

## **VOLUNTEER POSITION | NURSE PRACTITIONER / PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Since 2006, Malta House of Care Mobile Medical Clinic has been providing high-quality, compassionate, free primary health care to uninsured adults in Greater Hartford. The Clinic provides care in a safe environment on a walk-in basis at four church sites in some of the poorest neighborhoods of Hartford and East Hartford.

Malta has provided more than 44,000 free patient visits since its founding, thanks to a small paid staff and a cadre of about 50 volunteer doctors (both on- and offsite) who donate about 1,000 hours of in-kind care each year. Most of our patients have common chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and asthma. They lack a primary care provider because they are unable to qualify for state or federal assistance and are unable to afford the cost of health insurance with its premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

### **CLINIC LOCATIONS & HOURS**

Volunteer physicians need not work every day, but must be available to work full shifts on the days assigned.

- Mondays 11am–5pm St. Rose Church, 33 Church Street, East Hartford
- Tuesdays 1–6:30pm The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 134 Farmington Avenue, Hartford
- Wednesdays 12–5pm The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 134 Farmington Avenue, Hartford
- Thursdays 12–5pm St. Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford

### **CREDENTIALING PROCESS**

As part of the application process, Malta House of Care requires all volunteer Physicians and Nurses to submit to a background and National Data Bank check prior to applying for malpractice coverage through the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA). This process may take up to eight weeks to complete before entitling an individual to actively volunteer.

### **DUTIES**

Volunteer Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants report to the Medical Director. Duties include:

- Complete physical examinations (i.e. new patients, school/employment) and assessments of adults
- Development and implementation of care plans
- Interpretation of lab, x-ray, and other test results
- Education of patients on health maintenance and disease prevention
- Continuing “hands on” management of chronic conditions for patients, beyond refills of medication
- Regular use of Epic electronic medical records (training required and provided)
- Option for placement on “Green Track” to manage interpretation of diagnostic studies and refill appropriate medications, as requested by the Medical Director

### **QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS**

The following criteria must be met by all applicants:

- Current CT professional APRN/PA license; DEA and CTCS licenses without restrictions
- Skills related to contemporary primary care medicine
- Ability to assess patients and develop plans of care based on best practices per the Medical Director
- Knowledge of, and experience in, the use and distribution of medication
- Use of electronic medical records system Epic (training required and provided)
- Documentation of current Flu vaccine and yearly PPD testing
- Ability to speak multiple languages a plus, but not required