

St. Louis Children's Hospital Observation Experience Expectations

- The badge provided for the experience must be worn on the day(s) of your observational experience. The badge enables the staff to recognize that you have permission to be in the facility.
- Dress in an appropriate yet comfortable manner (i.e. business casual or scrubs if you are in a nursing or other health care related program). This means no blue jeans, shorts or open toe shoes.
- Be aware of your body language (i.e., avoid staring, making faces, or laughing inappropriately). Playing and interacting with the children are appropriate activities, and encouraged in most instances. Take cues from the individual you are working with if they feel limitations need to be set.
- To maintain the confidentiality of our patients, the names of any of the patients that you may come in contact with during your observational experience may not be shared with anyone outside of those providing care to those patients.
- You may hear information that is considered confidential. This information should only be shared with those who need it to care for the child. This means that you cannot talk or share information on social media sites about your experience with friends, family, etc. When in the hospital please avoid speaking about patients in public areas such as the cafeteria or elevators.
- You should not complete your observation visit if you feel ill, have a fever, a cold, or other flu-like symptoms. If you are not feeling well on the day you are scheduled for your observation, please contact me at 314-286-0385 to cancel/reschedule your observation day. It is important that you call so that the unit can be notified that you will not be observing on that day.
- During your time on the patient care area you will be reminded to wash your hands frequently (This should be done upon entering and leaving a patient room.) Hand washing is the most effective way to decrease the spread of germs and infections.
- Please eat a meal or snack prior to your observation experience.
- The brightly decorated hospital cafeteria offers meals, snacks, and beverages. Please check with the staff member that you have been assigned whether it is appropriate to bring food or drinks to the clinical area. Food may be brought in from home and stored in refrigerators available in most patient care areas. Microwaves are available on the units and in the cafeteria for heating food.
- The use of cell phones is prohibited in patient care areas. Please turn your cell phone off while shadowing.
- A copy of the BJC Code of Conduct is available upon request.
- Parking is your responsibility, unless other arrangements have been made by your sponsor.