Clinical Rotations
Application and Orientation Process

*** Student’s University must have an Affiliation Agreement with Covenant Health before the student can participate in Clinical Rotations at any Covenant Entity. For contract information contact:
Keith Harvey, Manager of Contract Operations, HARVEYKM1@covhs.org, 806-725-0535

Complete/Produce the nine required documents below:

1. Click on the following link or copy/paste the link into your web browser for the Non-Employee Education Materials. http://bit.ly/2ouGvDU
   • Print/sign the Confidentiality and Release of Information form at the end of this training and return with the packet.

2. Student Data Sheet

3. Attestation of Immunizations and Background Check by your University Advisor

4. Signed Student Guidelines

5. Obtain Physician signatures with Inclusive Dates of the Clinical Rotation on the Physician Agreement Form.
   NOTE: Guidelines page must be signed by physicians; not mid-levels, nurses or office managers. Physicians MUST have Instruction Privileges within the Covenant Health System.

6. Complete the Providers and Designated Office Staff User Access /Security Request Form

7. Code of Conduct Attestation

8. Read and sign the Confidentiality Statement.

9. Current Professional Picture (JPG format) for your Covenant Badge

You will be contacted by Natalie Bryant upon approval of your application to arrange an orientation with you. If you are observing surgeries, you will need to attend both a Covenant Orientation as well as an OR Orientation.

NOTE: Please submit your completed application packet (9 items above) by email to natalie.bryant@stjoe.org or by fax to 806-723-7146.

Allow two weeks for processing prior to start of rotation.
You may not begin your rotation without a Security badge or attending Orientation.

Mission and Vision:

Covenant Health Mission:

To extend Christian Ministry by caring for the whole person – body, mind, and spirit – and by working with others to improve health and quality of life in our communities. Our mission and vision is core to our history and remains true today as the national health care landscape transitions to a population health management model.

Covenant Health Vision:

We bring people together to provide compassionate care, promote health improvement and create health communities. Our covenant is to be one of the premier Texas healthcare systems known for our Christian service, clinical excellence and commitment to healthy communities.

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STUDENT DATA SHEET

[☐] Physician Assistant  [☐] Nurse Practitioner  [☐] MS 3 or 4  [☐] Other _______________________

(Check applicable box)

Full Name: ____________________________

First  Middle  Last  Credentials
(RN, BSN, ST, CST, etc.)

Date of Birth: ____________________________  [☐] Male  [☐] Female

Month  Day  Year

Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number: _________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________

Cell Phone: ____________________________  Email Address: ____________________________

Current Education:
Name of School/Branch: ____________________________
School Address: ______________________________________
School Advisor: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________
Contact email: ____________________________  Fax: ____________________________

Past Education:
Name of School: ____________________________
School Address: ______________________________________
School Advisor: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________
Contact email: ____________________________  Fax: ____________________________

Type of License or Professional Certification: ____________________________  
*if applicable

License or Certification Number: ____________________________  Expiration Date: ____________________________
*Attach current copy of license or verification if applicable.

Has your license to practice in any state ever been denied, limited, suspended, revoked, or have you voluntarily or involuntarily relinquished such?  Yes ________  No ________

Have any disciplinary actions been initiated or are any pending against you by any state licensing board?  Yes ________  No ________

Are you currently employed by Covenant Health?  [☐] Yes  [☐] No  Which campus? ________________

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Physician Supervisor(s):

Name ___________________________________________ Rotation Dates ____________________________
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Locations of Clinical Rotations?  □ CMC  □ CCH  □ CMG Clinic  □ Non-CMG Clinic  □ Cath Lab
□ Plaza  □ CSH  □ High Plains Surgery Center  □ Other - ________________________________

Will any rotation you have involve a surgical specialty physician and require OR access/training?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, what is your scrub size?  ____________________________

University Advisor’s Attestation of Immunizations and Background Check

I attest per the established contract between the University and Covenant Health, that
______________________________________ has complied with Covenant Health requirements for

Student’s Name

Immunizations and Background Checks.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Print Name                                      Date

_________________________________________
School Advisor Signature

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GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS IN NURSING UNITS

1. The student may not perform any functions/duties/procedures that are outside the scope of their training program.

2. The student, when at a Covenant entity, will wear a Covenant photograph identification name badge above the waist which will be visible at all times, that clearly identifies his/her professional status and physician supervisor.

3. The student will be able to perform only actions/procedures authorized by the physician supervisor and approved by the hospital, as defined in this application. Authorized actions/procedures are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Covenant Administration and applicable state statutes.

4. Performance of all actions/procedures will be completed in accordance with the policies/procedures of Nursing Service and applicable state statutes.

5. A physician’s order will be on the chart prior to the performance of any procedures by a student.

6. Documentation will be made in the nurse’s notes portion of the patient’s medical record by the student after completion of the procedure.

7. Verification of license renewal by Nursing Services will be requested by expiration date of current license, if applicable.

8. A student will not be authorized to give or transmit orders to hospital nursing employees.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS IN SURGERY

1. **The student may not perform any functions/duties/procedures that are outside the scope of their training program.**

2. **Student must** attend scrub training through Covenant Surgical Staff and wear Operating Room scrubs while working at any Covenant entity. Students without access to the hospital scrub machines must check out OR scrubs from the front office and leave a current driver’s license that will be returned upon return of the scrubs.

3. The surgical activities of students are under the direct control of operating room supervisors and Administration.

4. The student is under the direct control of his/her physician supervisor who must accept the legal responsibility of all operating room activities of the student.

5. Student shall be able to perform such delegable functions as designated by the physician supervisor under his/her supervision, as long as the performance of these functions does not constitute any violation of the Medical Rules and Regulations or applicable state statues. If, in the opinion of the Director of Surgery, the student is not competent or violates standard operating room procedures, the Director of Surgery, with the concurrence of the section chief, shall have the responsibility of denying entrance of the student to the operating room pending resolution of the assessment of the student’s competence.

6. Complaints concerning the propriety of acts by the student shall be made in writing to the Section Chief or section in which the staff physician supervisor practices.

7. The student, while working on the premises of any Covenant entity, will conform to the hospital dress code currently in force for students.

8. In instances where the surgeon has privately owned instruments, these instruments will be the responsibility of the private physician supervisor’s surgical student to set up cleaning and storage of privately owned surgical instrumentation.

9. While in surgery, the student will not be delegated tasks which require the exercise of medical judgement.
GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS AT ANY COVENANT ENTITY

1. Covenant entities will not maintain liability insurance for any actions/procedures performed by the student because the Covenant entities do not retain the right to control the actions of the student.

2. Student will practice within the provisions of the laws of the state of Texas that regulate applicable licensure or certifications.

3. Application will require the approval of the appropriate hospital department director or vice – president.

4. Student Applications will be completed and filed in the Office of Medical Staff Services.

5. Physician Supervisor will assure Student maintains current licensure, if applicable.

6. Student will provide current copy of licensure to Medical Staff Services, if applicable.

7. Student MUST WEAR a Covenant photograph identification badge above the waist at all times while on Covenant entity’s premises.

8. Upon completion of rotations, student must contact Natalie Bryant at 806 – 725 – 1377 to return his/her badge, scrubs and any other hospital property.

I attest that I have read the above Student Guidelines, and agree to abide by them during my student rotations at any Covenant entity.

_____________________________________  ________________________________
Print Name                                      Date

Student Signature

Please share the above guidelines with your supervising physician before asking him/her to complete the PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT.
SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT
(Must be signed by Physicians.)

I agree that the Student’s presence with me shall be for the purpose of Clinical Rotation, and that he/she may not perform any functions/duties/procedures that are outside the scope of their training program. Student agrees that he/she shall respect the wishes of any patient who objects to his/her presence and that he/she shall abide by the policies and procedures of Covenant Health (Covenant Medical Center, Covenant Children’s Hospital, Covenant Specialty Hospital, Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center, Covenant Hospital Levelland, Covenant Hospital Plainview and/or any of the Covenant Medical Group Clinics), and comply with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. I also understand that I must have the Instruction and/or Supervision of NP/PA/Medical Students, Residents and Fellows Privileges within the Covenant Health System in order to participate in this student’s clinical rotation. (If you are not sure if you have Instruction Status, please contact Medical Staff Services 725 – 0566.)

I agree that I shall be responsible for all of the Student’s acts and omissions while he/she is with me at Covenant. I hereby release and hold harmless Covenant Health and all of their related and/or affiliated entities along with their respective directors, officers, representatives, agents, licensees, and/or employees, of any and all liability, damages, causes of action, suits, claims or judgments relating to Observer’s participation with me at Covenant. This release and hold harmless shall be binding upon the Students and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

1.)
______________________________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Supervising Physician  Inclusive Dates of Rotation

______________________________________________
Printed Name

Observer will rotate with me at:  □ CMC  □ CCH  □ CMG Clinic  □ Non-CMG Clinic  □ Cath Lab

□ Plaza  □ CSH  □ High Plains Surgery Center  □ Other - _______________________

2.)
______________________________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Supervising Physician  Inclusive Dates of Rotation

______________________________________________
Printed Name

Observer will rotate with me at:  □ CMC  □ CCH  □ CMG Clinic  □ Non-CMG Clinic  □ Cath Lab

□ Plaza  □ CSH  □ High Plains Surgery Center  □ Other - _______________________

3.)
______________________________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Supervising Physician  Inclusive Dates of Rotation

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Code of Conduct

Covenant Health desires that all patient care activity take place in an atmosphere of collegiality, cooperation, and professionalism. Members of the Medical Staff are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with and supportive of Covenant Health’s mission, vision and core values.

Mission and Values
Members of the Medical Staff acknowledge that Covenant Health is a faith-based ministry based on Catholic and Methodist traditions and principles whose mission is to care for the whole person - body, mind, and spirit - and to improve the health and quality of life in our communities. Our four core values – Dignity, Excellence, Service, and Justice – serve as guiding principles.

Respectful Treatment
All members of the Medical Staff of Covenant Health (Hospital) shall treat others with respect, courtesy, and dignity and conduct themselves in a professional and cooperative manner.

Safe Environment of Care
Members of the Medical Staff acknowledge and agree that the protection and safety of patients, employees, physicians and others in the Hospital and the orderly operation of the Hospital are paramount.

Patient Care
Members of the Medical Staff agree to provide care to patients consistent with generally recognized standards of care. Medical Staff members further agree to actively help educate patients and their families regarding the medical condition for which the patients are receiving care and treatment. Additionally, members of the Medical Staff agree to coordinate care, treatment, and services with other practitioners and Hospital staff as appropriate and seek consultation whenever warranted by patient’s condition. Medical Staff members also agree to provide continuity of care for patients and delegate responsibility of diagnosis and/or treatment of hospitalized patient to a practitioner who is qualified to provide necessary care.

Language and Behavior
Members of the Medical Staff agree to refrain from engaging in any behavior that may impair the ability of the healthcare team to provide quality care and/or otherwise create a hostile or intimidating work environment. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, making offensive or derogatory comments, racial or ethnic slurs, sexual comments/innuendos, threats of violence, using foul language, acting in a rude, intimidating or otherwise unprofessional manner, engaging in retaliatory conduct, criticizing individuals in inappropriate forums.

Harassment/Discrimination
Members of the Medical Staff also agree to refrain from engaging in any form of unlawful discrimination or harassment based upon any legally protected characteristic, including race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, age, disability, or military status. Harassment is defined as unwelcome verbal, visual, or physical conduct that creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile work environment that interferes with work performance. Sexual harassment, specifically, includes making unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwelcome and offensive to individuals who are subjected to it or who witness it.

Because of the unique legal implications surrounding sexual harassment, a single confirmed incident requires a meeting to be held with the Medical Staff member to discuss the incident.

Corrective Action for Inappropriate Conduct
Collegial and educational efforts may be used by Medical Staff leaders to address inappropriate conduct. Collegial steps, including counseling, warnings, and meeting with a practitioner, may be taken to address complaints about inappropriate conduct. However, a single incident of inappropriate conduct or a pattern of inappropriate conduct may warrant immediate corrective action in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
Confidentiality
Members of the Medical Staff agree to maintain confidentiality of patient care information at all times, in a manner consistent with all relevant laws. Members of the Medical Staff shall also abide by the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations regarding confidentiality of peer review files and process.

Compliance
Members of the Medical Staff agree to abide by Hospital Bylaws, Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and policies, applicable laws and regulation of governmental agencies, Corporate Compliance policies, and applicable standards of accrediting organizations including the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Code of Conduct policy may result in corrective action in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

Reporting Concerns about Safety or Quality of Care
Members of the Organized Medical Staff are encouraged to report their concerns about patient safety or quality of care to any of the following Covenant Health (CH) leadership: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Chief of Staff, or the Medical Director of Quality. Concerns may also be reported to any member of the Joint Commission/Regulatory department at 725-3838. By reporting issues directly to Covenant leadership, it will help us conduct a timely and appropriate response.

In keeping with our commitment to meet the Joint Commission standards, CH takes this opportunity to inform you that if you have concerns about patient safety and quality of care here at CH, you may also choose to report concerns to the Joint Commission at 1-800-994-6610, or online at www.jointcommission.org

Any member of the Medical Staff can report directly to the Joint Commission without fear of retaliatory or disciplinary action being taken by Covenant Health.

Code of Conduct Attestation
By my signature below, I certify that I have received and agree to the Covenant Health Physician CODE OF CONDUCT. I agree to comply fully with the standards, policies, procedures and other provisions of the Code of Conduct. I understand that compliance with the provisions contained in the Code of Conduct is a condition of obtaining and retaining medical staff credentials and privileges at Covenant Health. I also understand that the Covenant Health may from time to time amend, modify and update the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of Covenant Health and the Medical Staff.

Student Printed Name:  ____________________________________________

Student Signature:  ________________________________________________

Date:  __________________________
PROVIDERS AND DESIGNATED OFFICE STAFF
USER ACCESS AND CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

St. Joseph Health System considers all patient and business information maintained on St. Joseph Health System computer information systems ("Systems") as confidential and proprietary. This Confidentiality Statement outlines the requirements for users of the Systems (and System applications) owned and operated by St. Joseph Health System including but not limited to Meditech, Physician Connect, PACS/Synapse, and HPF (Horizon Patient Information). Users include but are not limited to physicians on the Medical Staff of Covenant Health and their designated office staff employed by those respective physicians. This Confidentiality Statement pertains to all access to the Systems, whether access occurs on hospital property, in the physician office location, or remotely.

I agree that my user name ("User Name") and Password ("Password") are my unique identifier for the System(s) that I am authorized to use. I agree that I will only access patient health information for the purposes of direct patient treatment or hospital operations (such as peer review activities for which I am assigned).

- I will not access confidential information that I am not authorized to access including information for which I do not have a legitimate need to know such as information that is not related to my direct treatment relationship with a patient.
- I will not divulge, copy, release, sell, loan, alter, revise or destroy any confidential information except as properly authorized within the policy of the hospital.
- I will maintain confidentiality of all information that I access through the Systems, including protected health information of patients.
- I will not share my User Name or Password with any individual for any purpose. I will be the only person using my User Name and Password. I accept responsibility for all accesses made using my User Name and Password.
- I will not attempt to learn or utilize the User Name/Password of another employee, physician, or any other person authorized to access the system(s).

When I access patient health information from a remote location, I will ensure that no unauthorized person can view the patient health information and that transmissions of patient health information for which I am authorized to make are only completed through secure and encrypted connections (in accordance with hospital policy and procedure).

I understand that access to patient health information is governed by federal and state laws and that I may be subject to significant fines and criminal actions if I violate the terms of this statement or the state and federal regulations governing.

I agree that St. Joseph Health System may routinely audit my access trails and that Hospital(s) may revoke my User Name and Password at any time. I understand that St. Joseph Health System may revoke my User Name and Password if I inappropriately access or disclose patient health information.

I will immediately report any known or suspected breach of the confidentiality of the system or records/data obtained from it to Natalie Romero, Compliance Officer and Interim Privacy Officer at (806) 725-0085.

I understand this agreement will be on file in the Covenant Health Student Liaison’s Office.
I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

NAME (PRINT):________________________________________ DATE:____________________________

SIGNATURE:________________________________________

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CLINICAL STUDENT
SYSTEM ACCESS REQUEST FORM – New Users and Change Requests

Please grant clinical system access to me. I understand that all access is subject to monitoring and review by St. Joseph Health System and/or designated representatives for regulatory compliance.

I acknowledge that the patient data accessed via Meditech, Physician Connect, MPF, HIE, Clinical Hub, AllScripts or any other IT systems at St. Joseph Health is to be used solely for treatment of a particular patient or hospital operations (such as auditing activities to which I am assigned). It will be my responsibility to use St. Joseph Health IT systems in accordance with the signed confidentiality statement. I understand any misuse or violation of given access will result in the loss of access for my designated staff and me.

I understand that this agreement will be on file at Covenant Compliance Office.

Valid email addresses and phone numbers are mandatory. Access request forms will not be accepted without this information.

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BY TYPING OR PRINTING LEGIBLY - ALL FIELDS ARE MANDATORY
Please make sure all contact information is correct so that we may get back to you with your username and password.

Print Name: _______________________________________ Last 4 digits of SS #: __________________ DOB: ___________
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name
The two above fields are for Identity Verification purposes only.

Student Name as it should appear on Covenant Badge: __________________________________________________

Credentials/Title: _____Clinical Student______ Reason for access: _____Initial User - Medical Student - TUMMDS ACCESS____

System Enable Date: ____________ System Disable Date: ____________

System Access Request (choose all that apply):       MPF       Meditech       PACS       Physician Connect       Clinical Hub       PICIS

Other (indicate specific system) Active Directory, EasyPass, Allscripts TouchWorks with CMG EasyPass, & Mobile Rounding

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CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

(For Students/Observers/Volunteers)

As a student, observer or volunteer performing duties at Covenant Health (CH), you will have access to the protected health information (PHI) of patients. Federal and State laws, including HIPAA and other policies and procedures created internally, protect the privacy and security of this PHI, including the fact that an individual was a patient at CH. It is illegal for you to use or disclose PHI outside the scope of your duties at CH. This includes oral, written, or electronic uses and disclosures. Below are some guidelines that you must be familiar with regarding the use of a patient’s PHI.

1. You may use PHI as necessary to carry out your duties as a student/volunteer;
2. You may share PHI with other health care providers within CH for the direct treatment of the patient;
3. You may NOT photocopy or otherwise permit PHI to be duplicated in any way;
4. You may NOT photograph patients;
5. You must access only the minimum amount of PHI necessary to care for a patient or to carry out an assignment;
6. You may NOT record PHI (such as patient names, diagnoses, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, etc.) on any assignments you may need to turn in to your instructor, reports you may need to turn in to your program, or forms you may need to take with you;
7. You may only access the PHI of patients for whom you are caring/volunteering when there is a need for the PHI;
8. You must be aware of your surroundings when discussing PHI. As an example, it is inappropriate to discuss PHI in elevators, bathrooms, the cafeteria, and any other place for which your discussion may be overheard;
9. When disposing of any documents with PHI, do NOT place them in the trash can. Instead, the documents should be placed in the proper containers marked for shredding or another disposal container as set forth by policy and procedures for your specific department; and
10. Do not place any photographs or information about your patients or your clerkship experience on any form of social media.

If you have questions about the use or disclosure of PHI, contact Natalie Ramello (806.725.0085).

Please read, sign, and date this acknowledgement. Return it Medical Staff Services where it will be filed with your application.

Acknowledgment:

I have read and I understand the information in this document. I realize that there are penalties for which I may be subject, including criminal, for the unauthorized use and disclosure of PHI. I agree to abide by the guidelines described above when performing my duties at Covenant Health.

I understand and agree that in the performance of my duties within any Covenant Health Entity (Covenant Medical Center, Covenant Children’s Hospital, Covenant Specialty Hospital, Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center, Covenant Hospital Levelland, Covenant Hospital Plainview and/or any of the Covenant Medical Group Clinics), I may become aware of information that could be considered confidential. It is my responsibility to protect the privacy of patients, employees and the hospital. I understand that my failure to comply may result in disciplinary action from my physician supervisor.

Name (Print): ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

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