



Anesthesiology Observer Program

Step 1

Fill out application, review important documents like the Code of Conduct, Infection Prevention, and Dress Code

Step 2

After submitting the application, you receive a link to book your observation session.

Step 3

After booking your session, you receive an email with a Welcome Packet

Step 4

The day you've been waiting for! Park in the Visitor's parking deck, follow the directions in your welcome packet, and get ready for an adventure!

Step 5

Once you reach the Operating Room in our Main Hospital, your Sponsor will give you hospital scrubs to change into, and start the observation session

Step 6

At the conclusion of the session, your Sponsor will have a "debrief" with you to discuss your experience and answer any questions you have

Step 7

You will receive a follow-up survey to learn more about your experience and opportunities to improve the program

**Visit our website to get started! *Must be 18 or older
Anesthesiology.vcu.edu/Observation**



Dress Code Checklist

Shoes

Non-slip, closed-toe shoes that cover your entire foot, including your heel. Open back shoes like crocs are not allowed. Shoes must be solid and wipeable in the event you encounter fluids. Heels are not allowed - shoes must be flat

You will be given an opportunity to change into hospital scrubs and store your personal items in a locker.

Outfit

When you are not in hospital scrubs, we ask that you wear personal scrubs, or business casual like a polo, long sleeve button up and slacks or khakis. We suggest wearing layers underneath the hospital scrubs - some rooms can be very cold

Jewelry

Remove all jewelry below the elbow, including wedding rings. Small objects can break or fall of causing contamination or patient harm. Facial piercings need to be removed if they cannot be covered by a face mask

Hair

All hair must be covered. You will be given a disposable head covering. Observers with facial hair will be given a beard cover.

Other

Remove all accessories like false lashes, watches, fitness trackers, headphones, ear pods, etc. There is a high risk of these items contaminating the environment and causing patient harm

Before entering the Restricted Area of the Operating Room, you will be given an opportunity to change into hospital scrubs and store your clothing in a locker.



Helpful Information

Address

1213 East Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23298

Park

The directions will bring you to the top of our Visitors Parking Deck

Parking costs \$3 per hour, with a maximum of \$17 per day

After parking, take the elevator to floor P8

Security

Proceed through security. Remove all metal object larger than an eyeglasses case

Steps

- **Proceed up the escalator**
- **Turn right at Panera**
- **Use the elevators on the left**
- **Go to the 5th floor**

Buzzzzz

When you reach the 5th floor, you will press the visitor buzzer to identify yourself like this: “My name is ____ and I am an Anesthesia Observer here to observe a case”

Check In

After the nurses buzz you through the door, turn left to meet them. Ask them to call the Anesthesia Scheduling Coordinator

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Helpful Information

Phone

Main Contact:
Stewart Pillow
804-628-5529

Backup:
Evan Marmmerstein
804-828-0733

Email

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Safety

Your safety is important, please immediately report injuries or exposures to any employee

In an emergency dial *500 or 911 from any phone

Location

You will be on the 5th floor of our Main Hospital, we call this the “Main OR”. Make note of the room number you are in in the event of an emergency.

We aim to make this an educational and exciting experience!

Please note, due to the fast-paced environment of our Level 1 Trauma Center, sessions may need to be rescheduled if our Sponsors are needed in urgent cases. We do our best to communicate changes as far in advance as possible.