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Eco Literature- 5th hour

Proposal

Overview:

I will be volunteering at the Mercy Hospital in Washington Missouri this coming spring. While volunteering, I will get the feel of what being in a hospital environment will be like on a daily basis. I will get to interact with adult patients and cancer patients. Also, I have the choice to volunteer for being a greeter, clerical, transporter, and even help out at the information desk and retail/gift shop. (St. Jude’s) Being a volunteer at Mercy, I will be working evenings, 4 until 8.

Process:

Being a volunteer at a hospital, I will be helping the facility. Instead of it being like school, and having the choices made for me, I get to make the choices myself as to what I will be working with, and with whom. In the process of volunteering, special skills and talents are not needed. (St. Luke’s Hospital Volunteer Program) Delivering packages and mail to patients, greeting visitors at the information desk, and bringing comfort and distraction to patients are just a few steps I will be encountering during this experience. The minimum goal is volunteering 12 hours.

Intentions:

Volunteering at a hospital is a good community service if you plan on majoring in a medical field in the future. I plan on becoming a nurse practitioner, and interacting in an environment such as a hospital will give the the feel on what to expect. Not mention that having hospital volunteering hours on a college resume will look very good when applying. The intentions of volunteering will be to help out the environment, and also learn from the experience. Not only will I be helping out the workers in the facility, but I will be helping the patients feel more at comfort.

Timeline:

The legacy project is due in May, and that means all volunteer hours need to be complete. Starting the end of March, through the beginning of April I will be taking the time to help out the environment. Depending on what day I start, I should have my 12 hours in about 3 weeks. Most hospitals acquire volunteers to work 2 days a week for 4 hours at a time.

Materials:

The materials needed for this experience is a way of transportation in order to get to the facility and back when needed to volunteer. Also, you will need appropriate clothing for the job. This means, clothes that cover you appropriately and are the clothes the hospital approves. (Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services) Another material needed is the knowledge. You need to know the hospitals rules and the guidelines for volunteering. And lastly, a “buddy” to volunteer with.

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