

Hands on Care / Feeding Assistance



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Are you interested in providing assistance with personal care, positioning, feeding, or mouth care to your patients? If so, consider becoming a Hands-on Care/Feeding Volunteer.

Eligible volunteers are required to have regular clinical volunteer assignments with multiple patients at the location in which they will provide Hands on Care (HOC), prior to attending a class. All attendees must have a history of timely follow through with assignments, documentation and communication with supervisor. Your VSM will confirm that you have met these requirements before attending a class. Interested volunteers will also complete a Hands-on Care/Feeding application.

The Hands-on Care class is 4 hours, or 2 ½ hours for feeding and mouth care only. Classes are held at the three IPUs, and Mentor and Ashtabula offices throughout the year.

Some of the aspects covered in the class include:

- *Techniques and strategies to help feed patients and provide mouth care*
- *Proper positioning and body mechanics*
- *Personal patient care including bathing, linen changes*
- *Proper transfer techniques*
- *Assistance with toileting*

**Interested/Questions?
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