



Community Service Partnership with Deaconess Community Engagement – part of the *Professional Development Plan for RNs*

According to the Professional Development Plan, Deaconess nurses may accrue “elective” points toward their achievement goals.

Deaconess CAN-- Community Advocate Nurses earn elective points for their PDP, and represent Deaconess in community health activities.

Definition of Community Service: (within the PDP)

- Applicant performs a health-related volunteer service during paid or unpaid off-duty time OR
- Applicant performs a service to the community on behalf of Deaconess (Deaconess sponsored or requested).

Point values: 1 for 4-7 hrs 2 for 8-11 hrs 3 for 12-15 hrs 4 for 16-19 hrs 5 for 20-23 hrs 6 for 24+ hrs

Examples:

- Health events (Deaconess-sponsored or community)
 - May include actual clinical screenings, risk assessments, or education
- Community health fairs
 - Churches - Schools - Civic Organizations

Health Related Speaker/Presenter: (within the PDP)

- Applicant develops and present an educational offering to community audience and/or other health professionals, providing health information to the community.

Point values are: 4 for local 8 for state 10 for national (max of 16 points)

Benefits

- **For the nurse**
 - an opportunity to earn Professional Development Points *while sharing valued expertise with others*
 - nurse can choose any event based upon location, schedule, availability, etc.
 - nurse will have screening materials, educational pieces, give-aways, etc. provided; nurse will simply have to pick them up prior to the event (note: If nurse has particular info/tools he/she would like to use, it will certainly be considered)
 - Community Engagement Coordinator will complete ‘Community Service/Professional Organization Verification’ form for nurse, to submit for credit
- **For Deaconess**
 - Greater presence in the community by professional clinical staff
- **For the community**
 - Improved health and knowledge of the community, value of education by nurses: increased awareness of risk factors, healthy behaviors, “signs & symptoms,” etc. saves lives!

How To Volunteer

1. Look at the spreadsheet below.
2. Choose any upcoming event(s) that interest you.
3. Complete Nurse Volunteer Information Form (also under Nursing Excellence on D-Web)
4. Save the Nurse Volunteer Information Form, and **send via email (preferred), or send in-house mail to Becca Scott in Business Development, becca.scott@deaconess.com**
5. You will be contacted as soon as possible, and any necessary coordination and arrangements will be made.

Important Details

- Accountability is critical. If you commit to participating in an event, it is very important that you keep that commitment. From an image standpoint, it’s worse to commit and not show up than to not commit in the first place. What may work well would be to arrange a back-up for yourself.
- Deaconess is invited to and learns about many different community events and fairs; **however, if you know of events, please bring them to our attention!** You can work at an event at your church, your child’s school, etc. even if it’s not listed. Just let us know about it, and we’ll get you the materials you’ll need.