



# Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC) Center – Philadelphia Science Center

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## USMLE® Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) Travel Information for Philadelphia

### Travel and Transportation

The Philadelphia Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC) Center is located in the University City section of Philadelphia, approximately 7 miles from Philadelphia International Airport.

### 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](http://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 (the R1 train) connects each terminal of the airport with 30th Street Station, which is 6 blocks from the CSEC center. For information on the R1 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 approximately \$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](http://www.greyhound.com)

Peter Pan Trailways ..... (800) 343-9999  
10th and Filbert Streets [www.peterpanbus.com](http://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 5 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 2 blocks from the CSEC center.

Amtrak ..... (800) 872-7245  
30th and Market Streets [www.amtrak.com](http://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](http://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 (R1 train), 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 \$2.00 (exact change required). Discounted tokens and passes are available at SEPTA sales offices and at commercial sales outlets. SEPTA Day Passes allow one day of unlimited rides on all city transit vehicles, plus a one-way trip on the Airport Line (R1 train). The cost of a Day Pass is \$5.50. Day passes can be purchased at SEPTA's 15th Street Store at 15th and Market Streets.

SEPTA ..... (215) 580-7800  
[www.septa.org](http://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](http://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 \$25.00.

Liberty Cab Company ..... (215) 389-8000  
Olde City Taxi Coach Association ..... (215) 338-0838  
PHL Taxi ..... (800) 936-5111  
Quaker City Cab ..... (215) 728-8000  
Yellow Cab ..... (215) 333-3333

### Car Rental

Alamo ..... (800) 462-5266  
[www.alamo.com](http://www.alamo.com)  
Avis ..... (800) 230-4898  
[www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)  
Budget ..... (800) 527-0700  
[www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com)  
Dollar ..... (800) 800-3665  
[www.dollar.com](http://www.dollar.com)  
Hertz ..... (800) 654-3131  
[www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com)  
National ..... (800) 227-7368  
[www.nationalcar.com](http://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).

### 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 (\$3.00 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).

### 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).

### 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).

## Parking Near the CSEC Center

Parking is available across the street from the CSEC center. Examinees should expect to pay approximately \$14.00 per day for parking. Validation for parking is not available.

## Lodging Near the CSEC Center

\*Sheraton University City Hotel (\$\$\$)..... (215) 387-8000  
36th and Chestnut Streets (2 blocks from the center)  
[www.philadelphiasheraton.com](http://www.philadelphiasheraton.com)

Hilton Inn at Penn (\$\$\$) ..... (215) 222-0200  
3600 Sansom Street (3 blocks from the center)  
[www.theinnatpenn.com](http://www.theinnatpenn.com)

\*Cornerstone Bed and Breakfast (\$\$\$)..... (215) 387-6065  
3300 Baring Street (5 blocks from the center)  
[www.cornerstonebandb.com](http://www.cornerstonebandb.com)

Penn Tower Hotel (\$\$\$) ..... (215) 387-8333  
Civic Center Boulevard and 34th Street (6 blocks from the center)

Latham Hotel (\$\$\$) ..... (215) 563-7474  
135 S. 17th Street (1.6 miles from the center)  
[www.lathamhotel.com](http://www.lathamhotel.com)

\*The Best Western Center City Hotel (\$)..... (215) 568-8300  
501 North 22nd Street (1.7 miles from the center)  
[www.bestwesternpa.com](http://www.bestwesternpa.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

University of Pennsylvania Medical Center –  
Presbyterian ..... (215) 789-7366  
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](http://www.aaa.com)  
[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)  
[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)  
[www.hotwire.com](http://www.hotwire.com)  
[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)  
[www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)  
[www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)  
[www.travelocity.com](http://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](http://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 to Take Step 2 CS* for Philadelphia, available at [www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org).

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