Experiential Learning Resource Guide

Review the IMS resources site: [https://med.fsu.edu/imsDegree/resources](https://med.fsu.edu/imsDegree/resources)

- Look under the Experiential Learning Resources to find the following:
  - IMS Experiential Learning Checklist
  - Helpful hints before contacting a community agency
  - The Experiential Learning Hours Guide – what counts/doesn’t count for EL hours
  - Experiential Learning Milestones and Guidelines (dates, deadlines, minimum EL hours by map term)
  - Resources for Volunteer Opportunities
  - IMS Database – step by step instructions for documenting hours
  - ServScript Program information (voluntary program for posting service hours to transcripts)

Get Connected

- Inquire about opportunities on the IMS Facebook group page – network with other IMS students, and receive up-to-date news and announcements about opportunities.
  - Facebook group: The Interdisciplinary Medical Science (IMS) Group
- Watch for announcements from IMS Canvas Site for EL hour opportunities.
- Attend Grand Rounds, Guest Lectures, and other presentations – to network with professionals/professors
- Join a Pre-Health Club/Student Organization
- Meet with Community Coordinator/EL Advisor at least once a year
- Attend EL advising and special topic workshops

Shadowing

- Career Center [www.career.fsu.edu](http://www.career.fsu.edu) - NoleNetwork - Employer Job Posting Database
- Visit health insurance providers’ physician directories, such as:
  - Capital Health Plan – [www.capitalhealth.com](http://www.capitalhealth.com)
  - Florida Blue – [www.floridablue.com](http://www.floridablue.com)
  - Cigna Dental - [https://hcpdirectory.cigna.com/web/public/providers](https://hcpdirectory.cigna.com/web/public/providers)
- Tallahassee Primary Care Associates Job Shadowing Program: [https://www.tallahasseeprimarycare.com/](https://www.tallahasseeprimarycare.com/)
- Tallahassee Physician Directory: [https://issuu.com/rowlandpublishing/docs/22tpmrg_linked/6](https://issuu.com/rowlandpublishing/docs/22tpmrg_linked/6)
- Start with your own healthcare providers and friends/family members in healthcare
- Shadow a variety of health professionals in a variety of settings (5-10 times per year)
  - Hospitals, clinics, health department, rehab centers, hospice care, assisted living, etc.
  - Health Professionals – *anyone in scrubs* – Doctors, Physician Assistants, Dentists, Veterinarians, Nurses, Specialists, Technicians, Therapists, Social Workers, Administrators, etc.
  - Shadow in both urban and rural settings (such as Big Bend area, outside Leon County: Madison, Jefferson, Gadsden, Wakulla, etc.)
- Virtual shadowing opportunities: University of Colorado School of Medicine Virtual Shadowing video series, Pre-Health Shadowing, HEAL Clinical Education Networking, The Premed Scene, International Society of Prehealth Researchers, Brighton and Sussex Virtual Work Experience, Club Med virtual shadowing, dental shadowers, and others.
**Clinical Training**

Get trained so that you can have hands-on, direct patient care experience. Here are some options:

- Go to [www.4yourcna.com](http://www.4yourcna.com) and watch the videos and then go to the Florida Board of Nursing to sign up for the CNA test. They use Prometric a private testing company. The exam cost $140.00 [https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/nurseaide/pages/fl.aspx](https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/nurseaide/pages/fl.aspx)
- Contact Express Training Services about their Weekend Warrior program. It starts with an on-line portion followed by weekend classroom sessions in Destin, Pensacola, Fort Myers and Gainesville. [https://www.expresstrainingservices.com/classes/cna-2/ww/](https://www.expresstrainingservices.com/classes/cna-2/ww/)
- Gator CNA has a similar service. [https://www.gatorcpr.com/cnarep](https://www.gatorcpr.com/cnarep)
- S.E. School of Health Sciences does CNA and CMA training here in Tallahassee. Call 850-222-0020 or [https://southeasternschool.org/](https://southeasternschool.org/) They can also be found at Health Science Consulting 850-559-1678 [https://www.healthscienceconsulting.com/](https://www.healthscienceconsulting.com/)
- EMTB training. The Medical Response Unit here at FSU can help you start the process. [http://uhs.fsu.edu/mru/](http://uhs.fsu.edu/mru/)
- Tallahassee Community College has a semester long class too. [http://www.tcc.fl.edu/academics/academic-divisions/healthcare-professions/emt/](http://www.tcc.fl.edu/academics/academic-divisions/healthcare-professions/emt/)

**Clinical Experience/Healthcare related jobs & internships (paid or unpaid)**

- Various nonprofits (assisted living, nursing homes, rehab centers, ability services, etc.)
- Membership in Pre-health or health-related RSOs
- Career Center Jobs, Internships, and Health Fairs (through NoleNetwork)
- IMS Org Canvas site – announcements about jobs and other EL opportunities
- Go to the HR sites of various healthcare & wellness centers: medical offices, hospitals, therapy, rehab, assisted living, clinics, private companies (at home healthcare), etc.

**Volunteering**

Serve communities in a variety of settings, addressing a variety of issues/needs/circumstances. Service hours do not need to be healthcare related. Volunteering can address any community need, and/or help any disadvantaged/vulnerable population.

- Visit the Center for Leadership & Social Change website: [www.thecenter.fsu.edu](http://www.thecenter.fsu.edu)
- The Center’s Community Agency Resource: [http://thecenter.fsu.edu/community-agency-resources](http://thecenter.fsu.edu/community-agency-resources)
- Join RSOs actively engaged in service: [https://nolecentral.dsa.fsu.edu/organizations](https://nolecentral.dsa.fsu.edu/organizations)
- 2-1-1 Big Bend Crisis Hotline @ [www.211bigbend.org](http://www.211bigbend.org)
- Leon County Volunteer Center website: [www.volunteerleon.org](http://www.volunteerleon.org)

**Undergraduate Research Opportunities**

- Visit the IMS Resources webpage: [https://med.fsu.edu/imsdegree/resources](https://med.fsu.edu/imsdegree/resources)
- Visit [https://cre.fsu.edu/students/resources](https://cre.fsu.edu/students/resources) for research opportunities
- Join CELLS (research-focused RSO)
- Attend Group and Peer Advising sessions