



CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Delivering Real-World Experience to Online Students

Launching a new career can be challenging for students needing experience. That's where ed2go's Clinical Experiences comes in - helping students bridge the gap from education to employment to start their careers successfully.

ed2go Courses Eligible for Clinical Experiences

Clinical Dental Assistant
(GES1038)

Pharmacy Technician
(GES117, GES117P)

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
(GES180, GES181, GES182)

Sterile Processing Technician
(GES1059, GES1028)

Home Health Aide
(GES1018)

Hemodialysis Technician
(GES1079, GES1044P)

Student Requirements for Clinical Experiences

- Complete their course with a 70% or higher cumulative grade
- Complete the Clinical Experience application (available after 80% completion of the course)
- Submit a resume and cover letter
- Upload supporting documents
- Submit a valid state/federal photo ID
- Sign the student program disclosure
- Provide 10 hosted site preferences
- Clear a background check and drug screening proscribed by clinical partner
- Complete all clinical host partner's additional requirements

Some Clinical Host Partners May Have Additional Requirements, Including but Not Exclusively:

- Proof of vaccinations (specifics vary by host)
- Proof of health insurance
- Proof of liability insurance
- Proof of CPR certification
- Sign off on host policy, dress codes, and conduct requirements
- Complete facility orientation requirements and training (i.e., HIPPA or OSHA training)
- Proof of provisional license (program dependent)

ed2go Support Services for Clinical Experiences

- Email support
- Phone calls (by request)
- Dedicated ed2go clinical experience assistant
- A personal cloud storage link
- A clinical host partner experience guidance
- Resume and cover letter review
- Outbound site calls as needed
- Career development skill intervention, if applicable (i.e., preparation for interviews via phone)
- Host site documentation and onboarding assistance



Students spend 38 days on average in the program, starting from application receipt to timely completion of paperwork, to meeting all eligibility requirements, and encompassing their last day completing hours with a clinical host partner.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is placement guaranteed?

No, placement is not guaranteed for students.

When can students pursue placement?

Placement cannot be pursued until all paperwork is complete in the application.

Is there any cost to the student or ed2go Partner for Clinical Experience placements?

No, there is no additional cost.

How long does each placement last?

Placements are usually a month if a student does full-time hours or two months if a student does part-time hours. Students are on site between 25 and 180 hours. Hours are determined by career sector and industry expectations or licensing requirements.

Are these permanent employment positions?

No, these are temporary positions designed for students to get hands-on experience. However, placements are valuable networking experiences and position the student well if a full-time, paid job opens.

Are students compensated or provided with a stipend for their work?

No, these are unpaid positions.

How and when do students receive information about Clinical Experiences?

Students receive information about Clinical Experiences within course content:

- In the "Getting Started" Module
- At the 25% mark in the "Experience Overview Module"
- At the 75% completed mark with access to the "Experience Guidebook"
- Before the final exam, as a portal to the "Program Application"

Students in Clinical Experiences receive emails at 30, 90, and 120 days based on their start date. The emails remind them to contact the ed2go externship department for information, clarifications, and questions. An Externship Liaison can be reached at ed2go.externship@cengage.com anytime.

Does ed2go provide any additional employment readiness?

All Advanced Career Training (ACT) students receive free access to three online employment readiness courses (\$345 value) to promote career success:

- 12 Steps to a Successful Job Search
- Resume Writing Workshop
- Individual Excellence

How many Clinical Experience positions are available?

There are 22,359 positions available for students as of March 2024.

