Gaining Clinical Experiences

Internships, Student-run Clinics, EMT & More!

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What are some clinical experiences you know of?

- Student Run-Clinics
- Scribe
- Hospice Caretakers
- HRI: Health Related Internships
- Study Abroad
- Doula
- CNA
- Home Health Aide
- Medical Assistant
- EMT
- ED Technician
HRI’s
Health Related Internships
Internships in the HRI system are updated quarterly, and span many health-related fields including:

- medicine
- pharmacy
- dentistry
- nutrition
- public health
- physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

To qualify for an HRI internship, you must be an enrolled UC Davis student able to meet the listed requirements for the internship (which will be outlined in the HRI system during active registration periods).
HRI: Health Related Internships

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For more information, visit the Internship and Career Center
(2nd Floor of South Hall)

https://icc.ucdavis.edu/find/internships/health/hri.htm
Student-Run Clinics
UC Davis Student-Run Clinics

• Paul Hom Asian Clinic | Commitment to the Asian community
• Clinica Tepatí | Primary care services for the Latino community
• Imani Clinic | Healing begins with faith
• Shifa Clinic | Culturally sensitive care for an ethnically diverse community
• Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic | Health care for high-risk populations
• Bayanihan Clinic | Focused on the needs of the Filipino community
• The Willow Clinic | Serving people without homes
• VN Cares
• Knight's Landing One-Health Clinic
• Hmong Lifting Underserved Barriers (HLUB)
• Gender Health Clinic
• CONNECTED Clinic
• R.I.V.E.R. Clinic
Student-Run Clinics

- Work with MS, PAs, MDs to provide care to underserved communities
- Take vitals, history, and assist with procedures, etc.
- ~40 hours commitment per quarter
- Most are under UCDMC
- Applications generally open during Fall/Spring
- Very competitive
- Experience is not required
Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
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- Feeding patients, bathing patients, taking vitals, and assisting RNs with basic procedures
- Course: 6-12 weeks
- Certification Test: National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP)
- Job Opportunities: Many jobs available (hospitals and nursing homes)
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
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- Respond to Emergency and Non-Emergency calls in an ambulance
- Help stabilize patients, take vitals, give certain medications, take medical history/assessment, and assist paramedic with ALS treatments
- Course: 5-16 weeks
  - UCDFD offers an EMT courses during Summer/Winter Quarters
- Certification Test: National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)
ED Technician (ED Tech)
Emergency Department Technician (ED Tech)

• Help patients get situated when admitted to ED, apply EKG, splint & bandage wounds, assist MD/PA/RN with basic treatments

• Hospital ERs require either an EMT or CNA license
  • California: Mostly require EMT Certification (with 6 months to 2 years of ambulance experience)

• Job Opportunities: Very few jobs
Medical Assistant (MA)
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• Normally work in doctor’s offices or clinics

• Take vitals, get patient history, prep patients for procedures
  • injections, blood draws, etc.

• Course: 4-12 months
  • Some employers may not require a formal course or certification

• Back office work/scribe
Scribe
Scribe

• No Course/Certification required

• Companies offer on-the-job training

• Follow healthcare professionals

• (MD/DO/PA/NP/etc.) and document medical history, physicals, and other pertinent medical findings (EMR)

• Job Opportunities: Decent amount of jobs available (Scribe America, CEP America, Elite Medical Scribes, PhysAssist, etc.)
Resources for Phlebotomy and Doula Training

• Phlebotomy Training Information (Sacramento)
  • http://phlebotomytraining.careers/phlebotomy-training-sacramento/

• Doula Training Information
  • California: Mostly require EMT Certification (with 6 months to 2 years of ambulance experience)
  • https://radicaldoula.com/becoming-a-doula/
  • http://www.cappa.net/labor-doula
  • http://childbirthinternational.com/portfolio/birth-doula/
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