



AM OPPORTUNITIES

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AMO

Q: What does AMO stand for?

AMO stands for American Medical Opportunities.

Our formal company name is AMOopportunities, but sometimes we use 'AMO' to make it short and sweet for our visitors.

Q: How do I know if this is legitimate?

We are the only program that works directly with the hospital systems and universities to ensure our visitors get real clinical training. We have contracts with health systems such as the University of Illinois and the University of Miami who work with us because we are the only service that operates professionally and takes accountability for our visitors' success. We have helped more than 2,000 international trainees find a clinical experience in the U.S.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Q: What are the benefits of a clinical experience?

Completing a clinical experience can benefit your medical education and help you on your journey to becoming a healthcare provider. Through AMO, you can gain medical knowledge and skills, earn a letter of recommendation needed for U.S. residency programs, practice good professional and patient communication skills, experience a new and complex healthcare system, and experience different cultures.

Q: Can I get my MBBS or MD through AMO?

AMO is not a university or educational institution so we do not offer degrees, diplomas, or specialization programs. We connect medical students with short term clinical experience for a fee.

Q: What medical specialties do you offer?

We provide clinical experiences in over 70 medical specialties and subspecialties. We also provide clinical experiences in nursing, dentistry, and physical therapy. You can view the list of specialties we offer on our search platform once you have created an account.

Q: When do you offer clinical experiences?

Clinical experiences are offered each month. Generally, they begin the first Monday of the month you apply for. We may be able to adjust the start and end dates so that the clinical experience fits your personal schedule. It is important to note that this will be dependent on program availability and unique dates may incur an additional fee.

Q: What types of experiences do you offer?

We offer a variety of experiences including: observerships, hands-on, nursing, research, dentistry, and online-telehealth clinical experiences.

Q: How long are these experiences?

The standard experience is four weeks, but visitors can always reserve multiple months if they would like to rotate for longer. Requests for experiences less than 4-weeks may be requested but require a pre-approval. Short-term rotations are charged a premium.

Q: Does AMO provide a letter of completion?

: Yes. Upon completion of your rotation, AMO will email you an evaluation form. Once you complete and submit the form you will be sent a letter of completion.

Q: What is the difference between inpatient and outpatient exposure?

Inpatient exposure includes access to the hospital. Outpatient exposure includes access to a private office/clinic or hospital outpatient facility.

Q: What is the difference between a hands-on clinical experience and an observership?

A *hands-on* clinical experience includes patient-focused clinical exposure. This allows visitors to engage in some form of patient interaction. This may include recording patient histories, examining patients, presenting cases, and giving differential diagnoses to the supervising physician. Hands-on does not mean the visitor is free to function as a licensed physician would. It is the responsibility of each medical student to ensure they are not engaging in unsupervised practices or representing themselves as a licensed physician. Doing so is considered a felony criminal offense in most states. Hands-on electives are recommended for clinical year medical students who may be eligible for elective credit. Graduates who have passed the USMLE Step 1 are also eligible for these experiences.

An *observership* is a structured and supervised clinical rotation without direct patient contact. This type of rotation offers visitors exposure to the U.S. medical system but limits them observing. One may be able to participate in active case presentations and practice differential diagnoses. Visitors have no effect on patient care or the physician's practice of medicine. Observership rotations are recommended for graduates to gain medical knowledge about the U.S. system and its clinical practices.

Q: Do you offer research experiences?

Yes, AMO does provide research opportunities that function as a clinical rotation with an added research component. The set-up is similar to all other AMO experiences where the visitor rotates with the doctor for four weeks, but with a research experience the doctor will arrange a research project during the rotation.

Q: Do you arrange pharmacy, veterinarian, homeopathic programs?

No. Unfortunately, AMO does not provide experiences for pharmacy, veterinary, or homeopathic professionals.

Q: Do I get school credits for completing a clinical experience?

Whether or not your rotation can fill your school's credit requirement is to be determined by your home institution. AMO will work with your school to ensure the rotation meets your school's requirements. If the rotation does not meet those requirements, AMO will direct you to another rotation that does. If you need the rotation for credit, please confirm with AMO and your school that it meets your requirements before you reserve your seat.

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Q: What year do I need to be in school to attend?

To be eligible for our clinical experiences, you must be enrolled as a current student for a medical, dentistry, physical therapy, or nursing degree. We also accept medical graduates and professionals with their MBBS, MD, BDS, DDS, DMD, DPT, MScN, or BScN. Students will need to provide proof of enrollment in medical, dental, or nursing school. Graduates will need to provide a copy of their medical, dental, or nursing degree.

Q: Is the USMLE required?

While the USMLE is required to apply or some of our programs, the majority of them do not require it. The exception to this is graduates and medical professionals applying to hands-on experiences. In these cases, the USMLE Step 1 must be passed in order to apply. Without it, Step 1 passed graduate are eligible to apply for observerships.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Q: What clinical experience should I apply for?

The clinical experience you choose to apply for should be based on three things: eligibility, needs, and interests. It is up to you to determine how the above items affect the programs you are looking to apply for. If you have questions or need help applying for a clinical experience, our AMO advisors can help. *Simply send them an email at advisors@amopportunities.org.*

Q: How far in advance should I apply?

Most visitors apply four to six months prior to the start of the clinical experience they are applying to. We have a hard deadline of 45 days for our experiences. This means programs should be paid in full and all documents submitted 45 days before the start date. Applying in advance allows applicants to meet the enrollment requirements and secure a visa.

Q: How do I know if an experience takes place in the hospital?

If the program includes a tag titled "inpatient" then that experience may include hospital exposure. It is important to note that in many cases, the amount of time spent in the inpatient setting is dependent on patient load.

RESERVE/PAY

Q: Does AMO offer discounts?

On occasion, AMO does provide discounts or promotional sales. We generally notify the public of these through social media and by email.

**You can also offer them your AMO Ambassador code for \$100 off!*

Q: Does AMO offer scholarships or financial aid?

No, AMO does not currently offer scholarships or financial aid.

Q: What are some of AMO's most affordable programs?

AMO currently offers low-cost clinical experiences between \$999 to \$1,499 USD for 4-weeks. When searching, you can filter your search under "Order By" and "Lowest Price."

Q: Can I pay on arrival?

No. Experiences must be paid in full 45-days prior to the rotation start date. Failure to pay any balance may result in a canceled experience or a late payment fee.

Q: What is included in the price of a clinical experience?

The cost of a clinical experience can vary based on the program. The cost listed is per four weeks unless otherwise specified. This covers the physician's payment, AMO's coordination services, and administrative costs. Our experiences start at \$999. The cost depends on experience type and exposure. Experiences with inpatient exposure tend to be a higher cost, with hospital programs starting at \$2,599. Outpatient observerships are usually lower in cost and good for those on a budget. Visitors are responsible for insurances, accommodation, travel, and food costs - these items are NOT included in the cost of a clinical experience.

Q: Will the doctor be notified when I reserve my clinical experience?

The host physician will be notified that a seat has been filled as soon as the eligibility and identity verification of the visitor reserving is uploaded and confirmed.

Q: Who do I contact after reserving my clinical experience?

Once you reserve your clinical experience you will be matched with an AMO Coach. They will reach out to you to discuss the next steps. If you have any questions or concerns once the booking is made, please email your coach, or for general questions email success@amopportunities.org.

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Q: If I need to switch or postpone my clinical experience what is required?

To postpone or switch programs you must provide the reason you need to change your clinical experience and proof of it. This proof is required because your reservation closes off a spot to other potential candidates who are looking to apply for the clinical experience. Additional fees may apply for switched and postponed programs, medical trainees should work with their AMO Coach to determine what is required to make a change to their reservation.

Q: What is the deadline for enrolling?

AMO requires that visitors submit all documents and payments 45 days prior to the rotation start date. Failure to do so may result in a canceled experience and/or a late fee to be incurred.

Q: When can I contact my physician?

Out of respect for the privacy of our physicians we do not provide visitors with physician contact information. In some cases, your physician may reach out to you directly. If you do not hear from your physician and you have specific questions about the clinical experience, please contact your AMO Coach. He/she will either be able to answer it for you or direct your question to the appropriate person.

Q: Where can I get food or meals during my clinical experience?

AMO Coaches can help reserved visitors locate grocery stores and markets near their clinical site and/or housing site. Visitors are responsible for their food costs, but AMO will gladly provide assistance on where to get food during their experience.

Q: Can my brother/sister rotate with me?

Yes! Family members can apply for our clinical experiences as long as they meet our eligibility requirements. These individuals must hold an MD degree or be enrolled in an MBBS program. We also accept individuals who have or are pursuing a DPT, BDS, DDS, DMD, MScN or BScN degree.

Q: Can my child come with me?

While visitors can bring children with them to the U.S., they should keep in mind that children are not allowed to attend the clinical experience. Because of this, we do not recommend bringing children. Please note that AMO is unable to issue a visa invitation letter for children or any family members who are not participating in the rotation.

REQUIREMENTS

Q: Do I need to speak English to participate in a clinical experience?

MO does require some proof of English proficiency in order for an individual to participate in the clinical experiences we offer. If your medical school teaches in English then a letter stating so from a Dean or Professor will suffice. Otherwise, the TOEFL, IELTS, or any other equivalent can be submitted as proof. We can also accept a passing USMLE score for English proficiency. If the above proof is not possible, you can schedule a short phone call with AMO to confirm that you speak and understand English well enough to have success in our clinical experiences.

VISA

Q: Do you support a J1, F1, or H1B Visa?

AMO provides B1 visa invitation letters for our clinical rotations if the visitor is eligible. We do not provide support for those applying for a J1, F1 or H1B Visa.

Q: What is a B1 visa invitation letter? How do I get one?

B-1 visas are for temporary professional visitors to the US. This letter outlines the basic premises of your clinical experience and can be used to start the visa process at the U.S. Consulate in your home country.

Q: Can I come on the Visa Waiver Program?

Yes, if your country participates in the ESTA waiver program, you can come on a waiver if you are approved. Please note that if you have previously applied for a visa, that would disqualify you from being approved for a waiver. Please also note that we cannot guarantee access to the U.S. Only the Customs and Border Protection officials at the port of entry have the authority to permit or deny entrance to the U.S. Please review the government page closely:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

You are required to upload proof of a valid waiver in place of a visa.

Q: What happens if I am denied a visa?

If you are denied a visa, there are two options. They are the following:

- Reapply for a visa with a letter directly from the hospital and postpone your clinical experience.
- Receive a full refund in the form of a voucher (to apply for another, future clinical experience), or receive half of the amount you paid to reserve your experience.

Historically, our students have gotten accepted about 90–95% of the time.

Q: Can I be enrolled without my Visa?

If you do not have US or Canadian citizenship, you will need to upload a visa (or ESTA waiver if you are eligible) to be enrolled. Please note that AMO only provides visa invitation letters for B1 visas.

INSURANCE

Q: Do I need malpractice insurance?

Malpractice or professional liability insurance is required for any visitor participating in a hands-on clinical experience. Some observerships may require malpractice insurance as well. If this is the case it will be reflected in the program details page.

Q: Where can I get malpractice insurance?

You may purchase this on your own or choose to purchase this insurance through AMO. Most visitors find AMO's malpractice insurance to be the most affordable option.

Q: Why do I need health insurance?

Traveler's health insurance is required to ensure that visitors are covered medically in case of an emergency while traveling in the U.S. Health insurance is also important in the event that visitors need a doctor visit or any medical procedures while in the U.S. Without insurance, healthcare in the U.S. can be very costly. Although you can purchase health insurance in your home country, many plans will not adequately cover your healthcare needs in the U.S. Make sure your plan covers international travel for the entire duration of your time in the U.S.

HOUSING

Q: Do you offer housing services?

AMO provides resources that will help you find accommodations that fit your needs and are located near your rotation. You are responsible for accommodation costs, but AMO is here to help you find the perfect housing within your budget. After the reservation, an AMO Coach will be assigned to help guide you. Your coach will be available to provide you with suggestions and guidance during your search as well.

Q: Where can I find housing while in the U.S.?

Generally, we recommend that individuals secure housing through Airbnb or one of our homestay partners. For more information on these options, please contact your AMO Coach.

TRANSPORTATION

Q: Do you offer transportation services within the U.S.?

It is the visitor's responsibility to plan their transportation internally. This includes transportation to and from their clinical experience site. Visitors should get acquainted with transportation in the city they are rotating in. Some transportation methods readily found in the US include: public transportation (buses, subways, etc.), taxis, and ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft.

Q: How do I get to my rotation site?

Depending on your rotation location, you may have a few options. Many of our visitors commute via public transportation, walk/bike, drive, or take a taxi/cab. Please map out your commute prior to arriving in the U.S. We also recommend you practice your commute at least once before you start so you are familiar with it and prepared for your first day.