

Training in the Healthcare Industry

CIEE INTERNSHIP USA & PROFESSIONAL CAREER TRAINING USA

Internships in the healthcare industry provide international Interns/Trainees with excellent insight into American business and human services practices as well as exposure to the policies that drive the American healthcare industry. Since you are interested in pursuing an internship in this industry, CIEE would like to share with you some guidelines for your program, including specific limitations on some tasks.

TRAINING PLAN GUIDELINES

CIEE will consider applications for Interns/Trainees to train in clinical care facilities if the proposed training is focused on **business, operations, or learning laboratory research methods** and leaves no opportunity for patient contact or training that would result in patient diagnosis.

Healthcare training tasks that **CIEE cannot accept:**

- Client assessment or care
- Administration of medications or medical procedures
- Patient or client interaction
- Conducting physical and therapeutic intervention
- Restraining or monitoring clients/patients
- Counseling or therapy
- Coaching
- Nutrition counseling or consulting
- Assisting clients with meals, housekeeping, transportation or hygiene
- Any activities in which Interns/Trainees may find themselves in situations where they must deliver clinical and/or therapeutic services or perform unskilled labor

In addition, Interns/Trainees should not have access to client Social Security numbers.

Overall, any training in the fields of **clinical care, exercise training, physical therapy, and veterinary care** must be observation-based. The Intern/Trainee should not be responsible for the care and health of individuals or animals.

If the Host Organization would like to move forward with training after agreeing to the limitations, CIEE may ask the Host Organization supervisor to **sign a waiver** indicating the Host Organization's understanding of program regulations before CIEE can approve the application.