

Approved Field Education Sites

This is a list of field education sites and programs in California that have an existing relationship with IBS. It is incumbent upon the student to contact and verify the current status of any programs they are interested in. Students may also propose a field site not on this list with permission from the FE Director.

San Francisco Area

Zen Caregiving Project (Laguna Honda Hospital, San Francisco)

- <https://zencaregiving.org/volunteer/>
- 5 hrs/wk for 1 year commitment.

San Francisco Night Ministry

- <https://sfnightministry.org/volunteer/>
- *This is referring to the volunteer program. Site also offers a CPE program. Usually requires night-time hours.*

East Bay

George Mark Children's House (San Leandro)

- <https://georgemark.org/volunteer/>
- Contact: Katie Peña
kpena@georgemark.org, 510.346.1261
- *Children and Families direct care volunteer training offered 3-4 times a year*
- *Minimum 1 yr commitment*

CIC Ministries: (Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas)

- Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy of Santa Clara County is a non-profit providing inmates with visits, religious services, meditation groups, spiritual and grief counseling
- *In-person onboarding and training provided, security clearance needed*
- Contact: Ram Appalaraju, Buddhist staff chaplain who has supervised IBS students,
Ram.appalaraju@gmail.com

Peninsula and South Bay

Mission Hospice

- <https://www.missionhospice.org/volunteer/direct-care-volunteers/>
- Craig Schroeder, Volunteer Services Director
650.532.2323
cshroeder@missionhospice.org
- *26-hr volunteer training, flexible volunteer hours*

Stanford Health Care

- <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/for-patients-visitors/spiritual-care-service/volunteering.html>
- Raksha Patel
spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org
650-723-5101
- *Minimum commitment is 2 hrs/wk for 1 year*

Greater Bay Area and California

By the Bay Health (SF, Marin, Sonoma, and San Mateo Counties)

- <https://bythebayhealth.org/volunteers-training/>
- *Patient Support Volunteers work as part of hospice team and make home visits*
- *30-hr training includes 20 hrs of classroom time and 10 hrs online*

Hope Hospice and Health Services (Alameda and Contra Costa County)

- <https://www.hopehospice.com/volunteering/>

Suncrest Hospice (Marin, SF, East Bay and nationally)

- <https://www.suncrestcare.com/volunteering/>
- Contact: Meena Ahmed, Bay Area Volunteer Coordinator
mahmed@suncrestcare.com

Boundless Freedom Project (Active in 12 prisons in California)

- www.boundlessfreedom.org
- Contact: Maria Valle, Interim Executive Director, maria@boundlessfreedom.org
- Boundless Freedom Project partners with correctional facilities to deliver evidence-informed programs in mindfulness, emotional literacy, and restorative dialogue. Our volunteers and facilitators support people inside to build resilience, reduce harm, and cultivate community during incarceration and through reentry.

Buddhist Churches of America (local temple)

Students may elect to serve as a minister's assistant at any Buddhist Churches of America local temple, provided they have an on-site supervisor and receive approval from the Field Education Director. Ministerial MDiv students should note that only 1 semester of FE clinical hours can be completed at a congregational site like a temple. The 2nd semester of FE clinical hours should be completed at a different type of setting (ex. hospice, hospital, prison, etc.)