

# 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 program they are interested in. Students may also propose a field site not on this list with permission from the FE Director.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of FE clinical hours should be completed at a different type of setting (ex. hospice, hospital, prison, etc.)

## **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 (Sacramento and online)**

- [www.boundlessfreedom.org](http://www.boundlessfreedom.org)
- Contact: email [julie@boundlessfreedom.org](mailto:julie@boundlessfreedom.org) with title "Service Learning Opportunity"
- Volunteers will be trained in a curriculum offering mindfulness-based interventions and group facilitation for incarcerated or formerly incarcerated people. Provides onboarding, supervision check-in's, and mileage compensation.

## East Bay

### **Highland Hospital, Alameda Health System (Oakland)**

- Contact: Chaplain Betty Clark, [bclark@alamedahealthsystem.org](mailto:bclark@alamedahealthsystem.org)

### **George Mark Children's House (San Leandro)**

- <https://georgemark.org/volunteer/>
- Contact: Katie Peña, [kpena@georgemark.org](mailto: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

## San Francisco Area

### **Zen Caregiving Project (Laguna Honda Hospital and The Cadillac Hotel)**

- <https://zencaregiving.org/volunteer/>
- Application period open mid-Dec to mid-Feb, in-person interview required
- Provides 40 hr volunteer training with sliding scale fee of \$250-\$350
- Actively seeking Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin speakers
- 1 year minimum commitment with 5 hr/week regular shifts
- Contact: Joe Voss, Volunteer Program Manager
  - [volunteer-applications@zencaregiving.org](mailto:volunteer-applications@zencaregiving.org)

## **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.*

## **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*