

Hospice of Central New York Volunteer Elective

Come have the opportunity to visit one-on-one with end-of-life patients and to learn more about how the Hospice program works to help families and patients at end-of-life.

In this elective you will be given the opportunity to interact directly with hospice patients in the capacity of a friendly companion. You may be chatting, reading to a patient or just watching TV with a patient, either in their own home or in a nursing home. Often volunteers serve as a safe presence for the patient so that caregivers can have a break or run errands. You will not have to perform hands-on care, have health-aide responsibilities, or give medications.

Visits work around your schedule and availability:

- Visits can be very flexibly scheduled, although having a car will make visits easier. Sometimes medical students have preferred to visit patients in nursing homes closer to campus and on a bus route.
- Visits work around your availability and are typically 1-2 hours per week.

Training requirements (see attached document for more info):

- You must attend 4 training sessions (lunch provided at all trainings)
 - Three 1 hour sessions on campus (1508 Setnor)
 - One Saturday session 9-2 pm, at the Hospice Office in Liverpool, NY

Enrolling now—enrollment ends on September 10th. To enroll contact Michele Devlin in the Volunteer Office at mdevlin@hospicecny.org or call 315-634-1100, ext. 123.