



“TEAM Students Assist America (SAA) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)”

Overview:

Thank you for visiting the MRC of Southern Arizona and the Statewide **“TEAM [Students Assist America MRC](#)”** page. We are thrilled that as a student in the health professions, you are interested in getting involved!

[\(REGISTER HERE\)](#) It takes about 10 minutes to register with the team and you will be contacted by a system administrator regarding mission opportunities.

Background

Students Assist America has partnered with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Pima County Public Health and the MRC of Southern Arizona to form a Statewide Student MRC - ready to respond to your local community needs and mission opportunities within your local jurisdiction.

The MRC knows you bring unique, valuable experience and skills to the health care system, especially needed during the COVID-19 response. Whether you have a background in the public health, or the physical, mental, or psychosocial health needs of individuals, your contributions are indispensable to supplement the health care workforce – during this crisis today and in more stable times well into the future.

Many fellow students across medicine, nursing, physician assistant, social work, public health, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, dentistry and dental hygiene and psychology have answered the call to volunteer in Arizona.

FAQs:

Please review the frequently asked questions below and sign up today!

1. Will I receive credit for participating in the “TEAM Students Assist America MRC” effort?

- That decision is up to your individual academic institution. Some have developed ways to incorporate this work into their curriculum or public service requirements, and others are maintaining participation as a strictly volunteer activity.

2. Am I guaranteed to be called to volunteer?

- Not necessarily – the MRC will relay mission announcements and detailed information according to the needs of the community. Participation is entirely voluntary and you are free to decline a mission at any time. Alert notifications will be sent via your preference of email, text, and/or phone.

3. What types of activities could I do?

- Volunteer events or activities depend on public health needs, but can range from primary care services, contact tracing, COVID-19 testing sites, manning call centers, language interpretation in medical facilities, to vaccination drives once a vaccine is available. Your qualifications will be assessed during the application process and any placements will be determined accordingly.

4. What can I do as a student in the mental health sector?

- Plenty! Opportunities to work with or shadow Arizona crisis response teams and other partner entities will be shared so students can actively engage in safeguarding the mental health of individuals, including screening health practitioners who are treating patients during this extremely stressful time.

5. Could I be put at risk by volunteering? What about PPE?

- Opportunities may include virtual support operations, in person small team activities, assisting in patient care settings, and public events. Mission work sites provide necessary and appropriate PPE and all volunteers are under supervision and follow established safety precautions per facility standard operating procedures. All volunteers are encouraged to follow appropriate guidelines and precautions to stay safe and keep others safe from COVID-19 transmission ([CDC Health Guidelines – How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)).