



Welcome to Vanderbilt Observational Experience Program. We look forward to hosting your shadowing experience. Our goal is to provide educational experiences while assuring the safety of our patients, families and visitors. Please review the Frequently Asked Questions below. Please see our contact information below, if you have further questions.

If you have had symptoms of COVID-19, flu, or cold in the last seven days, please contact the VOE office to reschedule your observation experience. If you come to the observation with COVID-19, flu, or cold symptoms, you will be turned away

What precautions must I take to prevent the spread of COVID-19? All observers will be required to wear a surgical/procedural mask during their observational experience. You will not be fit tested for N95 masks and will not be allowed to enter into rooms requiring airborne precautions.”

What should I wear? For your visit, apparel should be clean and neat. It is recommended that you wear dress pants or khaki's, tennis shoes, and a polo top (or other professional shirt). Clothing should NOT be revealing, tight, denim, or have obscene logos of any type. Head coverings are not allowed except for established religious customs. Long hair should be worn off the collar. Tattoos should be covered and piercings limited to your ears.

What are the standards of conduct? Your host will guide you through these experiences utilizing hospital policy and best practice standards. In the event of an emergency, your host will provide you with further directions.

Where should I park? One-day VOE participants (free) parking is available in Area 73A of the 'N' Lot. Multi-Day VOE participants are to visit the VUMC Parking Permit Office after you receive your VUMC ID Badge. You will then park in 73A 'N' lot. The N lot price is \$20.00/month. Information will be provided (including a map).

How will I get a name badge? If you are an VUMC employee, you can wear your work ID badge for your observation. If you are a VU or Meharry student, you can wear your student badge for your observation, for all other students,VOE participants, an ID badge will be created and further instructions will be given at the time of confirmation/approval.

Where will I meet my host? You will be given your host's contact information after your observational experience is confirmed, in which you should communicate with your host on the location, time to meet, dress attire , and any questions you may have about your observational experience.

Student Expectations: Cell phone use during observation time is prohibited (including social media, personal calls, texting, etc.) In case of a family or personal emergency, personal phone calls can be made outside of patient care/observation areas. **Personal items** should be kept in a secure area if this is provided or kept in your locked car. **Photographs** are prohibited in any observational area, especially patient areas. Students should not be in a room for a procedure without a **medical chaperone** present.

Enjoy your observational experience at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

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