



# 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 come 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)

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

**Certified Phlebotomy Technician**  
(GES1045)

**Sterile Processing Technician**  
(GES1059, GES1028)

**Home Health Aide**  
(GES1018)

**Hemodialysis Technician**  
(GES1079)

## Student Requirements for Clinical Experiences

- Complete their course with a 70% or higher cumulative grade
- Students must be current on their tuition loan or paid in full
- Complete the Clinical Experience application (available after 75% 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 five hosted site preferences
- Clear a background check and drug screening prescribed by clinical partner
- Complete all clinical host partner's additional requirements
- Complete any surveys and provide feedback as needed

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

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



The average time from application to clinical experience start date is 56 days. Students are encouraged to start the application process at 75% completion of their course.

## ed2go Support Services for Clinical Experiences

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

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are Clinical Experiences guaranteed?

No. Clinical Experiences are not guaranteed.

### When can a student pursue a Clinical Experience?

A student can only pursue a Clinical Experience once all required documentation has been completed.

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

There is no cost for placement, however, students are responsible for purchasing liability insurance. Some states require Pharmacy Technician students to register with their state boards. It is the responsibility of students to check with their state if there are requirements before starting.

### How long does each placement last?

The time commitment of a Clinical Experience is dependent on the requirements set by a certifying body.

### 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"

### 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:

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

### Who should students and ed2go Partners reach out to with questions about Clinical Experiences?

You can contact us at [clinicalexperience@cengage.com](mailto:clinicalexperience@cengage.com).

