



# Franciscan Renewal Center

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## Volunteer Position Description

**Title:** Volunteer Supportive Counselor

**Importance of the Position to the Franciscan Renewal Center:**

The Counseling Ministry provides supportive counseling that is not faith based as an outreach to the community. We serve a diverse population who seek support for a variety of life transition challenges. Though we do not offer psychotherapy, because the Franciscan Renewal Center believes that education and experience creates some of the best professionals, this volunteer position requires independent licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, or Substance Abuse Counselor from the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners or as a Psychologist through the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners.

**Responsible to:** Director, Counseling Ministry

**Definition of Duties:**

- Provide up to six sessions per calendar year of quality supportive counseling to each client and act as a resource to refer clients whose needs may require continued care (may self-refer if counselor deems it appropriate)
- Meet regularly with Director, Counseling Ministry to discuss questions, client needs, and/or community resources
- Facilitate weekly support groups (if assigned) and facilitate the group in discussion and support of one another re: life transitions and difficulties

**Length of Commitment:**

One to two years, renewable by mutual agreement.

**Time Required:**

Flexible, two to six hours per week, determined by the counselor.

**Qualifications (also see above):**

- Independently-licensed and in good standing with the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners or the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, depending on discipline

**Training Provided:**

Orientation about Franciscan Charism and the mission of the Franciscan Renewal Center. Safe Environment Training required and provided by the Diocese of Phoenix.

**Evaluation:**

Ongoing, but specific discussion between volunteer supportive counselor and Director, Counseling Ministry every six months.