

WHEN NOT TO VOLUNTEER!

Volunteering at Walk-In is not something you do just because you happen to have time that week. It isn't a casual commitment.

Volunteers are expected to make an 8 month (two trimester) commitment to Walk-In Counseling Center. Due to the professional nature of our work at Walk-In, volunteers should treat their commitment to our organization as if it were paid employment. Our volunteers are expected to actively engage in the highest levels of professionalism and ethical behavior, including being available for all clinic shifts for which they are scheduled as well as to see clients by appointment outside walk-in clinic hours.

Walk-In's model of service is founded on the team model. Each team is constructed to maximize balance in experience, perspective, and educational background. This means that team members depend on a strong shared experience. When a team member misses a shift the team absorbs the impact in terms of both serving walk-in clients as well as missing the input and perspective of the missing member.

If any of the following statements apply to your situation, then volunteering at this time might not be optimal:

- Extensive or frequent travel
- Unreliable transportation
- Unreliable childcare
- Medical concerns (planned operations, fragile health etc.)
- Inflexible class schedule
- Any event that would cause you to miss more than two clinic shift in a four month period