

These guidelines are in addition to those found at <https://www.vumc.org/observational-services/welcome>.

The VOE observer should be with their assigned host at all times once the observation begins.

VOE Approved Areas	Guidelines
Pediatric Emergency Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals must be over 18 years of age • No more than 1 observer per day [without leader approval] • No observations in the Trauma Bays • No observations in isolation rooms where fit-tested PPE is required
Pediatric Critical Care Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals must be over 18 years of age • No observations in isolation rooms where fit-tested PPE is required
Acute Care Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16-18 years of age cannot observe adolescent age patients • No observations in isolation rooms where fit-tested PPE is required
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals must be over 18 years of age. • Observation experiences are only approved for the night shift (6:45 pm). • No observations in isolation rooms where fit-tested PPE is required
Pediatric OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations will only be allowed on Monday through Friday. Some dates will not be available. Those will be displayed in the observation calendar within the application. • All observers must arrive at 7:30 am for their observation. No observations can be scheduled for arrival later in the day. All observations will end by 4 pm. • Each observer will be allowed 1, 8-hour observation (VOE - VUMC Employees) or 1, 4-hour observation per school year (VU HPAO/AED Students). • There will be a MAX of 2 students/observers permitted in the VCH Procedural Area per day.
CHOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students 16-18 years of age cannot observe adolescent age patients • No observations in isolation rooms where fit-tested PPE is required