



Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC) Center – Los Angeles
Pacific Corporate Towers
100 North Sepulveda Boulevard, 13th Floor
El Segundo, CA 90245 USA



USMLE® Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) Travel Information for Los Angeles

Travel and Transportation

The Los Angeles Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC) Center is located in El Segundo, approximately two miles south of Los Angeles International Airport.

By Air

Los Angeles is served by Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), located at 1 World Way, just minutes from I-405. For general information on LAX, its passenger services, and the airlines it is served by, visit www.lawa.org or call (310) 646-5252.

Airport Shuttle Service

Two companies, Prime Time Shuttle and SuperShuttle, operate out of LAX and are authorized to serve all Southern California counties. These vans pick up passengers on the lower/arrival level islands in front of each terminal under the orange sign "Shared Ride Vans." Passengers are encouraged to contact the companies for more information.

Prime Time Shuttle (800) 733-8267
SuperShuttle (800) 224-7767

Many major airport-area hotels provide free transportation from LAX terminals. Contact the individual hotels for details.

By Bus

The Los Angeles Greyhound bus station is located on East 7th Street. Taxis are readily available outside the terminal, and the ride to the CSEC center will take approximately 20-25 minutes.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. (800) 231-2222
1716 East 7th Street www.greyhound.com

By Train

Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal (Union Station) is located on North Alameda Street in downtown Los Angeles. Union Station is served by intercity Amtrak service, with transfer available to both Metro Rail and Metro Bus lines, as well as Metrolink regional rail service.

To get to the CSEC center from Union Station via Metro Rail, take the Red Line to the 7th Street / Metro Center station and switch to the Blue Line. Take the Blue Line to the Imperial / Wilmington station, switch to the Green Line, and follow the directions under *Public Transportation* from the Green Line to the CSEC center.

By bus, take Line 42 from the Patsaouras Transit Plaza (part of Union Station) to the LAX City Bus Center. Transfer to Line 232 and follow the directions under *Public Transportation*. Please note that the bus ride from Patsaouras Transit Plaza to the LAX City Bus Center takes approximately one hour.

Amtrak (800) 872-7245
800 North Alameda Street www.amtrak.com

Public Transportation

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) consists of four Metro Rail lines and 200 Metro Bus lines, with routes spanning all of Los Angeles County.

The CSEC center is located approximately 0.6 miles from the El Segundo / Nash station on the Metro Rail Green Line. From LAX, a free shuttle offers transportation to the Aviation station on the Green Line, which is two stations away from the El Segundo / Nash station. From the El Segundo / Nash station, walk west on El Segundo Boulevard toward North Nash Street and make a right onto North Sepulveda Boulevard.

Metro Bus Line 232 (southbound) leaves from the LAX City Bus Center. Take the 232 toward Long Beach Transit Center. The stop for the test center is at Sepulveda and El Segundo Boulevards. Cross north on El Segundo Boulevard, then east across Sepulveda Boulevard. The test center is the first building on the corner. Alternatively, the Green Line can be taken from the Mariposa / Nash station to the El Segundo / Nash station (see above for walking directions).

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority (800) 266-6883
www.mta.net

Public Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities

All Metro bus lines are equipped with wheelchair lifts. The Metro rail system is ADA-compliant for passengers with hearing, mobility, and visual impairments. To further assist those with visual impairments, Metro provides Braille-encoded and large type "Metro Flash Books" for signaling the correct bus. For more information, call (213) 922-7023 or visit www.mta.net and click on "Metro's Accessible Service."

Taxis

Taxis can be found curbside on the lower / arrival level islands in front of each terminal of LAX. Passengers will be presented with a ticket stating typical fares to major destinations.

Beverly Hills Cab Company (310) 273-6611
Independent Taxi Owners Association (800) 521-8294
L.A. Taxi / United Checker Cab (213) 627-7000

Car Rental

Approximately 40 rental car companies operate out of LAX, with vehicle rental sites located off the airport. Many of these rental car companies provide phone links inside or near the baggage claim areas on the lower / arrival level of the terminals so travelers can request a free shuttle pick up to reach the rental car sites. For a complete listing of rental car companies serving LAX, visit www.lawa.org/lax and click on "Ground Transportation."

Driving Directions to the CSEC Center

FROM LAX

Proceed east on World Way / Center Way. Take the CA-1 South / Sepulveda Boulevard South ramp toward I-105. Merge onto North Sepulveda Boulevard / CA-1 South. At El Segundo Boulevard, make a U-turn, remaining on Sepulveda Boulevard, but now heading north. Turn right into the first driveway, marked "Pacific Corporate Towers."

FROM THE SOUTH VIA I-5

Take I-5 North to CA-73 North toward Long Beach (via toll road). Merge onto I-405 North toward Long Beach. See below.

FROM THE SOUTH VIA I-405

Take I-405 North to the Rosecrans Avenue exit. Turn left onto West Rosecrans Avenue. Turn right onto South Sepulveda Boulevard / CA-1. Cross El Segundo Boulevard and turn right into the first driveway, marked "Pacific Corporate Towers."

FROM THE EAST VIA I-10, EAST OF THE I-605 INTERCHANGE

Take I-10 West to I-605 South. From I-605 South, merge onto I-105 West. Take the CA-1 South / Sepulveda Boulevard exit. Merge onto North Sepulveda Boulevard / CA-1 South. Continue south on Sepulveda Boulevard. At El Segundo Boulevard, make a U-turn, remaining on Sepulveda Boulevard, but now heading north. Turn right into the first driveway, marked "Pacific Corporate Towers."

FROM THE EAST VIA I-10, WEST OF THE I-605 INTERCHANGE

Take I-10 West to I-405 South, toward Santa Monica. Take the exit toward El Segundo Boulevard. Turn left onto South La Cienega Boulevard. Turn right onto West El Segundo Boulevard. Turn right onto North Sepulveda Boulevard / CA-1. Turn right into first driveway, marked "Pacific Corporate Towers."

FROM THE NORTH VIA I-5

Take I-5 South to I-405 South, toward Santa Monica. Take the exit toward El Segundo Boulevard. Turn left onto South La Cienega Boulevard. Turn right onto West El Segundo Boulevard. Turn right onto North Sepulveda Boulevard / CA-1. Turn right into first driveway, marked "Pacific Corporate Towers."

FROM THE NORTHWEST VIA US-101

Take US-101 toward Los Angeles. Merge onto I-405 South toward Santa Monica. See above.

Parking Near the CSEC Center

Parking is available at the CSEC center. Follow the signs for "Visitors' Parking." Examinees should expect to pay approximately \$10.00 per day for parking.

Lodging Near the CSEC Center

Hacienda Hotel (\$) (310) 615-0015
525 North Sepulveda Boulevard (0.4 miles from the center)
www.haciendahotel.com

*Doubletree Hotel
Los Angeles International Airport (\$) (310) 322-0999
1985 East Grand Avenue (0.5 miles from the center)
www.doubletreelax.com

Courtyard by Marriott - El Segundo/LAX (\$) (310) 322-0700
2000 East Mariposa Avenue (0.7 miles from the center)
www.marriott.com

Travelodge LAX South (\$) (310) 615-1073
1804 East Sycamore Avenue (0.9 miles from the center)
www.travelodge.com

Hilton Garden Inn El Segundo (\$) (310) 726-0100
2100 East Mariposa Avenue (0.9 miles from the center)
www.hilton.com

*Sheraton Gateway Hotel Los Angeles Airport (\$) (310) 642-1111
6101 West Century Boulevard (2.3 miles from the center)
www.sheratonlosangeles.com

\$ ratings are based on published rates.

Establishments marked with an asterisk (*) 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.

Local Hospitals

Centinela Medical Center (310) 322-1611
455 Main Street
El Segundo, CA 90245
(1.5 miles from the center)

Centinela Hospital Airport Medical Center (310) 215-6020
9601 S. Sepulveda Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(2.8 miles from the center)

Important Telephone Numbers

Police, Fire, and Medical Emergencies 911
Accidental Poisoning (800) 876-4766
Department on Disability (213) 485-6334
Traveler's Aid Society (310) 646-2270

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 (310) 322-3043 to contact a Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles:

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

Additional Information

For more information on Los Angeles, contact the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau at (213) 624-7300 or visit www.lacvb.com.

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 to Take Step 2 CS* for Los Angeles, available at www.usmle.org.

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