lungs. They might also look into your eyes, ears, and throat, and check your muscle strength or reflexes.

How do I know what to say and do when I meet with the doctor?

You will be trained to act like a patient and we will tell you what to say. You will get a story to give to the doctor about your job and medical history.

Is it safe?

Yes. The doctor will not do anything that will hurt you. If you are uncomfortable during an exam, you can tell the doctor to stop.

What types of people do you need?

We are looking for young men of color, about 18-24 years old. The young men should look young enough to play teenagers.

Do I need to know a lot about medicine?

No. We will teach you what you need to know.
Will I need to take my clothes off?

No. The physical exam takes place over your clothes. Doctors may lift your shirt a few inches to feel your abdomen.

How much does the job pay?

We pay $15/hr for training and visits. We will pay for Metrocards for transportation to and from the clinic.

If you have further questions, please contact Angela Burgess at angela.burgess@nyumc.org.

Thank you for your interest in our program.
Application – Adolescent Standardized Patient Program

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Gender: ___________________________

Race/Ethnicity (circle all that apply): White  Black  Latino  Asian  Other: ________________

Please list any acting or role paying experiences. Examples might be school acting clubs, community theatre, workplace training programs, etc.

Please list your education history.

High School--Last grade completed:   ___ 9th  ____10th  ____11th  ____12th

GED: ___Yes  ____No

College---Number of years completed: ______

Please explain why you would like to work with this program.

How did you find out about our program?
Do you have any health problems that may show up during a physical exam? Examples might be asthma, high blood pressure, heart murmur, arthritis, etc.

Please mark the days and times you are available to work under the YES column. If you are a student, we will work around your school schedule.

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If there is anything else you think we should know about you, please write it here:

Please send this application form to angela.burgess@nyumc.org or fax to 212-263-8234.

Thank you for your interest in our program.