



Observation Agreement

An **observational experience** is a learning experience that takes place over a concentrated period of time in a specific department or area that involves no hands-on contact with the patient; tasks are only observed. (Note: Tours are not considered observational experiences.) At Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota (Children's), the Educational Services department arranges these experiences.

All participants in allied health professional and student observation experiences, including nursing, must enter into an individual observation agreement even if a clinical education agreement is already in place. This agreement does not supersede provisions contained within the clinical educational agreement. It is the responsibility of the participant to be familiar with the provisions as outlined in this agreement and in the clinical educational agreement.

Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to create an employment relationship between Children's and preceptor participants. Participants who are not otherwise employees of Children's are not entitled to any benefits or compensation from Children's that may be due the employees of Children's.

Children's Responsibilities

1. Determine the level of involvement by participants.
2. Designate a liaison to supervise or coordinate supervision of the participant and who will review the participant's objectives for appropriateness, and assist the participant in completing these objectives in so far as the department setting allows.

Participant Responsibilities

1. Comply with Children's operating rules and health immunity requirements and provide evidence of immunity as requested.
2. Provide documented evidence of proof of criminal background check.
3. Carry insurance for illness and accident (recommended only).
4. Be responsible for the cost of any health care or treatment provided to them by Children's.
5. Respect the rights and confidentiality of patients and families at all times.
6. Adhere to Children's dress code policy, including the wearing of a photo identification badge while on the premises.
7. Schedule the days and hours spent in the department with the department director/manager or designee.
8. Confer with and keep liaison informed of patient-related activities and needs.
9. Provide written objectives for the observation prior to the experience.
10. Complete an evaluation of the experience using provided evaluation form at the end of the observation period - if requested to do so by the liaison.
11. Refrain from any and all hands-on experience. There may not be any touching, management, counseling or therapeutic interaction with parents or families.