



Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC) Center – Philadelphia

Science Center

3624 Market Street, 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2685 USA*

3700 Market Street, 2nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104 USA*



Travel Information

The Philadelphia CSEC Centers are located next to each other in the University City neighborhood in an office complex area. The centers are just a few minutes from downtown Philadelphia by public transportation or taxi. The area is predominately a workforce of 9-5, Mon-Fri workers as well as students from Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania. The area is pedestrian friendly with restaurants, shopping, hotels, and banks all located within a few blocks of the centers. Evening time generally is safe near the centers, but caution is always warranted. More information on University City is available via this link: <http://universitycity.org/>.

Philadelphia is the 5th largest metropolitan area in the United States. The following link provides general public safety information: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g60795-s206/Philadelphia:Pennsylvania:Health.And.Safety.html>

Travel and Transportation

By Air

Philadelphia International Airport is served by all major domestic carriers, with flights from more than 100 cities in the United States. The International Terminal is a gateway for flights to and from Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean, with connections to Asia. For more information, contact the Philadelphia International Airport at (215) 937-6937, or visit its website at www.phl.org. For current information regarding airline arrival and departure, as well as gate assignments, call (800) 745-4283.

The SEPTA Airport Rail Line connects each terminal of the airport with 30th Street Station, which is 6 blocks from the CSEC center. For information on the Airport Rail Line, stop at one of the information booths located in all of the airport terminals. (See *Public Transportation*.)

Airport Shuttle Service

Lady Liberty (215) 724-8888
Service between the airport and the CSEC center costs about \$11.00.

By Bus

Inter-city bus service is excellent, with daily arrivals from all parts of the country. The CSEC center is a 10-15 minute taxi ride from the bus terminals on Filbert Street. Taxis are readily available at either of the following bus terminals, and the fare to the CSEC center is about \$9.00. From the bus stations, you can also easily access the SEPTA Market-Frankford subway line. Board a westbound train (toward 69th Street) and get off at the 34th Street stop, which is 2 blocks from the center. (See *Public Transportation*.)

Greyhound Lines, Inc. (800) 231-2222
10th and Filbert Streets www.greyhound.com

Peter Pan Trailways (800) 343-9999
10th and Filbert Streets www.peterpanbus.com

By Train

Philadelphia's 30th Street Station is served by Amtrak, which operates rail service along the Northeast Corridor from Boston, MA

to Washington, DC. The CSEC center is a five minute taxi ride from 30th Street Station, and the fare is about \$5.00. From 30th Street Station you can also take the SEPTA Market-Frankford subway line westbound to 34th Street. The 34th Street stop is two blocks from the CSEC center.

Amtrak..... (800) 872-7245
30th and Market Streets www.amtrak.com

NJ Transit rail service connects New York City and cities in New Jersey with SEPTA's 30th Street Station.

NJ Transit..... (800) 772-2222
www.njtransit.com

Public Transportation

The Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) offers rail service throughout the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Two major subway lines divide the city: the Market-Frankford line runs east-west; the Broad Street line runs north-south. The two lines intersect at City Hall at 15th and Market Streets, where you can make a free transfer from one line to the other. The SEPTA Market-Frankford subway line stops at 34th and Market Streets, 2 blocks from the CSEC center. You can make connections between SEPTA trains, including the SEPTA Airport Rail Line, and Amtrak trains at 30th Street Station. SEPTA also operates buses and trolleys throughout the city, with concentrated service in the downtown (Center City) area.

Cash fare on most SEPTA bus and subway routes is \$2.25 (exact change required). Discounted tokens and passes are available at SEPTA sales offices and at commercial sales outlets.

SEPTA (215) 580-7800
www.septa.org

Public Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities

All SEPTA bus routes are operated with accessible buses equipped with a wheelchair lift or ramp. All of SEPTA's main rail hubs (Market East, Suburban Station, 30th Street Station) are accessible. A complete listing of accessible SEPTA facilities is available at www.septa.org.

Customized Community Transportation (CCT)

Customer Service (215) 580-7145

Taxis

Readily available outside the airport terminals, taxis are metered, with set fares for trips to downtown Philadelphia. The cost of a trip between the airport and downtown Philadelphia is a flat fare of \$28.50. In addition, there is a taxi stand at the Sheraton hotel at 36th and Chestnut, approximately two blocks from the centers.

Liberty Cab Company (215) 389-8000
Olde City Taxi Coach Association (215) 708-8888
PHL Taxi (800) 232-2000
Quaker City Cab..... (215) 726-6000
Yellow Cab (215) 333-3333

(More on reverse)

*The Philadelphia CSEC Center has two locations. Your confirmation notice will indicate to which location you should report for your testing session.

Car Rental

Alamo	(800) 462-5266	www.alamo.com
Avis	(800) 230-4898	www.avis.com
Budget	(800) 527-0700	www.budget.com
Dollar	(800) 800-4000	www.dollar.com
Enterprise	(800) 261-7331	www.enterprise.com
Hertz	(800) 654-3131	www.hertz.com
National	(800) 227-7368	www.nationalcar.com

Driving Directions to the CSEC Center

FROM PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, DC & POINTS SOUTH

Take I-95 North to I-76 West. Follow I-76 West to 30th Street Station exit. Proceed directly through 1st traffic light. Turn left at 2nd traffic light onto Market Street. Proceed on Market Street for 6 blocks to 3624 Market Street (on the left) or 3700 Market Street (on the left).

FROM NEW YORK AND NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Take New Jersey Turnpike to exit 4. Take Route 73 North for 2 miles to Route 38 West. Proceed on Route 38 West for 10 miles and cross the Ben Franklin Bridge (\$5.00 toll) into Pennsylvania. Follow signs to I-676 West. Take I-676 West to I-76 East. Follow I-76 East (0.2 miles) to first exit, 30th Street Station. At top of exit ramp, turn right and go around station to Market Street. Turn right onto Market Street and proceed for 6 blocks to 3624 Market Street (on the left) or 3700 Market Street (on the left).

FROM PRINCETON / TRENTON IN SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

Take I-95 South to I-676/Central Philadelphia exit. Follow signs to I-676 West. Take I-676 West to I-76 East. Follow I-76 East (0.2 miles) to first exit, 30th Street Station. At top of exit ramp, turn right and go around station to Market Street. Turn right onto Market Street and proceed for 6 blocks to 3624 Market Street (on the left) or 3700 Market Street (on the left).

FROM WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Take Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276) East to Valley Forge exit (exit 326). Follow I-76 East to 30th Street Station exit. At top of exit ramp, turn right and go around station to Market Street. Turn right onto Market Street and proceed for 6 blocks to 3624 Market Street (on the left) or 3700 Market Street (on the left).

Parking Near the CSEC Center

Parking is available at 3711 Market Street (vehicle entrance is located in rear of building on Filbert Street). Examinees should expect to pay approximately \$20.00 per day for parking. **Validation for parking is not available.** Examinees are not permitted to leave the test center for the duration of the examination, including any breaks; metered street parking will likely result in a ticket.

Lodging Near the CSEC Center

The following hotels offer discounts for Step 2 CS examinees, based on availability. Since these discounts may only be available by telephone, it is recommended that you call these establishments to make your reservations. Ask about the discount for individuals taking the Clinical Skills exam at the local testing center, and be sure to mention one or more of the following: USMLE, NBME, CSEC, and ECFMG.

Sheraton University City Hotel	(215) 387-8000
36th and Chestnut Streets (2 blocks from the center)	
www.philadelphiasheraton.com	

Cornerstone Bed and Breakfast	(215) 387-6065
3300 Baring Street (5 blocks from the center)	
www.cornerstonebandb.com	

Homewood Suites	(215) 382-1111
4109 Walnut Street (0.7 miles from the center)	
www.homewoodunivcity.com	

Local Hospitals

Penn Presbyterian Medical Center	(215) 662-8000
39th and Market Streets (0.3 miles from the center)	

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania	(215) 662-4000
3400 Spruce Street (0.6 miles from the center)	

Important Telephone Numbers

Police, Fire, and Medical Emergencies	911
Accidental Poisoning.....	(215) 386-2100
Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities	(215) 686-2798
Traveler's Aid Society.....	(215) 523-7580

For Emergencies on Your Test Date

The CSEC centers are test administration facilities and are not equipped to handle routine inquiries. However, in the event of a real emergency on your test date, you may call (215) 966-3944 to contact a Philadelphia CSEC Center staff member during test administration hours. **Please keep in mind that CSEC center staff members cannot answer inquiries related to registration, scheduling, rescheduling, or general inquiries about the exam.** For information on these topics, refer to the website of your registration entity.

Other Travel Resources

The following websites may prove useful in planning your trip to Philadelphia:

www.aaa.com
www.expedia.com
www.hotels.com
www.hotwire.com
www.mapquest.com
www.orbitz.com
www.priceline.com
www.travelocity.com

Additional Information

For more information on Philadelphia, contact the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau at (215) 636-3300 or visit its website at www.pcvb.org.

If you will be traveling to the United States to take the exam, refer to *Additional Travel Information for Examinees Traveling to the United States* for Philadelphia, available at www.csecassessments.org.

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