

Academic Programs & Jackson Health System Affiliation

Q. Why do I need to verify my school with JHS before enrolling?

A. Not all academic institutions have affiliation agreements with Jackson Health System. Without an affiliation agreement, you cannot complete clinical rotations, practicums, or other required field experiences at JHS facilities. Enrolling in a non-affiliated program may delay your graduation or require you to find clinical placements elsewhere.

Q. What is an affiliation agreement?

A. An affiliation agreement is a formal contract between JHS and an academic institution that allows students from that school to complete clinical experiences at our facilities. These agreements ensure quality standards, liability coverage, and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Q. How do I know if my school is affiliated with JHS?

A. Check our Approved Schools List at [School-Affiliations-Update-2024.pdf](#). The list is organized by program type (nursing, allied health, mental health, etc.) and is updated regularly.

Q. What if my school isn't on the approved list?

A. Contact the Jackson Center for Academic Partnerships **before** enrolling. We'll review the institution and determine whether:

- We already have an affiliation in process
- We can establish a new affiliation
- We need to recommend an alternative affiliated school

Q. How long does it take to establish a new affiliation agreement?

A. Affiliation agreements typically take 3-6 months to finalize, depending on the institution's accreditation status, program quality, and legal review processes. This timeline often conflicts with student practicum schedules, which is why advance notification is critical.

Q. What happens if I'm already enrolled in a non-affiliated program?

A. Contact us immediately. We'll assess the situation and explore options, which may include:

- Expediting an affiliation agreement (if feasible)
- Identifying affiliated schools with equivalent programs
- Discussing transfer options
- Exploring alternative clinical placement sites (though this may not always be possible)

Q. Will contacting Academic Partnerships delay my enrollment?

A. No. Our review process takes 3-5 business days. This small investment of time can prevent months of delays later in your program.

Q. What if I'm using tuition reimbursement benefits?

A. Employees using JHS tuition reimbursement benefits must verify school affiliation as part of the application process. HR will require confirmation from Academic Partnerships before approving your tuition assistance.

Q. Can I complete my clinical hours at another hospital if JHS isn't affiliated with my school?

A. Possibly, but this depends on your program requirements and availability at other facilities. Many programs require students to complete clinicals at their place of employment. It's best to avoid this situation by verifying affiliation before enrolling.

Q. What programs require JHS affiliation verification?

A. Any program requiring clinical hours, practicums, internships, or field experiences at JHS, including:

- Nursing (RN, BSN, MSN, DNP)
- Advanced practice roles (NP, CNS, CRNA)
- Allied health (RT, PT, OT, pharmacy, radiology)
- Behavioral health and social work
- Lactation consulting
- Healthcare administration practicums

Q. What information should I provide when contacting Academic Partnerships?

A. Please include:

- School/university name
- Program name and degree
- Expected enrollment date
- Anticipated start date for clinical/practicum requirements
- Your department and position at JHS

Q. Who should I contact with questions?

A. Jackson Center for Academic Partnerships
Email: AcademicPartnerships@jhsmiami.org
Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Q. What if I have an urgent situation?

A. Contact us immediately at AcademicPartnerships@jhsmiami.org with "URGENT" in the subject line. We'll prioritize your request.