At UConn Health the Clinical Skills Assessment Program assists students as they learn bedside manners and the skills of taking a medical history, doing a physical examination, and communicating with patients. It relies on individuals trained to portray a medical problem and then evaluate students as they encounter the situation. The people who do this work are called Patient/instructors. We are recruiting individuals who have the interest and skills to work effectively with student doctors in this role.

Patient/Instructors work part-time from one half day to four half days a week. During a half-day they see 4-8 students, portray the case for each one, score the students performance, and then usually give the students feedback. They are carefully trained before they begin working with students and must be accurate in portraying the case and scoring the students. They are also trained to give feedback to students on the content and process of their work.

We employ people of all ages who can make a commitment to working with students on specific programs. Individuals with medical problems and those with none are equally welcome. At times the Patient/Instructors own experience is used as the basis for a case, but most are authored by faculty and then matched to the age and sex of the potential Patient/Instructor.

Please complete the enclosed application and return it to the address on that paper. We will contact you when we are conducting interviews for specific programs.

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Clinical Skills Assessment Program
PATIENT/INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION

CLINICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

NAME: ________________________________ Email: ____________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________ City: _______ State: ____ Zip: ________

PHONE #s: (Home) ________________ (Bus.) __________ (Cell) __________ Birthdate: ______

EDUCATION: __________________________

Relevant experience (as patient, health professional, teacher, actor, etc.): __________________________

Why do you want to be a patient/instructor? _________________________________________________

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Availability: We need people to work in half day slots on a variety of schedules mornings or afternoons. When are you available?

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How did you hear about the Clinical Skills Assessment Program?

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Are you a state employee? ____ yes ____ no

If so: Department __________________________ % time _________ Employee # _____________

Demographic Information: In order to meet Federal and State reporting requirements and to evaluate the effectiveness of our testing program, it is necessary that the following information be supplied. This data will not be used for discriminatory purposes.

Sex
  ___ Female  ___ Male

Race
  ___ Asian Amer. or Pacific Islander
  ___ Black

Hispanic  White
  ___ Amer. Indian or Alaskan Native
  ___ Other

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