

### Eucharistic Minister Volunteer

**PURPOSE:** Eucharistic Minister Volunteers are those who have received endorsement from their Catholic Church and distribute communion to Catholic patients and staff.

**DAYS/HOURS:** Flexible, based on availability and patient needs

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS:** Multiple opportunities available

***VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:***

- Distribute Holy Communion to patients in accordance with hospital protocols and religious guidelines.
- To communicate with the Chaplain and the UConn Health staff any urgent needs that arise during supportive visits
- Distribute Holy Communion to patients in accordance with hospital protocols and religious guidelines.
- To hold in strict confidence any information, observed, overheard, or surmised regarding a patient, a diagnosis, or a member of the hospital staff.
- To be patient & sensitive to divergent cultures, religions, ethnicities, and persons with disabilities.
- To perform only those tasks within the scope of volunteer duties
- To be punctual and attentive in performing duties
- To be compliant with the department specific standard operating procedures
- To be compliant with all UConn Health trainings & competencies

***DUTIES/DAILY PROCEDURES:***

- Visits will be arranged in coordination with the Chaplain.
- Visit patients in a timely fashion.
- Report any variations or additional requests made by patient, family, or staff.
- Listen empathetically and engage attentively to the patient or their family.
- Provide any relevant updates to UConn Health staff and participate to resolve non-medical concerns and problem solve and advocate on the caregivers' behalf.
- Alert the Chaplain or Patient Relations when family or visitors are requesting additional support.
- Attend continuing education events as arranged or requested.

***Minimum Requirement:***

- Must be a practicing Catholic and commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister by a parish or diocese.
- Comfortable navigating hospital environments and interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- Ability to carry out written and oral instructions
- Ability to maintain professional demeanor with patients, visitors and staff in high-stress situations
- Stand and sit for periods of time

**SUPERVISION:** While on duty, receives direction from the Chaplain or their assigned delegate.