

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What are the benefits?**

No politics, no violence and plenty of resources for education and self-growth.

2. **Are the patients truly sick or faking it?**

The patients are suffering from the most debilitating mental disorders afflicting human kind; Schizophrenia, Bipolar, Severe Depression, Personality Disorders, Suicidal Ideation, & Dementia. It's an extremely fragile population that require extensive care.

3. **What does a typical day look like and who will I be working with?**

MH Assistants are up early by 5am or 6 am, program beginning at 7:30am. MH Assistants day ends at 7:30pm. With minimum breaks throughout the day, MH Assistants are constantly engaged with program activities, groups, meetings, and chores. You will be working with fellow MH Assistants, Deputies, Clinicians, Psychiatrist, and Medical Staff closely, every day.

4. **Do we really have to clean feces and urine?**

Yes.

5. **Can I go back to my original housing if I don't like it?**

Yes, every attempt will be made to rehouse you at your previous location. However, this may not happen instantly and may take time.

6. **Do we get time off?**

If you were a merit master and eligible for conservation credits, you will still receive those. Otherwise, no.

7. **What time do we lock it down at night?**

You are required to return to your cell at 10:30PM. This includes weekends.

8. **Will being here help with my case?**

Potentially, it will depend on how you will use this opportunity. You will have access to resources that can possibly help your situation. Everything depends on the contributions you make that determines the support you receive.

9. **Will I get gassed?**

Possibly, since the program has been in existence (6 years) no MH assistant has been gassed.

10. **What is the living environment like?**

It's a work environment but peaceful and accommodating as well. We are treating the mentally ill so there will be screaming, banging on the doors, occasional flooding. Deputies conduct security checks every 15 minutes, so their presence is constant on the pods. We live in 2 man cells. Our cell are in the same pod as the patients. Literally, we live right beside them. Overall, the living environment is better than most.

11. **What happens if I am not a good fit to be a MH Assistant? (i.e. argue, not getting along with other MH Assistants, negative interactions with deputies or patients, overstepping boundaries, and generally not following directions etc.)**

Our goal is to provide opportunity and are willing to work with you. However, if there are constant complaints or incidents (that do not require a write up) you will be sent back to your previous housing location.