

Q: Does Texas Children's Hospital allow observations?

A: Yes, the Hospital does allow one to observe an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist or Speech Therapist

Q: How old do I have to be to observe?

A: Observers must be at least 18 years of age or older.

Q: How many hours can I observe?

A: Due to the overwhelming requests of observations, we only allow up to 20 hours per calendar year.

Q: Which location (Main Campus, West Campus, Cy-Fair, The Woodlands, Kingwood, Clear Lake or Sugar Land) can I observe at?

A: You can ONLY observe at one location. Observers must get their full hours in the same week Monday - Friday time period. Check under the Locations & Availability on our website to see current status.

Q: Which days and between what hours can I observe?

A: Outpatient clinic hours are available Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and availability will be dependent upon the location & therapist.

Q: Can I observe a Therapist in the NICU or Inpatient?

A: No, unfortunately, we do not allow observations in either area due to the amount of medically fragile patients in these areas. This applies to ALL locations.

Q: What is the process in order to observe at Texas Children's Hospital?

A: You will need to complete a set of required documents, receive a TB test from this calendar year, and or a copy of your immunization record prior to observing. Review the Orientation Documents Checklist & Clearance FAQs page for a full list and additional information regarding the clearance process.

Q: How long does the clearance process take, when should I submit my application?

A: Allow up to 4 weeks for observer's papers to be processed and cleared by the Observation Coordinator and Employee Health Nurse from the date of completed submission. Therefore, it is recommended that all materials be received no later than 8 weeks prior to your projected start date if you would like the opportunity to resolve any issues that arise during the verification period. Applications that are incomplete at the time of submission may not be approved and or delay processing times.

Q: Where can I locate the required documents to complete?

A: On the previous page, click on the "Tab" that says "complete required documents."

Q: Once I've completed all the required documents, where do I submit those?

A: You can email them to: therapyobservation@texaschildrens.org

Q: Once I submit all my required documents, what happens next?

A: Your completed documents are submitted to Employee Health for clearance prior to observing. We are unable to process stat observation requests. The Employee Health Nurse is also responsible for clearing all student requests and new employee applications, therefore not able to process observer's stat.

The Observer Coordinator will then contact you for scheduling via email after they have received your paperwork and you are cleared by Employee Health.