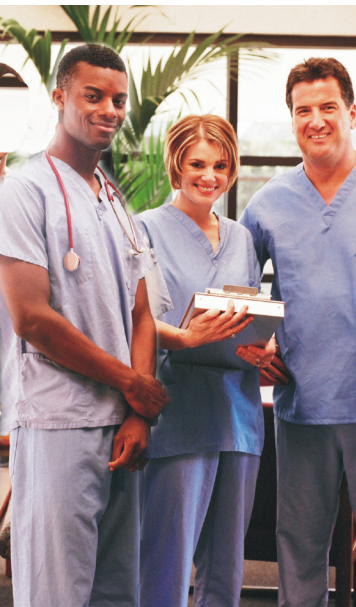


## Bridge Volunteers Needed

This unique volunteer opportunity is perfect for those individuals considering a career in health care or social services. Volunteers will learn vital skills in a clinical setting, including how to talk to your patient about sensitive issues.



### What is the Bridge Program?

The Bridge Program of Rose Brooks Center<sup>sm</sup> is a hospital-based advocacy program connecting victims of family violence with the person who can help them most. The Bridge Program is a vital service providing 24/7 on-call support to hospitals and clinics throughout the metro.

### What does a Bridge Advocate Do?

When a health care provider identifies a victim of intimate partner violence, they make a referral to the Bridge Program. An advocate is sent to the hospital to respond. While there, advocates provide a number of services that may include: education and support, safety planning, facilitating interactions with polices, filing protection orders, linking to other community resources and assisting in shelter placement.

Bridge Advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### What Commitment Do You Need From Me?

Bridge Advocates are required to attend two evening domestic violence trainings, as well as two evening and one Saturday Bridge-specific training. After these group trainings, Bridge Advocates will shadow an experienced volunteer who will teach you how to apply the information you learned in training to patient interaction until you feel confident to begin taking shifts on your own.

We ask volunteers to provide on-call hours each month, which they choose. Volunteers sign up for on-call shifts to provide coverage between 5:00 pm to 8:00 am Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays. Most volunteers utilize their cell phone, but a pager can also be issued. This way, you can go about your day and only respond if a patient is in need of Bridge services.



### But I don't have experience with domestic violence...

That's ok. If you have the desire to help individuals in crisis, we will teach you how. Rose Brooks Center will provide you with the training you need to be an excellent advocate for the victims you serve as a volunteer and later in your professional career.

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