

Gain Clinical Experience: Clinical Externship Placement



ADVANCED eCLINICAL TRAINING



Phase 1: Foundational Knowledge

You'll develop a base of medical knowledge with our rigorous curriculum. Medical experts designed each certificate's curriculum to cover a comprehensive range of topics. In as little as 8-weeks, you'll understand the fundamentals of healthcare. During this phase, you'll also receive career counseling. Our career coaches match your career aspirations to your ideal certification program. This step ensures you're on the right path to get into graduate school or land your desired healthcare position.



Phase 2: Hands-on Training

You won't only learn theoretical knowledge in this program. ACT's innovative learning platform includes simulation-based training. These virtual simulations replicate real-life clinical scenarios. You'll have the opportunity to virtually assess patients, practice diagnostics, and prepare treatment plans. Plus, you can order an injection kit to practice the same clinical skills you would in a laboratory from the comfort of your own home. You also have access to expert instructors at any point in your learning journey. Our team is available 24/7 via chat, email, or phone. You can also book 1:1 virtual office hours for more in-depth assistance.



Phase 3: Nationally-Accredited Certification

At the end of your program, you receive a nationally-accredited certificate. It is widely recognized by employers and institutions across the country. This certification gives you access to myriad job opportunities in diverse healthcare settings. With this certification, you can open doors to more clinical experience opportunities. You could gain more clinical hours or even work part-time during school. A widely recognized certification gives you more control over your healthcare career while also building a stronger graduate school application.



Phase 4: Clinical Placement

We offer guaranteed clinical placements in healthcare facilities nationwide. Our network of partner healthcare facilities include hospitals, clinics, and outpatient centers. This network allows us to place you in a clinical facility matching your interests and career aspirations.



An Overview of Externships

Externships at ACT



At Advanced eClinical Training, our commitment is to empower our students by offering high-quality programs. These programs enhance the skills and knowledge necessary for their professional and academic aspirations.

Our online medical certification courses **provide a comprehensive curriculum** with modern, industry-based standards to prepare students for the workforce or to attain the needed vocational training to advance their careers. Through our **externship placements**, students can apply their acquired knowledge and skills in a real-world setting, guided by experienced professionals during an immersive training experience.



We encourage students to seek an externship placement if:

- They are ready to take responsibility to read, follow, and complete comprehensive instructions and tasks before, during, and after an externship.
- They best represent our school and our programs. We will not place students in an externship who do not demonstrate a basic level of maturity or responsive work ethic. We will not jeopardize our reputation, our business partners, or the safety of patients with students not fit to perform the duties expected during an externship.

- They believe an externship will provide the best hands-on experience to advance their health & medical career goals.
- The facility they would like to complete an externship with is an employer they would like to work for.

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Establishing New Affiliation Agreements With Sites

If you would like to complete an externship at a specific facility outside of what your program has already established, we encourage students to **begin contacting that facility** before they complete their in-class program.

- This will allow us to potentially process an externship placement when students complete their coursework.
- This requires the school and site to agree to an **Affiliation Agreement contract**.
- Processing a **NEW Affiliation Agreement** takes 2-8 weeks depending on:
- When the request is drafted between the clinic and the site, it can take up to 6 weeks to finalize and approve.

However, many local health and medical facilities in our area have already established an Affiliation Agreement with ACT and can place externs as soon as available.

- We do our best to keep track of all externship placement opportunities available at any given time but depending on each facility's employment needs, changes in staffing, or shifting.
- For these reasons, we do not provide a list of facilities we partner with. However, we provide information for currently available externships our partners are seeking.

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Establishing OWN Externship Placement

If you are a student who already has arranged for potential placement with a facility OR is seeking to establish your **OWN externship placement**, fill out the *Self-Arranged Externship Site Form* below and fill out the following:

1. The full name of the facility The full name of the facility contact person
2. The facility contact person's Title.
3. The facility contact person's workplace phone number and workplace email address.
4. The facility's email address and the physical address of the location you wish to be placed.

Once submitted, this will enable our externship coordinators to set up the necessary affiliation agreements, ensuring your participation in the externship program.

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Externship Placement Requirements



The National Healthcareer Association (NHA) requires candidates seeking certification as a Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) to complete a certain number of successful venipunctures (blood draws) and capillary sticks (finger or heel sticks) as part of their training.

The specific requirements are as follows:

1. **Venipunctures:** A minimum of **30 venipunctures sticks**. These are the standard blood draws from a vein, usually performed on the arm.
2. **Capillary Sticks:** Additionally, candidates must perform at least **10 capillary sticks**. These are generally done on the fingertips or heel (in infants) and involve collecting smaller blood samples.

These procedures must be performed on actual individuals (and not mannequins or simulation devices) to ensure that the candidate gains real-world experience in phlebotomy techniques. The completion of these procedures is part of the clinical requirements of this phlebotomy training program.



Externship Pre-requisites

Check each completed requirement

- ✓ The student has paid tuition in full
- ✓ The student has reached a minimum of 80% course completion

- ✓ The student has completed BLS training
- ✓ The Student has filled out the Externship Request Form
- ✓ The student has passed the NHA national exam or has it scheduled within the upcoming 3 weeks
- ✓ Completed Confidentiality Agreement Form & Extern Agreement Contract

If you need additional assistance registering for your exam, access our NHA Phlebotomy Exam Instructions

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