

METHODIST REHABILITATION

General Information: Clinical Observation

1. Dress Code

Our dress code for therapists includes black, navy, or khaki slacks (no capri pants, jeans, jean-cut pants, or scrubs), polo-style shirts, and closed-toe practical shoes, such as tennis shoes. Prospective therapy student observers are expected to wear similar business-casual attire.

2. Observation Hours

Observation hours are available from the second week in March (spring break) through the end of November.

- **Outpatient Therapy Services:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Inpatient Therapy Services:**
 - **Physical Therapy (PT):** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - **Occupational Therapy (OT):** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Observers may observe for a maximum of **two days at each facility**.

3. Scheduling

Observation hours must be scheduled in advance by calling our Education Department at **601-364-3550**. We cannot accommodate observers who arrive without a scheduled appointment.

4. Required Information and Check-In

Complete the information sheet available on our website and bring it with you when you come to observe. Please also bring:

- The Observer Information & Confidentiality Agreement
- Proof of an annual one-step TB skin test
- Proof of annual flu vaccination if you are observing during flu vaccination season (October 1 through March 31)

Upon arrival:

- Check in at the library on the second floor of the hospital or with the receptionist at our outpatient clinics.
- You will be given an observer badge to wear while you are in our facility. The badge must be returned before we can sign your observation forms.

5. Observation Documentation

Bring any forms that you need us to sign to document your observation hours with you on the day of your observation. Therapists will not sign observation forms after you have left our facility.

6. Parking

Parking at our main campus is available in the employee parking lot. Please call or email the day before your observation to obtain an access code.

Parking is free of charge at all outpatient therapy locations.

7. Respect for Patient Privacy

We expect observers to respect the privacy of patients served in our clinics and to recognize that our therapists' first responsibility is to provide appropriate treatment to our patients. Please save questions for a time designated by your supervising therapist.