



EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

Direct Path to Clinical Experience with Guaranteed
Externship Placements Nationwide!

Advanced eClinical
Training (ACT)

INTRODUCTION

At ACT, we believe that real-world clinical experience is the bridge between learning and launching your healthcare career. That's why every ACT student receives a guaranteed externship placement — a hands-on opportunity to apply your skills in a live healthcare setting nationwide!

Practical experience is a cornerstone of every healthcare education. While classroom learning builds a strong foundation of concepts and theory, **exposure to real clinical environments is what transforms that knowledge into professional competence.**

One of the most effective ways to gain this experience is through a medical externship — a guided opportunity to observe, assist, and apply patient-care skills in action.

Through ACT's Guaranteed Externship Placement Program, available nationwide, we bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience. **Every student steps into a live clinical environment** under the mentorship of experienced healthcare professionals — building confidence, competence, and career-readiness.



Externships at ACT

Externships are coordinated through ACT's **nationwide network of hundreds of clinical partners**, including clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, laboratories, rehabilitation centers, and community health organizations — providing each student with a diverse range of **placement options aligned with your interests** and career goals.



What To Expect at Your Externship

Helping clinical staff with daily tasks. You will get the opportunity to help medical assistants with various clinical and administrative tasks, under close supervision, of course.

Asking questions. Active participation during an externship is essential. Asking questions is a great way to learn and gain a stronger understanding of the medical assistant profession.

Completing the required number of hours. An externship is a significant time commitment, so it is important to satisfy all the requirements so that you can fully enjoy all of the benefits of the program.



What is Expected of You

Just as there are expectations you should have for your externship experience, your supervisors will also expect certain things from you during your time together. These include:

Maintaining professionalism: Treat the experience as you would a job by dressing appropriately, following workplace policies, and demonstrating respect for staff and patients.

Being prepared: Arrive on time, bring any necessary materials, and review relevant coursework beforehand to better understand what you observe

Staying engaged/ willing to learn: Actively listen, take notes, ask thoughtful questions, and show enthusiasm for the learning experience.

Externship Required?

No

Placements Included in Tuition?

Yes

Externship Duration

4-12 Weeks

Job Placement Upon Completion

Earning a credential can be transformative, increasing employees' sense of value, competence, and professional potential.

Benefits of a Clinical Externship

Immerse yourself in the healthcare environment and begin building your professional network.

Hand—On-Experience

Gain practical skills in direct patient care tasks and supporting various healthcare procedures while working with clinical teams in diverse healthcare settings.

Professional Development

Develop essential workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, and time management in a professional healthcare environment.

Networking Opportunities

Build relationships with healthcare professionals, receive mentorship from experienced clinicians who support your growth, earn professional reference letters, open doors to secured positions.

Making the Most of Your Externship Experience

By staying engaged and invested in the experience, you can make the most of your time. To do this, be sure to:

Ask Thoughtful Questions

Don't hesitate to seek clarification or deeper insight into what you observe — asking intelligent questions shows initiative.

Seek Out Feedback

Ask your supervisors for advice on improving your professionalism, communication, and any hands-on tasks you're permitted to perform.

Reflect on What You Learn

After each shift, take time to think about what stood out to you. Reflection helps you digest what you've learned and formulate clarifying questions.



Your Path to Clinical Placement

Here's how it works

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Enroll in an online program

Choose from ACT's nationally recognized certification programs and begin your journey toward a rewarding healthcare career.

Request Your Externship Placement

Once enrolled, submit your placement request through our student portal – it's quick, guided, and personalized to your goals.

Get Matched with Your Coordinator & Mentor

Our placement coordinators work with you to match your externship to your top interests and preferred locations, ensuring a smooth and supported transition into your clinical experience.