

## **Clinical Scribe Internship at Curry Senior Center Winter/Spring 2018**

### **About**

Volunteering as a scribe in any capacity is an excellent way to gain real clinical experience. Our SFDPH volunteer scribes have consistently reported that their time as a scribe has proven invaluable to them in their careers, no matter which discipline they have chosen to pursue. Our scribes go on to pursue degrees in a variety of disciplines, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and public health.

### **What's different about scribing in the SFHN?**

We feel that the experience of scribing in the SF Health Network is unique in three important ways:

- 1) We serve the city's most underserved patient populations, so our scribes learn quickly the importance of empathy in the patient-provider relationship.
- 2) Our health centers run specialized clinics, including ones for patients transitioning from incarceration, patients with HIV, and patients with diabetes. Scribing in these clinics gives students the chance to learn about the particular challenges involved in caring for these especially vulnerable patient populations.
- 3) While scribes are commonly seen in hospitals urgent care settings, scribes are rarely used in public health and primary care. Scribing in the SFHN gives students a unique view into the life of a primary care provider working in a public system. There is a national shortage of primary care providers in our healthcare system, and by providing more exposure to their work we hope to inspire the next generation of pre-health students to fill this need.

### **Scribe Duties**

- \* Work alongside providers to help document patient visits in the electronic medical record
- \* Record patient histories and physical examinations
- \* Take dictations of providers' assessments
- \* Maintain and protect patient confidentiality
- \* Perform various other duties to help support our team of MD and NP providers

### **Required Qualifications**

- \* Ability to adapt to a fast-paced work environment
- \* Desire to serve underserved patient populations
- \* Familiarity with computers
- \* Excellent communication skills

### **Hours**

- \* We are open Monday-Friday from 8:00-5:00
- \* There are 2 sessions per day (AM session from 8:00-12:00 and PM session from 1:00-5:00)
- \* We require volunteers to scribe for at least 2 sessions per week

**Questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to Faiza Saeed ([faiza.saeed@sfdph.org](mailto:faiza.saeed@sfdph.org)) and John Gerlach ([john.gerlach@sfdph.org](mailto:john.gerlach@sfdph.org)).**