

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
Faculty Policy on Visiting Health Professional Trainees

Monitoring and oversight of visiting trainees and other related activities by TTUHSC/Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Faculty (Also known as Visiting Student Policy)

Approved by Faculty Council 5.2010

POLICY:

It is the policy of Texas Tech University HSC-EI Paso to provide appropriate monitoring and oversight of all activities of all trainees, students, visitors and others on campus. TTUHSC campus is able to accommodate only certain programs; to this end, any activity must fall within the scope of this policy.

No informal observerships or mentoring are allowed. Only trainees or students as defined in this policy and who are involved in official programs and activities of this campus are allowed.

Faculty and staff members DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITY to engage or take on or allow any other type of activity by any trainee, student, or any other category of person, unless in compliance with this policy. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or personal liability.

SCOPE:

This policy covers activities on the TTUHSC/Paul L. Foster SOM campus and at all remote sites to include UMC or other hospitals or facilities where faculty engages in their professional activities. All members of the TTUHSC staff, faculty etc. will comply.

Any activity by a trainee or student not currently part of a TTUHSC student program (medical students, residents, nursing) must go through one of the areas listed below, prior to being on this campus:

1. **Vocational colleges** – Currently this consists of proprietary schools that facilitate training in a health related field. Contact: Loretta Flores (Loretta.flores@ttuhsc.edu) or Vanessa Solis (Vanessa.solis@ttuhsc.edu) Office of the Dean
2. **High School/Undergraduate Student Programs** – This includes programs for premedical students that are part of the pipeline into admissions. The student must be enrolled in an established program under the Office for Promotion of Community Achievement (OPCEA). This includes the shadowing program and High School premedical camps. Undergraduate students must contact OPCEA to determine eligibility. Contact: Office of Admissions/OPCEA – Rene Andre (rene.andre@ttuhsc.edu) & John Snelling. (Associate Dean for Admissions)
3. **Graduate level Health Care Students** from affiliated institutions and United States accredited medical schools. This would include Advanced Nurse Practitioners, SRNA (Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist) students, undergraduate nurses, Physician Assistant students, Allied Health from outside of Texas Tech and undergraduate students that are pursuing experiences for credit. Contact: Alex Garcia (alex.garcia@ttuhsc.edu) Office of Student Affairs, (Associate Dean for Student Affairs)

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4. **Post graduate level health care practitioners** from U.S. affiliated institutions. This would include visiting graduate medical residents, advanced training (fellowship) for Physician Assistants and others pursuing training after graduation (in pursuit of board certification in an affiliated accredited program). Contact: Martha Lucero (Martha.lucero@ttuhsc.edu) Office of Graduate Medical Education (Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education)

5. **High School, Undergraduate students, Graduate students, residents & postdoctoral fellows involved in approved research protocols** sponsored by the Division of Research. Contact: Jen Walker (jen.walker@ttuhsc.edu) Office of the Associate Dean for Research (Associate Dean for Research).

6. Please note: Visiting Faculty from any other institution would be directed under the Office of Faculty Affairs. Cindy Camarillo (cindy.camarillo@ttuhsc.edu) (Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs) and are not addressed in this policy.

PROCEDURE:

I. Vocational Colleges

- a. These students are enrolled in a school seeking to educate its students in the delivery of an aspect of health care. The proprietary school must have an affiliation agreement in place with TTUHSC/PLF SOM to send students into clinical areas. If a department wishes to initiate such an affiliation, they must get approval from the Office of the Dean. All students must meet criteria listed below in item # **VI**.

II. Undergraduate Programs:

OPCEA, in the Office of Admissions, conducts programs for undergraduate students in pre-health professions programs. This office conducts programs for students in grades K-12 pre-medicine programs as well as other pipeline programs.

- a. Students in this category must be under the direction of OPCEA.
- b. OPCEA may place selected university students in the faculty shadowing program. Students in this program will be placed with faculty members only. One student will be placed with one faculty member. The Faculty Member will be responsible for the student at all times while they are participating in the student shadowing program. The assigned faculty member will sign a "Shadowing of Physician" form.
- c. OPCEA processes all requests for undergraduate & high school students to be on the TTUHSC/PLF SOM Campus and also processes requests for ID Badges and orients students to the campus.
- d. All students must meet criteria listed below in item # **VI**.

III. Graduate Level Health Care Student Programs:

- A. All undergraduate or graduate level students from any college or university outside of

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Texas Tech seeking to fulfill program requirements or electives must be processed through the Office of Student Affairs. This would include visiting medical students from LCME accredited medical schools, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, SRNA students, undergraduate nurses, PA students, Allied Health students and other undergraduate students fulfilling program requirements.

B. TTUHSC must be an affiliate of the college or university sponsoring a graduate health care student. Medical students enrolled in an LCME accredited institution do not need an affiliation agreement.

C. Office of Student Affairs will assure that students in programs it administers meet all TTUHSC/PLF SOM requirements and UMC EP access requirements if they will be rotating at UMC EP, 30 days prior to being on campus.

D. If a Clinical Department wants to sponsor a graduate student program, they will need to assure that an affiliation agreement is in place and the Office of Student Affairs has received all necessary documents 30 days prior to the student(s) being on campus.

E. All students must meet criteria listed below in item # **VI**.

IV. Post graduate level health care practitioners

A. All visiting graduate medical residents, advanced training (fellowship) for Physician assistants and others pursuing training after graduation (in pursuit of board certification in an affiliated accredited program or similar) must be processed through the Office of Graduate Medical Education.

B. TTUHSC must be an affiliate of the institution sponsoring a post graduate health care practitioner.

C. Office of Graduate Medical Education. will assure that practitioners in programs it administers meet all TTUHSC requirements and UMC EP access requirements if they will be rotating at UMC EP, 30 days prior to being on campus.

D. If a Clinical Department wants to sponsor a post-graduate program, they will need to assure that an affiliation agreement is in place and the Office of Graduate Medical Education has received all necessary documents 30 days prior to the practitioner being on campus.

E. All health care practitioners under this section must meet criteria listed below in item # **VI**.

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V. High School, Undergraduate students, Graduate Students, residents & postdoctoral fellows participating in research protocols:

- A. Office of the Associate Dean for Research will approve students to participate in research activities.
- B. Office of the Associate Dean for Research will complete all paperwork required including inclusion in an appropriate protocol and will oversee that requirements are met 30 days prior to being on campus.
- C. Building access will be determined by the Associate Dean for Research.
- D. Research compliance training may be required.
- E. All students or trainees will meet criteria listed below in item # VI

VI. Entry Criteria that must be met 30 days prior to participation in any activity on the TTUHSC/PLF SOM Campus:

1. Complete an application and/or provide documents required by the sponsoring Dean's office.
2. An Affiliation Agreement (if applicable) **and** a Program Letter of Agreement (PLA) (if applicable) must be in place and current with college, university or school when clinical activity is undertaken that results in a grade for credit.
3. A completed background check, the type approved by TTUHSC/PLF SOM will be required. The student will bear the cost of completion. If a background check notes a concern the sponsoring Dean's office will notify the trainee or student or sponsoring department if the person is not eligible for the experience requested.
4. Anyone rotating at UMC may be subject to a 10 Panel Drug Screen which must be completed and successfully passed prior to entry into the hospital. Drug screen results will be sent to the Office of the Sponsoring Dean.
5. Applicant must furnish evidence of immunizations and TB Skin Testing that meet TTUHSC/UMC EP requirements as indicated by specific program participation. (See attachment "Immunization & Health Survey")

Requirements as of 6-01-2010 include:

- Titers for Rubella, Rubeola & Varicella
- Hepatitis B Series (3 doses) at least begun prior to first day on campus. Positive titer documentation required after 3rd dose.
- TB Skin Test (TST) negative – results documented no more than three months before start date on campus. Positive TST = negative chest x ray within 3 months of visit. TB questionnaire may be substituted at TTUHSC discretion if not going to UMC EP.

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- Td or Tdap within 10 years – Tdap if eligible.
- H1N1 Flu vaccine &/or Seasonal Vaccine if H1N1 combined
- Requirements may be updated based on Infection Control Committee or CDC current recommendations.

6. Applicant must furnish proof of health insurance coverage. TTUHSC/PLF SOM will not be responsible for any injury or exposure while participating in programs or activities.

7. Proof of liability insurance coverage must be furnished by the sponsoring institution or by the applicant if patient care activities are part of the experience.

8. Applicant must furnish a current Photo ID. Clinical discipline students will furnish current CPR or ACLS card.

9. Safety Training must be completed by any person on TTUHSC/UMC EP Campus;
- i. *Texas Tech Volunteer Safety Orientation Program (VSOP) must be completed by all trainees who will ONLY be on the TTUHSC Campus. (Sign in instructions will be given by the respective dean's office directly to the visiting trainee.)*
 - ii. Any student rotating at UMC EP must complete the on line "Community Wide Orientation" (CWO) program at www.epcc.edu and provide a copy of the certificate of completion. *
 - iii. *Students who rotate at TTUHSC/PLF and UMC EP need documentation of CWO and VSOP.*

10. Additional Safety Training Requirements:

- A. Participants in laboratories will be required to satisfactorily complete Laboratory Safety Essentials training. Minors working in laboratories have additional requirements addressed in TTUHSC OP 73.15 (<http://www.ttuhsoc.edu/hsc/op/op73/op7315.pdf>).
- B. Participants in Animal Biosafety Level 3 (ABSL-3) or any BSL-3 Lab must schedule and satisfactorily complete specialized training with the Safety Services department.
- C. If any use of Radioactive Materials is considered, Radiation Safety Training must be scheduled with the Safety Services department and satisfactorily completed.
- D. Participants that will be shipping hazardous materials and/or infectious substances must satisfactorily complete training. Requirements are addressed in TTUHSC OP 75.13 (<http://www.ttuhsoc.edu/hsc/op/op75/op7513.pdf>). More information can also be found on Safety Service's Hazardous Materials Shipping web site: <http://www.ttuhsoc.edu/admin/safety/Hazmatinfo.aspx>.

11. Participants in laboratories handling research animals will be required to satisfactorily complete Animal Handling Training.

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12. TTUHSC HIPAA training is required of all participants.

13. Specific orientation by UMC EP is required for students rotating there. This will be facilitated by the sponsoring dean's office.

14. Each student must have a TTUHSC/PLF SOM ID badge and display the ID at shoulder level at all times while on campus. The appropriate Associate Dean's office is responsible for obtaining the ID badge for the student.

Special Considerations:

1. Normal hours of operation are 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Any area that accepts students or trainees after normal hours of operations must assure appropriate on site supervision and provisions for access to and egress from buildings. Keys and building access cards are not generally provided to non-employees.

2. Any non-employee accepts responsibility for personal health care needs should an emergency arise while on campus. TTUHSCPEP does not provide health care to non-employees beyond First Aid and summoning Emergency Medical Services in an emergency. Documentation of emergency situations will be completed by the sponsoring program/department in conjunction with the department where an incident occurs.

3. Documentation of immunizations, TB Skin Testing and Safety Training will be verified by the office of Quality Improvement/ Occupational Health. Permanent files with this information will be kept in Occupational Health. All other documents will be housed in the respective Dean's office.

4. Note: For any Volunteer Activity – see OP# 10.28