



Employee Handbook



HOW TO USE THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The employee handbook is designed to provide you with valuable information about the practices, policies, responsibilities and benefits you have as an employee at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Please take time to read this handbook. The policies and procedures summarized in the handbook are presented as information only and are not conditions of employment. The handbook is not to be used as an official statement of policy, but as a reference guide.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

You will sign this acknowledgement electronically during your new employee onboarding. The following is a copy.

This handbook has been prepared to assist you in becoming acquainted with your new job because you are an important part of the UAMS family.

Please take time to read this handbook. The policies and procedures summarized in the handbook are presented as information only and are not conditions of employment. UAMS reserves the right to modify, suspend, revoke, terminate or change in whole or in part, any of its policies, procedures or practices at any time with or without notice. The language used in this handbook is not intended to create, nor is it to be interpreted as, a contract between UAMS and any one or all of its employees.

Questions about your employment should be directed to your supervisor, or you may contact the Office of Human Resources should you have any questions which cannot be answered by your supervisor.

Employees have the option of receiving the handbook in electronic form or hard copy. In order to access the handbook in electronic form please go to the UAMS website www.hr.uams.edu and select "Policies" on the navigation pane, then select employee handbook.

The information in this handbook is subject to change. I understand that changes in University policies may supersede, modify, or render obsolete the information summarized in this booklet. As the University provides updated policy information, I accept responsibility for reading and abiding by the changes.

I understand that no modifications to contractual relationships or alterations of at-will employment relationships are intended by this handbook.

I understand that I have an obligation to inform my supervisor or department head of any changes in personal information, such as phone number, address, etc. I also accept responsibility for contacting my supervisor or the Office of Human Resources if I have questions or concerns or need further explanation.

I agree to read the handbook and abide by the standards, policies, and procedures defined or referenced in this document.



Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to welcome you to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the state's only health sciences university. We are dedicated to the mission of improving the health and health care of Arkansans and others by educating tomorrow's health professionals, finding new treatments through research, and bringing those treatments quickly to the bedside as we provide exceptional patient care.

Our faculty and staff are key to fulfilling that mission as we work together as Team UAMS. Each employee no matter the job description has an important part to play. We cannot do it without relying on each other.

We want UAMS to be the place people choose to come for care; we want to attract the top students; we want to conduct research that translates to better health. We also want UAMS to be the place where the best professionals want to work. Therefore we make every effort to provide an environment that supports employee development to help you reach your potential.

As health care continues to evolve, UAMS needs individuals who provide ideas to improve our performance and drive innovation and who are motivated by a sense of purpose.

Congratulations again on your decision to join UAMS. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA Chancellor

■ “TO TEACH, TO HEAL, TO SEARCH, TO SERVE.” ■

Vision

UAMS, with its intersection of education, research, and clinical programs, brings a unique capacity to lead health care improvement in Arkansas. Among its assets for leadership are its status as the only academic health center in the state, its statewide network of centers for public education and clinical outreach, its emphasis on population health, and its leadership in health informatics and statewide information technology. In addition, UAMS has a unique capacity for translational research — speeding the rate at which research can inform clinical care and health improvement.

Mission

UAMS’ mission is to improve the health, health care and well-being of Arkansans and of others in the region, nation and the world by:

- Educating current and future health professionals and the public;
- Providing high quality, innovative, patient- and family-centered, health care and also providing specialty expertise not routinely available in community settings; and
- Advancing knowledge in areas of human health and disease and translating and accelerating discoveries into health improvements.

Core Values

Integrity – We foster, encourage and expect honesty, accountability and transparency in pursuit of the highest ethical and professional standards in all that we do. We take responsibility for our performance, and will engage employees, patients and families, learners and stakeholders in our critical decisions that are timely, complete and accurate.

Respect – We embrace a culture of professionalism with respect for the dignity of all persons.

Diversity and Health Equity – We are committed to the importance of the diversity of UAMS leadership, faculty, staff and learners in order to enhance the education of our learners, reduce health disparities in our state, and honor the unique contributions provided by a diversity of values, beliefs, and cultures.

Teamwork – We seek to create interdisciplinary and inter-professional, synergistic and collegial relationships characterized by honesty, collaboration, inclusiveness and flexibility.

Creativity – We encourage and support innovation, imagination, ingenuity, resourcefulness and vision.

Excellence – We strive to achieve, through continuous improvement, adherence to institutional policies and best practices, and in collaboration with colleagues, patients, and families, the highest quality and standards in all our endeavors.

Safety – We commit to protect the health and safety of all who we serve through our mission: our patients, our learners, our colleagues and our neighbors in the community, state, nation and in the world. By sustaining a culture of safety, our daily work and our strategic planning promote better health care outcomes, the creation of health equity for all and a sense of joy in our work.

■ ABOUT UAMS ■

Our History

Just a few weeks before Thomas Edison invented the first light bulb in October 1879, eight physicians pooled their money and invested \$5,000 to start the first medical school in Arkansas. The eight founding physicians were led by Dr. P. O. Hooper of Little Rock, and the street where many patients and visitors now enter the UAMS campus is named in his honor.

The initial investment of \$625 made by each of the founding physicians now represents more than \$5 billion in economic impact for the state of Arkansas from UAMS and its affiliates every year.

The former Sperindo Restaurant and Hotel in downtown Little Rock served as the first home for what was then known as the Medical Department of Arkansas Industrial University. As enrollment grew into the 20th century, the school was housed in several different locations, including the Old State House in downtown Little Rock. A new medical school was built in the 1930s with funding provided by President Franklin Roosevelt's Public Works Administration. Additional funding was provided by a tax on beer and liquor assessed by the Arkansas state legislature.

In 1951, Governor Sid McMath used funds from a new cigarette tax to secure \$7.4 million for a new University Hospital on a 26-acre site on West Markham Street in what was then the outskirts of Little Rock. The University of Arkansas Medical Center moved into the new hospital in 1956. Air conditioning came to patients' rooms 10 years later.

UAMS was transformed from a small medical school with a charity hospital into an academic health center and research leader under the direction of Dr. Harry P. Ward, who served as chancellor from 1979 to 2000. The Harry P. Ward Tower, which opened in 1997, is named in his honor. Dr. Ward was succeeded as chancellor by Dr. I. Dodd Wilson in 2000.

Building on the foundation laid by Dr. Ward, Dr. Wilson began the most ambitious building program in the institution's 125 years. This round of expansion included nearly \$500 million in building projects begun in 2001 to provide additional space for education, patient care, and research and outreach programs.

Among the projects was an education building opened in 2008 that the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees named the I. Dodd Wilson Education Building in honor of Wilson, who retired in late 2009. Wilson was succeeded by Dr. Dan Rahn.

In early 2009, UAMS opened a new hospital, a 540,000-square-foot facility with 234 adult beds and 64 neonatal beds. Combined with Ward Tower, UAMS Medical Center has 332 adult beds, plus 40 beds in the Psychiatric Research Institute. These facilities enable UAMS to create comfort, hope and healing for more patients and families than ever before.

The new hospital and the adjoining Psychiatric Research Institute serve as the center of the institution's now 84-acre campus. Also in 2009, in response to a nationwide shortage of health care professionals, UAMS opened a northwest Arkansas campus in Fayetteville to help produce more physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals.

In addition to its state-of-the-art hospital and outpatient center, UAMS is home to the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Related Professions and Public Health, and a Graduate School, with growing enrollment totaling 2,775 students and 748 resident physicians.

UAMS' Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute serves as the only academic cancer research and treatment institution in Arkansas. The Cancer Institute was founded as the Arkansas Cancer Research Center in 1984 and renamed in 2007 to honor the late lieutenant governor of Arkansas.

The number of patient visits to the Cancer Institute has tripled in the past ten years, and today one-third of the revenue generated by UAMS is from Cancer Institute patient care.

The Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy at UAMS is part of the Cancer Institute and has performed more blood stem cell transplants for myeloma than any other facility in the world. Each year, the Myeloma Institute evaluates about 600 new patients. Seventy percent of these patients are from outside of Arkansas, coming to UAMS from all over the United States and from abroad. On any given day, there are about 200 myeloma patients staying in Little Rock for diagnosis and treatment. The Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute was founded in 1994 and houses the Department of Ophthalmology and the Pat & Willard Walker Eye Research Center. Through a nationwide network, the Eye Bank provides the gift of sight to more than 600 patients each year.

The UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute is one of only nine institutions in the country to combine psychiatric research and education with inpatient and outpatient care and is one of the most innovative psychiatric treatment and research facilities in the nation.

The Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute at UAMS is a center for research, education and clinical care related to the spine and features an expansive physical therapy room with special equipment that can measure minute improvements in patients' progress and a wheelchair-accessible swimming pool designed for water therapy.

The Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, home to the UAMS Department of Geriatrics, is one of the most recognized geriatric centers in the nation. The department was established in 1997 and by 2003 was listed in the top 10 geriatrics programs in medical schools by U.S. News and World Report.

A new UAMS Office of Global Health was established in 2012 to serve as a resource for international education, service and research opportunities for UAMS employees and students. Supporting service efforts of UAMS faculty, staff and students abroad could lead to improvements in health care in Arkansas while promoting the importance and rewards of service.

UAMS opened its new Radiation Oncology Center, a component of the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, to be the exclusive provider of radiation oncology services on its campus for adult and pediatric patients in 2012.

The Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging opened a four-floor, 55,000-square-foot expansion, bringing the institute to eight floors. Two months earlier the institute dedicated a 396-foot pedestrian bridge connecting the Reynolds Institute with the nearby Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute in 2012.

UAMS and Arkansas Children's Hospital opened the Centers for Children in Jonesboro, which initially offered neurology and cardiology clinics. Additional services followed, expanding access to subspecialty care — provided by physicians from the UAMS Department of Pediatrics — to children and families in northeast Arkansas in 2012.

The student-led 12th Street Health and Wellness Center opened in 2012 to provide free health screenings and health information to the minority community in the surrounding Little Rock neighborhood. The interprofessional center includes services by students and faculty across the UAMS colleges and is run by students to provide preventive health care, particularly heart health, as well as consultations and screenings for chronic health conditions and information for healthy living.

UAMS opened a west Little Rock clinic in 2012 that included an Internal Medicine Clinic, an Obstetrics/Gynecology Clinic and a sleep lab. The new facility was part of an expanded focus on primary care and meeting the needs of patients in a fast-growing section of the city.

In 2013, UAMS continued a long tradition of establishing programs that meet changing health care workforce needs when it introduced the doctorate of nursing practice degree, the master's-level physician assistant, and the state's first bachelor's degree program in emergency medical sciences.

Today UAMS has outreach programs operating in every county of the state, including eight UAMS Regional Campuses (formerly known as Area Health Education Centers), eight regional Centers on Aging and one of the most successful Head Start programs in the nation.

UAMS in January 2013 opened its Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation Oral Health Clinic with 11 treatment rooms and in 2015 welcomed its first dental residents. The clinic now has six residency positions and has seen several thousand patients.

The Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging opened the Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program in El Dorado in 2013, providing new opportunities for the elderly to stay in their homes as they age, finishing a years-long expansion and bringing the number of training sites to eight across the state.

Continuing its commitment to expanding primary care and specialty services to meet the needs of its patients, UAMS opened the UAMS Neighborhood Clinic in west Little Rock at 1811 Rahling Road. It offers primary care to all members of a family from pediatric to geriatric patients. It opened another in Maumelle in 2015 and the UAMS Neighborhood Clinic at Capitol Mall in 2016.

Along with the Arkansas Trauma Communications Center and the Arkansas Department of Health, UAMS in 2014 established the nation's first telemedicine program for hand trauma, joining several other pioneering telemedicine programs at UAMS like the Arkansas Stroke Assistance and Virtual Emergency Support (AR SAVES) and Antenatal and Neonatal Guidelines Education and Learning System (ANGELS).

On July 1, 2015, UAMS implemented the Integrated Clinical Enterprise, which restructured its system of care around service lines to better coordinate patient care. With service lines, everyone involved in the care of patients — from physicians to nurses to technicians — is organized under the same framework, rather than the traditional organization of an academic medical center that aligns by academic departments.

UAMS in 2016 was awarded \$41.8 million from the NIH to oversee a 17-site pediatric clinical trial network that will provide medically underserved and rural children access to clinical studies on the effect of environmental influences on early development. UAMS will be the Data Coordinating and Operations Center for the IDeA States Pediatric Clinical Trial Network and was awarded the grant after competing with several other institutions.

From its five colleges and graduate school during a May 2016 commencement ceremony, UAMS awarded certificates and degrees to 1,002 graduates, a larger total of graduating students than in any previous academic year. Enrollment at UAMS Northwest Regional Campus reached 255 in 2017, including students in the colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Professions in addition to hosting resident physicians serving their residencies in northwest Arkansas.

Dan Rahn, M.D., retired as UAMS chancellor effective July 31, 2017, after nearly eight years leading UAMS. His tenure saw the university undergo a significant transformation, expanding educational, clinical and research program across Arkansas. Dan Rahn, M.D. was succeeded by Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, on June 1, 2018.

■ UAMS IS FOR A BETTER STATE OF HEALTH ■

Buildings Completed and Expanded:

1955	University Hospital	1996	Ambulatory Care (Outpatient) Center expansion
1957	Education I Building (later renamed Winston K. Shorey Building)	1996	Central Receiving and Re-Distribution Warehouse
1959	Dormitory/Student Union	1996	Clinical Lab expansion
1960	Barton Research Center	1996	Boiler House expansion
1969	Child Study Center	1997	Ward Tower
1970	Computing Center	1999	Outpatient Parking Deck
1972	Nuclear Medicine	2000	Reynolds Center on Aging
1973	Computer Services Building	2000	UAMS/CARTI building
1974	Annex Building-Administrative Support	2003	Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute
1977	Education II Building	2003	College of Public Health building
1977	Paint Shop	2003	BioVentures building
1977	Psychiatry Clinic	2003	Biomedical Research Center II
1979	Ambulatory Care Center	2005	PET building
1982	Parking Deck (800 spaces)	2006	Jones Eye Institute expansion
1984	Physical Plant	2006	Residence Hall
1986	Family Medical Center	2007	Central Energy Plant
1986	Geriatrics Clinic	2008	Parking Deck
1986	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Facility	2008	Psychiatric Research Institute
1987	Cancer Institute Fourth Floor	2009	540,000-square-foot Hospital
1987	NMR Biomedical Facility	2010	Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
1988	Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic	2011	Simulation Center
1988	Computing Services (Renovation)	2012	Radiation Oncology Center
1988	Westmark Building	2012	Expansion to Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging
1989	Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute (originally Arkansas Cancer Research Center)	2012	12th Street Health and Wellness Center
1989	Outpatient Diagnostic Center	2012	West Little Rock Clinic
1990	Mediplex Apartments	2014	Dolores Bruce Memorial Fountain
1993	Biomedical Research Center	2014	Neighborhood Clinic at Rahling Road
1993	Parking Deck Expansion to 1,850 spaces	2014	UAMS Northwest Outpatient Therapy Clinic
1994	Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute	2015	Neighborhood Clinic in Maumelle
1995	Education III Building	2016	Neighborhood Clinic at Capitol Mall
1996	Cancer Institute adds four floors to Walker Tower		

■ CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE ■



UAMS supports a patient- and family-centered culture that brings the perspectives of patients and families directly into the planning, delivery and evaluation of the care we provide. The experience of care, as perceived by the patient and family, is a key factor in improving quality and safety. Effective patient/family

and provider partnerships lead to better health outcomes and enhance efficiency and effectiveness. These principles come to life through the four core concepts of patient- and family-centered care.



Dignity and Respect – Listen to and honor patient and family perspectives and choices. Patient and family knowledge, values, beliefs and cultural backgrounds are incorporated into the planning and delivery of care.

Information Sharing – Communicate and share complete and unbiased information with patients and families in ways that are affirming and useful.

Participation – Patients and families are encouraged and supported in participating in care and decision making at the level they choose.

Collaboration – Collaborate with patients and families in policy and program development, implementation and evaluation; in health care facility design; and in professional education, as well as in the delivery of care.

In addition to our culture of patient- and family-centered care, we focus on service excellence. This is more than what we provide, it's how we think and act. It's not just "fixing a problem" or performing routine duties, it's the "smile" in the voice on the phone, the prompt response to a request and the drive to always improve. It's how we work with one another and how we work with our patients/families and guests.

We believe that service excellence begins with each employee's commitment to our Circle of Excellence. We are empowered to improve things—no matter how small—that are in our control. By keeping an "at your service" attitude and striving to exceed expectations, we bring the Circle of Excellence to life. The guiding principle of the Circle of Excellence is the service theme of "Creating Comfort, Hope and Healing with our Patients and Families."

There are two primary goals of the Circle of Excellence. The first is that every patient receives safe, compassionate care in a patient- and family-centered service culture. The second is that every employee takes pride in their work and feels valued for their part in creating comfort, hope and healing with our patients and families.

The Circle of Excellence is put into action by an unrelenting commitment to five UAMS Service Standards of safety, respect, excellence, image and efficiency.

Safety

Work to ensure a clean, safe and secure environment. Correct or report safety hazards. Report and document all accidents and incidents. Use appropriate protective gear. Never compromise the safety of a patient, another employee or yourself.

Respect

Be friendly and courteous. Show compassion. Be committed to your co-workers. Provide for patient privacy and protect confidentiality. Apologize for any inconveniences. Be sincere. Thank

patients for choosing UAMS and use their time effectively. Provide immediate service recovery.

Excellence

Provide exceptional quality of care. Work to exceed expectations. Do the right thing. Seek innovation through research. Accept the responsibilities of your job. Make excellence a way of life.

Image

Be professional with a warm, welcoming attitude. Adhere to dress codes, wear your ID badge properly and keep our buildings and campus clean. Clean up spills and return equipment to the proper place. Display appropriate body language.

Efficiency

Work efficiently and responsibly. Treat UAMS resources as your own. Work together as a team toward common goals.

Another component of the Circle of Excellence is the Behavior Standards, which serve as a guide for how we should respond to our patients, their families and each other's needs.

Appearance

Maintain a neat, clean and professional appearance.

Communication

Actively listen and communicate in a caring, clear, concise and constructive manner.

Teamwork

Work together to meet the needs of all.

Attitude

Treat patients, families and each other with compassion, respect, dignity and courtesy.

Ethics

Always do the right thing.

Environment

Maintain a clean, safe, secure and comfortable environment.

Quality

Do your best work and take advantage of opportunities to exceed expectations.

The final component of the Circle of Excellence is Service Recovery. The acronym "HEART" makes the steps to correcting a problem easy to remember.

When something goes wrong,

Hear the concern

Empathize with the emotion

Apologize

Resolve the problem (ask for help if you need it)

Thank them

Every UAMS employee is part of the Circle of Excellence and is responsible for interacting with patients, visitors and coworkers with respect and is asked to go out of their way to make any experience at UAMS a positive one.

■ THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM ■

UAMS is part of the University of Arkansas system. Conceived in 1969, the University of Arkansas has evolved into a multi-campus organization through the combined actions of the Arkansas General Assembly and the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees.

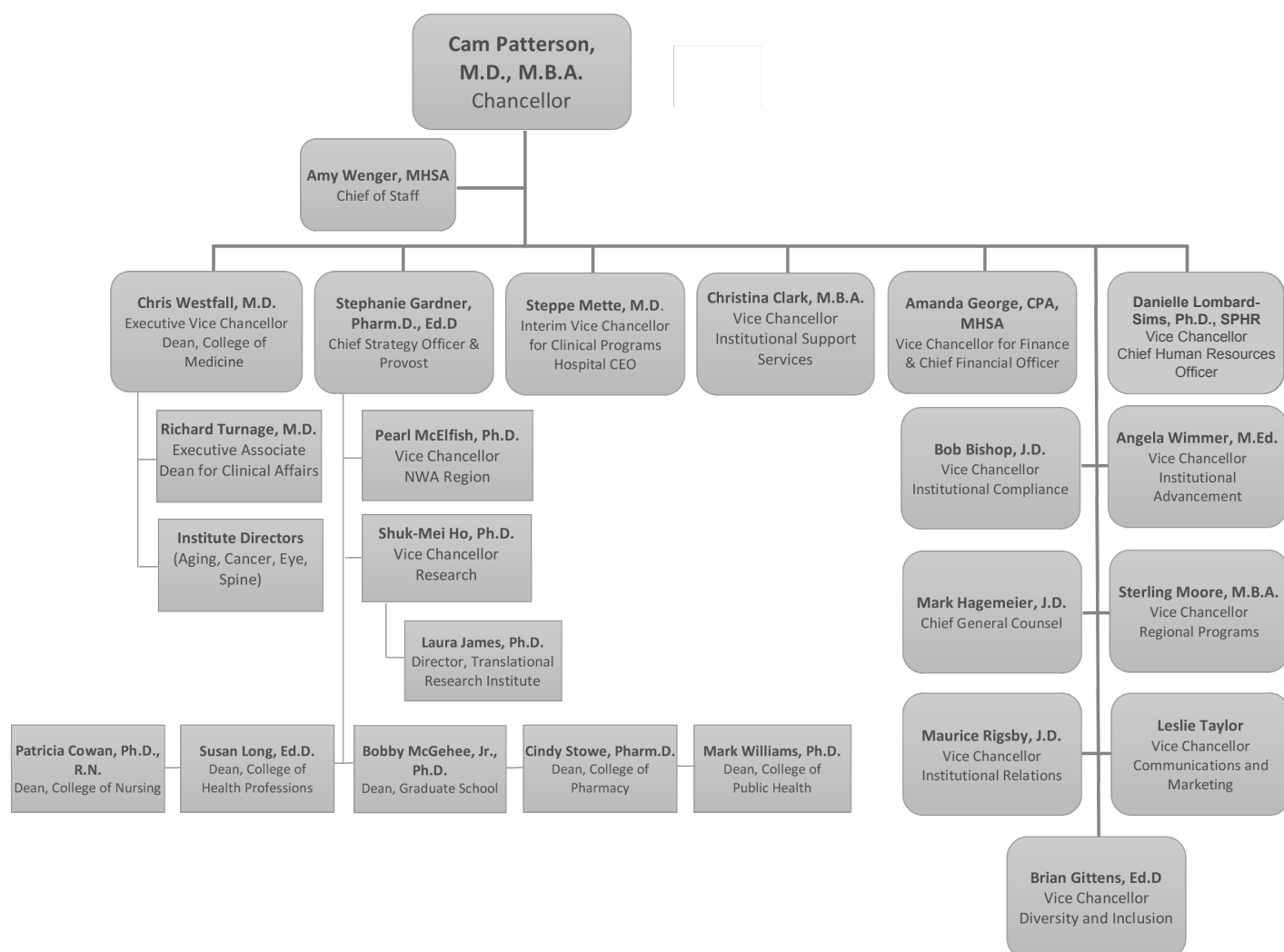
On July 1, 1975, the Board of Trustees at UAMS adopted the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas. The principal campus units provided for in those rules were: the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the University of Arkansas at Monticello, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

The Board of Trustees has legal control and responsibility for the functions of the University of Arkansas. Its composition is governed by provisions in the Arkansas Constitution.

The administration of the University of Arkansas system, under the authority of the Board of Trustees, is unified in the Office of the President. The President is appointed and is responsible to the Board of Trustees and the policies of the University. The President is responsible for the management of the affairs of the University of Arkansas and all of its campuses.

The chief executive officer of each campus is a Chancellor, appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President. The Chancellor of UAMS is the leader and the official spokesperson for our campus.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES ■



Equal Employment Opportunity

It is the policy of UAMS to provide equal opportunity to all applicants and employees consistent with all legal protections offered by state and federal laws. This policy is applicable to all phases of employment to include hiring, promotion, transfer, and treatment of the employees of UAMS. All employees, especially supervisors and managers, are directed to familiarize themselves with this policy and to act in accordance with it. The Office of Human Resources, Employee Relations, coordinates efforts to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to qualified persons. If you feel you have been unfairly denied a promotion, a salary increase, a fair and equal workload, or any reason you feel you have received unjust treatment because of one of the following: race, color, age, sex, disability, religion, genetic information, or national origin. Please be sure to contact the Office of Human Resources, Employee Relations.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is committed to the principle and practice of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity in all areas of employment and other services that affect employees, students and the general public. The ability of UAMS to meet its mission will increasingly depend on and be strengthened by incorporating constructive diversity in its faculty, students and staff. Racism, bigotry and discrimination subvert the mission of UAMS which is to provide a wholesome environment where comprehensive educational, research and employment opportunities are offered to employees and students.

All complaints or allegations of slurs, inscriptions, jokes or other offensive behavior based on race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, genetic information, or disability, which occur in the workplace, or are related to the workplace, are to be reported to the appropriate department head. Any employee, faculty member, or student may contact the Office of Human Resources, Employee Relations, should the complainant feel uncomfortable in reporting the incident to the department head.

Therefore, the policy of UAMS is that members of the University community neither commit nor condone acts of bigotry, racism or discrimination. Actions on the part of any employee or official of the University contrary to this policy will be addressed promptly and appropriately, according to current UAMS disciplinary procedures.

Civil Rights / Nondiscrimination Policy

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences abhors and condemns all forms of discrimination. Such behavior is a violation of an individual's human rights and is also unlawful. UAMS will comply with and enforce Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), Executive Order 11246, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Sections 503 and 504, as amended), Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (as amended), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1991, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, U.S. Federal Court Decree in the Adams Cases of 1973 and Acts 99 and 962 of the Arkansas General Assembly. UAMS will not use the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, sex, age, marital or family status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation as a criterion in deciding against any individual in matters of admission, placement, transfer, hiring, dismissal, compensation, fringe benefits, training, tuition assistance and other personnel or educationally-related actions. This includes staff privileges, assignments and transfers within the facility and referrals to or from the facility.

Grievance Procedure

The grievance process provides a mechanism, available to employees, for seeking resolution of conflicts that might arise in the area of employee-management relations. It is always desirable that issues of conflict are resolved in an informal manner; however, that is not always possible in the normal course of activities in the workplace. This procedure provides a neutral platform for seeking a resolution. Employees who submit grievance complaints, in accordance with the procedures which are set forth in the policy, may do so without penalty or fear of reprisal.

These procedures are applicable to non-faculty employees of UAMS who have successfully completed their initial or extended 90 day employment period and are considered to be in a regular employment status. Temporary employees and employees in the initial or extended 90-day employment period do not have access to the grievance procedure except in cases of alleged discrimination and alleged violations of other applicable laws or regulations.

The following matters are excluded from the grievance procedure:

1. Wage and salaries;
2. Falsification of application materials or falsification of any document generated in connection with work.
3. Retrenchment of employees pursuant to Board Policy 405.5;
4. Matters involving reappointment, performance evaluation, and promotion which do not concern a claimed failure by the University to follow established policy;
5. Classification of positions; termination within thirty days' notice or more;
6. Termination within the initial or extended 90 day employment period;
7. At will terminations pursuant to Board Policy 405.4; or
8. Sexual Harassment allegations which are addressed in the UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 3.1.05.

The complete Employee Grievance Procedure can be found in UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.4.16.

Sexual Harassment

All employees have a right to work in an environment free of discrimination, which includes freedom from harassment. It is the policy of the UA System to prohibit sexual harassment of its employees in any form. Such conduct may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

UAMS defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or any physical or verbal behavior of a sexual nature, either in or out of the workplace, when submission to or rejection of the conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of employment; submission to or rejection of a behavior that will influence any personnel decision regarding that employee's employment; and/or a behavior that reasonably interferes with an individual's work performance, creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for work.

Employees who have complaints of harassment should report such conduct to their supervisor, manager, or the Office of Human Resources. When investigations confirm the allegations, appropriate corrective action will be taken.

The complete policy that prohibits Sexual Harassment can be found in UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 3.1.48.

Disciplinary Notice & Dismissal

When an employee's performance or conduct falls below departmental expectations and UAMS standards, a disciplinary notice may be issued. Decisions to place an employee on a disciplinary notice must be made without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.

The disciplinary notice should be used to document the deficient performance/conduct. UAMS normally utilize a progressive discipline process to include: oral warning, written warning, and dismissal. The behavior must be the same or related, during the progressive discipline process, when advancing to dismissal. In some instances, the manager may advance to a written warning with advance review from the Office of Human Resources, Employee Relations. Immediate dismissal will result in cases of gross misconduct. Violations such as use of drugs or alcohol on the premises; theft; physical violence directed at another employee, visitor or patient; or carrying unauthorized firearms on the premises are some examples of gross misconduct behavior.

For further information about disciplinary procedures, please refer to the Employee Discipline Policy, Administrative Guide Policy 4.4.02. Behavior related actions to warrant *for cause* dismissals are *not eligible for rehire*, per UofA Board Policy 405.6.

Employee Drug-Free Awareness Statement

You will sign this statement electronically during your new employee onboarding. The following is a copy.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences supports the concept of a drug-free workplace, as enacted in the federal Drug-free Workplace Act of 1988 and by the State of Arkansas Executive Order OE-89-2, issued March 30, 1989.

As a health care institution, employees who abuse drugs on the job pose an imminent danger to patients, visitors, and others we serve. It is the policy of the State of Arkansas and UAMS that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance while on UAMS premises or during the course of any University assignment is prohibited.

Any employee who illegally uses, gives, sells, or in any way transfers a controlled substance to another person, or manufactures a controlled substance while on the job or UAMS premises, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. This includes employees who report to work under the influence of drugs, if they are not able to perform their jobs in an efficient and safe manner.

Employees paid from federal grants and contracts are required, as a condition of employment, to abide by this policy. They are further required to notify their supervisor and the Office of Research Administration within five (5) days following any conviction for violation of any federal or state criminal drug statute where such violation occurred on UAMS premises or during the course of any UAMS assignment. Such employees further realize that such conviction will be communicated by UAMS to the granting agency and agree to waive any and all claims that may arise for conveying this information.

Employees who recognize their own diseased state of addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs are encouraged to seek assistance as specified in the UAMS Substance Abuse policy and the UAMS Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Employees will not be disciplined for seeking such help, although disciplinary procedures linked to performance criteria are still applicable.

For more information on the UAMS Drug Free Campus Program please visit the website at: <http://inside.uams.edu/drug-free-campus-program/>.

Tobacco Policy

Employees and all persons are prohibited from smoking on or in all UAMS owned or leased properties, UAMS owned or leased vehicles, and UAMS adjacent grounds, including parking lots and ramps.

A law entitled the Arkansas Clean Air Campus Act of 2009 prohibits smoking or use of smokeless tobacco on campuses of state supported institutions of higher education. Penalties for smoking convictions are \$100 to \$500 per violation. The UAMS Police Department will enforce this law and issue official citations.

In addition to monetary fines, standard disciplinary procedures are to be used for compliance problems with employees. Repeated violations may result in progressive disciplinary actions, including termination.

UAMS is committed to providing helpful intervention strategies and treatment resources in addressing this issue and to offer programs to assist patients, students, current employees to reduce their dependence on tobacco products. Employee can seek assistance by contacting: UAMS Employee Health/Student Preventive Health Services at 686-6565 or Employee Assistance Program at 686-2588.

For more information, refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 3.1.01.

Drug Testing

UAMS enforces a drug testing policy for employees in patient care and/or safety-sensitive positions in three instances: pre-employment, for cause, and random. The tests are conducted and validated by an independent medical lab, and other steps are taken to ensure that employees' test results are treated confidentially. Failure to pass a drug test may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. An employee's refusal to take a drug test will result in immediate dismissal. For the complete drug testing policy, refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 3.1.14.

90-Day Evaluation Period

UAMS provides a standard period of "at will" employment, referred to as the 90-day evaluation period. All employees except for tenured faculty and others under written agreement, must successfully complete a 90-day evaluation period. The evaluation period provides for the assessment of employee qualifications, performance standards, and general suitability to successfully meet position requirements and expectations. This period also provides the employee with an opportunity to determine whether the position meets his or her expectations. During the initial and re-employment evaluation periods, UAMS and the employee have the right to end the employment relationship at any time, for any reason, without creating a negative employment record, unless the behavior warrants a for-cause dismissal, in which case the employee is not eligible for rehire to the UA System per UA Board Policy 405.6.

When the 90-day evaluation period is concluded, the employee and supervisor will discuss the evaluation and complete a sign-off step, as verification of review with the supervisor. This evaluation will become part of the permanent employment record.

Performance Evaluation

All UAMS employees will receive an annual performance evaluation, which is an important part of an ongoing performance management process. The purpose is to provide a formal method to assess employees' job performance and workplace behaviors, provide constructive feedback, communicate goals and expectations, and create employee development or improvement plans. It is the supervisor's responsibility to keep employees advised of their progress and performance, but at any time employees should not hesitate to ask their supervisor for feedback to ensure expectations are met.

Job Posting

All open positions for internal candidates can be viewed and applied for using the link “Internal job postings-Apply today!” found on employees’ My Compass Dashboards or via Inside UAMS website “Quick Link – UAMS Career Opportunities.” Employees may apply for open positions and update their profile online using a computer, mobile or any smart device. Vacant positions are posted on a daily basis. Jobs are typically posted for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days.

Promotions and Transfers

We encourage your success at UAMS and want to assist you in reaching your career goals. If you are considering another position at UAMS, there are restrictions on when you may be eligible to request a transfer. Please refer to UAMS Medical Center Policies & Procedures Policy Number HR2.10 and UAMS Administrative Guide Policy Number 4.5.17.

Post-Employment Immunization Review and Medical Screening

In order for us to ensure the safety and health of our employees, patients, and visitors, all new employees must have a review of their Immunizations and a Health Screening with our Employee Health/Student Preventive Health Service (EH/SPHS) within the first 30 days of employment. The purpose of the screening is to minimize the risk of injury to themselves, patients, visitors and co-workers. The Health Screening will include a blood pressure check, a detailed review of your immunization history and a tuberculosis skin test. Also, depending on the essential requirement of the job, the screening may also consist of a completion of your medical history, a physical examination and additional diagnostic testing as are required by state and federal regulations, and UAMS’ business necessity.

Certain types of screenings may require periodic repetition; an example being annual re-screening for tuberculosis. Failure to complete the Health Screening may result in your suspension until such time as it is completed. All medical information and results will be kept in a confidential medical record at EH/SPHS.

UAMS does require the influenza, or flu, vaccination for all of its employees, volunteers and students. Request for exemptions, regardless of the reason, will be evaluated individually by Student Employee Health Services (SEHS) and the Office of Human Resources. Only those request submitted on the UAMS exemption forms will be considered.

The complete Employment Medical Screening policy can be found in the Administration section of the UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.5.18.

New Employee Onboarding and Orientation

Every employee (including faculty) who will work on the main UAMS campus is required to attend a face-to-face orientation session. You are encouraged to attend the first session following your employment (usually within two weeks following your date of hire) and will be scheduled for this by your supervisor or their proxy.

New employees must also complete online onboarding training. In this training you will complete payroll forms; make benefit elections; acknowledge policy and procedure requirements such as safety, HIPAA privacy and infection control; and receive additional information you will need to know as a new employee. These online forms and modules should be completed online prior to your date of hire. However, a computer lab following the face-to-face orientation is available for employees who do not have online resources.

For questions regarding new employee orientation, please contact the Human Resources onboarding team by email at AskOrientation/Onboarding@uams.edu or by calling (501) 296-1838.

Confidentiality Commitment

A great amount of sensitive data resides on UAMS computer systems, including patient, physician, research and employee information. You are entrusted with this information. Implicit in this trust is the expectation that you will not divulge information or gain access to information unless there is necessity based on your job description or standards of practice.

You may be issued confidential and individualized sign-on codes and must sign a Confidentiality Agreement that acknowledges your commitment to protect and maintain the confidentiality of your sign-on code; all patient, employee and student information; and all proprietary information to which you have access in the course of your work.

When you sign the Confidentiality Agreement, you attest that you understand the consequences of violating the agreement. The consequences of violating the confidentiality of patient, student, employee or research data, a user sign-on code, or other UAMS proprietary data may result in civil and criminal liability.

UAMS departments that support computer information systems will monitor use of the systems and will report access or confidentiality violations immediately to the appropriate manager and chairman of the appropriate steering committee. All staff and employees are responsible for immediately reporting any apparent violations of this confidentiality policy to their managers for action.

■ UAMS CAMPUS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM ■ (The Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005)

Federal and state laws govern a broad range of activities at UAMS, and that includes the activities of its employees performing their job duties. With that in mind, UAMS developed a Campus Compliance Program to assist employees with their understanding of these laws, to ensure that employees conduct their activities in a manner that is consistent with all state and federal statutes and regulations, and to establish a culture of ethics and professional respect for compliance. The Campus Compliance Program continues the long-held philosophy of UAMS that the highest standards must apply when carrying out its education, research, public service and clinical care missions. All UAMS employees must be aware of the problems that misconduct in the healthcare industry can pose to society, whether the misconduct is deliberate or accidental.

All UAMS employees must complete annual education which will include the following key areas:

Federal False Claims Act, 31 USC § 3279 - 3733

The federal Civil False Claims Act imposes civil liability on any person or entity who knowingly presents or causes to be presented a false or fraudulent claim for payments to Medicare, Medicaid or other federally funded health care program. The term “knowingly” means the person has actual knowledge of the truth or falsity of the claim, acts in deliberate ignorance of whether the claim is true or false, or acts in reckless disregard of whether the claim is true or false. Conduct that may lead to the submission of a false claim includes knowingly making false statements, falsifying records, double-billing for items or services, or submitting bills for items or services never provided.

State False Claims Laws

The Arkansas Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act (Arkansas Code Ann. §§ 20-77-901 et seq.) provides for civil penalties for knowingly engaging in activities that are prohibited under the Arkansas Medicaid Fraud Act (Arkansas Code Ann. §§ 5-55-101 et seq.). Prohibited activities include billing for services not rendered, duplicate billing, and billing for services not medically necessary. (A further outline can be found in the UAMS Campus Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct.)

Federal “Whistle-blower” Provisions

Individuals within an organization who observe and report activities or behavior that may violate the law in some manner are provided protections under Federal and State law. Such persons are called whistle-blowers. In addition to reporting violations, in certain circumstances a person with actual knowledge of false claims activity may file a lawsuit on behalf of the U.S. Government as a relator. To file such a lawsuit, which is referred to as a qui tam suit, one must meet the criteria listed below:

- The relator must be the “original source” of the information reported to the federal government. This means the relator must have direct and independent knowledge of the false claims activity and voluntarily provide the information to the government.
- The relator must file the lawsuit in a federal district court. The lawsuit will be confidential while the government reviews and investigates the allegations and decides how to proceed.

Relators have the following rights in qui tam suits:

- If the government decides the lawsuit has merit and decides to intervene, the U.S. Department of Justice will direct the prosecution of the lawsuit and will be the plaintiff or party suing the health care provider. If the government decides not to intervene the whistle-blower/relator may continue the lawsuit on his/her own.
- Successful lawsuits may award qui tam whistle-blowers/relators an award ranging from 15 to 30 percent of the amount recovered by the government. Whistle-blowers may also be entitled to reasonable expenses such as attorney’s fees and costs for bringing the lawsuit.
- Retaliatory conduct against whistle-blowers/relators are prohibited by law.

Arkansas Whistle-Blower Act

In addition to federal whistle-blower protections, UAMS employees are protected by the Arkansas Whistle-Blower Act (Arkansas Code §§ 21-1-601 through 609). Employees who report, in good faith, the suspected violation of State law or report suspected waste of public funds, property or manpower are protected from adverse consequences because of such report.

The report of a violation may be made verbally or in writing to an appropriate authority as defined in UAMS Administrative Guide policy 15.1.2 and 15.1.3.

■ YOUR PAY & OTHER COMPENSATION ■

Compensation Policy

UAMS strives to establish equitable wage rates so that everyone is paid according to the working conditions, the position responsibilities, and the requirements of the job. Each job classification has been carefully evaluated, taking into consideration the skills, knowledge and experience required for each position.

Pay Days

Depending on position, some employees are paid biweekly (every other Friday) and some employees are paid monthly. Employees paid monthly will be paid on the last working day of each month.

Employees should check with their supervisor regarding his/her pay frequency. Your check information will be available via the Employee Self Service portal (ESS) on your pay date. If you are an hourly/biweekly paid employee, you are required to accurately report the time you work on a daily basis by using the clocking exception form. If you are a salaried/exempt/ monthly paid employee, you are required to report all time off or unpaid days to your department and entered via ESS. Consult your supervisor for information and training on your specific responsibilities for time reporting.

Overtime / Compensatory Time

Overtime work must be approved in advance and must be necessary to the operations of your department. For biweekly-paid/non-exempt employees, overtime is computed for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours a week. Paid jury leave, required meetings, seminar time, and paid military leave are considered to be productive work hours and are included as "hours worked" in computing overtime; other paid time off (vacation and sick) are not included as hours worked. Employees will be granted 1.5 hours of compensatory time for every hour worked in excess of 40 per week. A department may pay overtime directly when the operational needs of the department would not allow a reasonable opportunity for time-off. Exempt/salaried/ monthly-paid employees do not earn overtime.

Employees who leave UAMS are entitled to payment for any accrued, unused compensatory time. It will be paid at their last rate of pay immediately prior to separation. The actual final payment will be processed once the clearance process has been completed by the employee.

Outside Employment / Moonlighting

You may have outside employment if:

1. You report the outside employment to your immediate supervisor prior to beginning.
2. The outside employment does not constitute a conflict of interest and does not interfere with your job performance.
3. The work is done off the premises of the University.
4. The work is done before or after your scheduled work time.
5. The work does not involve the use of materials, supplies, equipment or other property belonging to UAMS except with permission of the appropriate department head and with arrangements to pay applicable expenses.

UAMS employees must report income of \$500 a year or more which is earned from another public agency of this state. The report is to be filed with your supervisor.

You may work concurrently in two state positions if you receive prior approval from the UAMS Office of Human Resources and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Both positions may be with the same or different state agencies or institutions, as long as the combined salaries do not exceed the maximum allowed salary for the highest paid position.

For more information regarding Conflict of Interest please see the UAMS Administrative Guide Policies 4.4.10 (Academic Staff Members), 4.4.11 (Non-Academic Staff Members, and 4.4.13 (Research Positions).

Shift & Other Differentials

Non-exempt/hourly/biweekly-paid employees who work an evening or night shift are eligible to receive compensation for working evening or night hours, provided the following criteria are met:

1. The employee is assigned to a full work shift beginning not earlier than 2:30 p.m. and ending not later than 8:00 a.m. the next day.
2. A full work shift is defined as eight (8) consecutive hours in one day. Shift differential will be 10% above base salary, unless specified differently by the state legislature. Eligible non-classified patient care personnel will be paid shift differential within the provisions of legislation, including shift, specialty pay and incentive pay, such as weekend differential.
3. An employee who is regularly assigned to a rotating shift can be compensated at the shift differential premium for only those hours actually worked on an evening or night shift.

Payroll Deductions

UAMS is required by law to withhold part of your pay each period for federal and state income taxes, (depending on the W-4 information provided), Social Security and Medicare taxes. In January each year, you will receive a W-2 form, which is a statement of your earnings during the previous calendar year. The form includes all UAMS wages paid to you and amounts withheld for taxes. The W-2 can be provided online; contact the Office of Human Resources for assistance.

There are a few other items which can be withheld from your check. These include retirement contributions, insurance premiums, and flexible spending account contributions. Parking and other campus purchases (such as those from the cafeteria) may also be made through payroll deductions.

Direct Deposit

Direct deposit of your paycheck into a savings or checking account is mandatory at UAMS. Direct Deposit must be activated by filling out an Authorization for Direct Deposit of Pay Online Form via MyCompass. This information can be updated online using the Employee Self Service tool; a link can be found on the Office of Human Resources home page, www.hr.uams.edu.

Recovering Monies Owed to UAMS

In some instances, the University has the right to withhold monies necessary to settle unpaid debts owed to the University from any amounts due and payable to any employee

Garnishments and Salary Liens

UAMS is required to comply with any and all court orders to garnish your wages for repayment of debt and/or other reasons.

■ ATTENDANCE ■

Hours of Work and Rest Periods

Work schedules are determined by the operational needs of each department. Your supervisor will inform you of your work schedule and length and time of your unpaid meal period. Should it be operationally necessary for you to change your hours of work due to increased service or shift scheduling changes, you will customarily be given advance notice of two weeks. However, it may be necessary in emergency situations to adjust schedules without prior notice. UAMS will make every effort to work with you, should an immediate schedule change become necessary.

Up to two fifteen minute rest periods are allowed each day. Your rest periods cannot be used to make up for time absent or late, accumulated to shorten the work day by leaving early, or to extend the unpaid meal period. Rest periods are not required, and are at the discretion of each department head.

Absence from the Job

If you are ill, have an accident, or are otherwise unable to report for work at the designated time, you are expected to notify your supervisor by telephone as soon as possible. You should contact your supervisor at least 30 minutes ahead of time if you are going to be late or absent from work. This procedure is necessary so that arrangements can be made to provide sufficient coverage in every department.

Some departments and divisions, especially those providing patient care, have policies which are more restrictive regarding tardiness and/or absenteeism. Information on these policies is available from your immediate supervisor.

Failure to inform your department of an absence for three consecutive days will be interpreted as job abandonment, and termination of employment will be effective as of the last day worked.

Voting Time

UAMS encourages all of its employees to vote in political elections. In most cases, the polls remain open for a sufficient amount of time to allow employees reasonable time to vote without interruption of their work day. When situations prove to be an obstacle for you to vote, arrangements may be made with your supervisor to arrive late or to depart early from your assigned work station.

Inclement Weather Policy

UAMS recognizes that transportation problems result from inclement weather and hazardous road conditions. However, by virtue of our commitment to patient care, academics, and research, this campus never closes. When conditions dictate, the normal work schedule may be revised by excusing late arrivals or permitting early departures. Decisions will be made on an individual case basis for each incident of bad weather or hazardous road conditions.

While UAMS is a “state” institution, the declaration of the Governor or other state officials are not applied to UAMS employees. Employees are advised to follow the UAMS policy and abide only by information in the media which is clearly labeled “UAMS.”

There are two options when the UAMS inclement weather policy is put into effect:

1. **Inclement Weather Declared-All Areas Open:** all employees report to work but use caution on the roadways; a two-hour grace period may be allowed.
2. **Inclement Weather Declared-Non-Essential Areas Closed:** typically this means only essential employees should report to work. Your supervisor will advise if you are essential or non-essential and how this affects you and your role

As soon as the decision to declare Inclement Weather has been made, announcements will be made to the greater UAMS community via global email, posting on the UAMS website, and local television and radio media outlets.

Additional information can be found in the UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 3.1.02.

Appearance/Dress Code

The employee dress code is determined by the requirements of each department. If your job requires you to wear a uniform, it is your responsibility to keep your uniform clean and presentable. Please consult with your immediate supervisor for more specific information and refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.4.21

Employment of Relatives

Employing relatives of employees is permitted at UAMS. However, a family member may not directly or indirectly have administrative responsibility over their relative. Final candidate for open positions may be required to complete an Employee Certification and Disclosure Form provided by the hiring manager or designee. For more information see the Managers page at www.hr.uams.edu or Nepotism U of A Board Policy 410.1.

Identification Badges

UAMS provides all employees with an initial identification badge at no cost. Such badges may also allow you to clock in and out, receive library privileges, or allow entrance to restricted areas or parking lots. Replacement badges are available to you at a minimal cost. You are expected to wear your ID badge at all times while on the UAMS campus, so that you can be easily identified in restricted areas and provide assistance to visitors. Upon termination/separation with UAMS, identification badges must be turned in to the Office of Human Resources or Department Supervisor.

Viewing Personnel Files

An official record of your work and employment history is maintained in the Office of Human Resources. You may view your own personnel file at any time. As a state employee, some information pertaining to your employment at UAMS is open to public disclosure upon written request. While most items must be disclosed under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, our office will attempt to notify you if information concerning your employment is requested.

Change of Personal Information

You should report any changes in your personal information to your supervisor and the Office of Human Resources. Items such as: name, address, telephone number, dependents, education, work location and telephone extension are important to our ability to provide service and periodic information to you. Some items can be changed online using the Employee Self Service tool on the intranet at www.hr.uams.edu. Please note that all UAMS mail including the W-2s will be mailed to the address that is in your personnel file, unless you have chosen to receive it electronically. The employee is responsible for updating this information in a timely manner.

■ TERMINATION ■

Resignations

Employees who wish to voluntarily terminate their employment with UAMS, after their initial 90-day probationary employment period, are **expected** to give at least ten (10) working days' notice of their intention to resign. A two week notice is the industry standard, when resigning from a job; however, it is not required.

Employment-at-Will

Employment at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is governed by policies of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas. The Chancellor of UAMS serves at the pleasure of the President of the University of Arkansas System, unless otherwise provided by contract. Vice Chancellors, Associate Vice Chancellors, and Assistant Vice Chancellors shall serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor, unless otherwise provided by contract. *Board Policy 405.1(1)*

Academic employees in positions for which tenure may not be awarded (part-time faculty in the ranks of assistant professor, associate professor, professor, University professor, and distinguished professor, clinical research, teaching adjunct, or visiting faculty; research associates or research assistants; instructors, lecturers, faculty in clinical attending positions at UAMS, notwithstanding that such faculty may be designated as Assistant Professor, Association Professor or Professor) may be terminated at any time, or dismissed for cause under the procedures of Board Policy 405.1. Termination is affected through the giving of written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date that the employment is to cease. *(UA Board Policy 405.4(2)(C))*.

Academic employees who are in tenure or tenure-track positions may be terminated under the processes set forth in *Board Policy 405.1*.

All classified and non-classified staff employees of UAMS (full-time or part-time) can be terminated for convenience at any time or may be dismissed *for cause* under University procedures. In cases of grant termination or loss of appropriate funds, termination may be immediate. *For-cause* terminations are also effective immediately. *(UA Board Policy 405.4(3))*

All departments **must** work with Human Resources, Employee Relations, on the at-will termination process.

Although a dismissal for cause may be effective immediately, a staff member may seek review of a for-cause dismissal in accordance with the review policies of the campus, division or unit.

Staff employees and academic employees in positions for which tenure may not be awarded, may also be terminated at any time or be dismissed for cause under the established UAMS disciplinary procedures. *Admin Guide 4.4.02*

Separation Clearance Policy

As a UAMS employee, you are required to complete the Employee Separation process. Your manager or a designated department representative will initiate this electronic process. Your UAMS ID badge, keys or other UAMS property should be surrendered to your manager on your final day of employment. Terminal leave checks will be processed the payroll cycle after the Employee Separation Form has been fully completed and all outstanding items (parking tickets, lost keys, etc.) have been resolved.

References/Verifications of Employment

Employment Verification services are provided by Equifax. Requests for verification of

employment and salary should be directed to The Work Number at www.theworknumber.com or by calling 1-800-367-5690. Employees should provide the person/agency with the UAMS Employer Code 14891.

For assistance with obtaining a Salary Key for income verification, please contact The Work Number or call the Office of Human Resources at 501-686-5650.

Rehires

Employees who leave UAMS may be eligible for rehire providing the departure is not for cause or a resignation in lieu of dismissal. Separating employees who are declared “ineligible for rehire” by their current department will not be considered for rehire in that department. Employees dismissed for cause are not eligible for rehire at UAMS or any campus within the University of Arkansas System.

■ YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS ■

Guest Relations

As a UAMS employee, your role will affect the way our patients feel about their experience here. We all share a responsibility to be sensitive toward patients, families, and visitors. Courtesy, respect, and strict attention to confidentiality are expected of all UAMS employees.

Confidential Information (Patient's Rights)

Always remember that as health care professionals, the information that is obtained in caring for patients is strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**. Please do not discuss this private information with co-workers and other people, except as it is necessary to perform your duties as a health care provider. Never discuss patient or other confidential information outside the hospital. Be sensitive to patient privacy in public areas inside the hospital as well. A violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

Relations with Legislators and Members of Congress

UAMS respects the right of each employee as a citizen to exercise freedom of expression on legislative issues. At the same time, employees should not, unless authorized, attempt to speak as agents of the University in discussions with members of the Arkansas General Assembly, Arkansas Constitutional Officers, and members of Congress.

The President of the University and the Vice President for Governmental Relations and Public Service are the University officials responsible for liaison with members of the Arkansas General Assembly, Arkansas Constitutional Officers, and Members of Congress concerning legislation and programs affecting any unit of the University.

If you wish UAMS to consider matters of incorporation into its legislative program, contact the Office of the Vice President for University Relations.

Political Activity

UAMS employees, as citizens, have the right to engage in political activity. However, no employee may involve the institution's name, symbols, property or supplies in political activities.

If you intend to seek public office or assume a major role in a political campaign, discuss your plans with your supervisor. If your supervisor determines that the activity will impinge to any extent upon the full discharge of your responsibilities, the plans must be reviewed through regular administrative channels to the President's Office for determination of work load and salary adjustment.

Involvement which requires part or full-time services, and for which more than token compensation is received, will require a reduction of work load and pay, leave of absence or resignation, depending upon the extent of the activity.

Distribution of Literature and Solicitation

To ensure the efficient operation of UAMS, and to control any disturbance to your work, it is necessary to restrict private solicitations. Employees are prohibited from soliciting and distributing materials when on an assigned work shift. Solicitation of materials by employees for the purpose of political, organizational, commercial, social, or religious activities not directly related to approved UAMS functions are restricted to public areas and during non-work hours.

Individuals who wish to distribute materials to UAMS employees at the work site must secure

prior permission from the Chancellor's office. Failure to conduct activities as approved may result in immediate removal from the premises by a UAMS Police Officer.

Use of University Space

UAMS facilities may be used for extracurricular activities by the colleges, departments and other organizational functions of the University. Organizations approved to use UAMS facilities include recognized student organizations, faculty-staff meetings, and all organizations which exist for the benefit of the University. UAMS facilities cannot be made available to groups not associated with the University system unless the Chancellor or designee provides prior approval for the use of the space. University space will not be made available for soliciting membership to political parties, raising money for projects not directly associated with a University activity, or conducting private business.

■ YOUR TIME OFF ■

Time Off Requests

You are responsible for requesting time off in a timely fashion, according to the policies of your department or division. Your supervisor should take action to approve or disapprove your request in a timely manner. You should submit your request electronically in ESS, or in writing by completing a leave request form, in order to avoid a delay in payment.

If you are off due to illness at the end of a pay period, you or your supervisor/timekeeper may submit the appropriate number of sick hours without the written request. However, you are responsible for the accuracy of the hours to be paid, both worked and time-off.

Vacation Time

Most UAMS employees accrue annual leave at a rate determined by length of employment. The following schedule applies to biweekly-paid employees and to classified managers who are paid monthly.

Years of Service	Vacation per Year	Vacation per month
1-3	12 days	8 hours
3-5	15 days	10 hours
5-12	18 days	12 hours
12-20	21 days	14 hours
20+	22.5 days	15 hours

Faculty and other salaried/exempt/monthly-paid employees earn annual leave at the 20+ years of service level.

Part-time employees who work 20 hours a week or more will be granted annual leave on a proportionate basis. Annual leave may not be accrued during a period of leave of absence (LOA) without pay when such a leave is for ten or more days within a calendar month. Carryover of annual leave accumulations may not exceed thirty days after the close of the calendar year. Days accrued in excess of 30 will be lost if they are not used before December 31 of each year.

"Years of service" generally means continuous service with any state agency or institution of higher education. If you have previous state service, ask your former employer to forward "Proof of Prior Service" information on your behalf to the UAMS Office of Human Resources.

Use of annual leave cannot be approved until it has been accrued. You may request the use of accrued annual leave at any time, either online via ESS if available, or on forms provided by your department. Your supervisor may approve or deny leave time after consideration of your preference, departmental work load and staffing requirements. Check with your supervisor for further information.

When an employee has separated from the University by reason of resignation or involuntary termination, the accrued, unused leave minus any outstanding monies owed the University of Arkansas will be paid as a lump sum payment, not to exceed thirty working days (240 hours). For more information, please see UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.6.04.

Holidays

UAMS honors eleven holidays for regular full-time and part-time employees during the calendar year:

New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The specific annual dates of the holidays to be observed will be published on the Human Resources website, hr.uams.edu.

You are also eligible to schedule off your birthday. Please get prior approval from your supervisor before missing work on this day. If you must work on a scheduled holiday, your birthday, or if the holiday falls on a non-workday, you will accrue time to be taken in lieu of that day. Regular part-time employees will be allowed paid holiday or compensatory time for holidays on a proportionate basis.

To be eligible for holiday pay, you must be in pay status on the last scheduled work day before the holiday and the first scheduled work day after the holiday. For more information regarding Holiday Leave refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.6.02. All annual leave and holiday leave shall not be paid out in excess of 30 days; certain conditions apply.

Sick Leave

All regular full-time employees earn sick leave credit at the rate of one day (8 hours) per complete month of service, up to a maximum annual carryover of 960 hours (120 days). Regular part-time employees who work half-time (50%) or more earn sick leave on a proportionate basis. Employees cannot be paid for sick leave used unless they have accrued sick leave hours. Any unaccrued sick leave will be considered unpaid leave, if approved. Sick leave may not be borrowed from future accruals.

Sick leave accrues only when you are in active pay status, and does not accrue when you are on a leave of absence without pay for ten or more days within a calendar month. Sick leave is granted on a basis of work days and not calendar days. Non-workdays such as weekends and holidays falling within a period of sick leave are not charged as sick leave.

You may request (online in ESS or on forms provided by your department) sick leave for any of the following conditions:

1. When you are unable to work because of illness or injury, or for treatment by or consultation with a licensed health care provider.
2. When you must care for an immediate family member who is ill or injured or has an appointment with a health care provider. Immediate family is defined as your parent, sibling, spouse, child (including an adoptive child), grandparent, grandchild, in-law, or any individual acting as a parent or guardian of the employee.
3. When there is a death or serious illness of an immediate family member, your supervisor may grant sick leave for death or family illness in an amount which is reasonable for the circumstances. If you use five (5) or more consecutive days of sick leave, or if you think your absences are protected by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), you may be required to furnish your department head with a medical certification from your attending physician.

For absences from work due to an occupational injury or illness for which you are eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits, you may use your accrued sick leave as a supplement to Workers' Compensation and receive weekly benefits from both sources. These combined benefits may be equal to, but not in excess of, your normal weekly pay at the time of injury or onset of illness.

Absences due to illness or injury are charged in the following order:

- 1) Earned Sick Leave
- 2) Earned Annual Leave (at the discretion of the department head)
- 3) Leave Without Pay (at which time you may be eligible for Short Term Disability insurance benefits)

Maternity leave of absence from work will be treated as sick leave. If you are unable to work because of pregnancy you may choose to use leave without pay prior to the exhaustion of sick and vacation hours.

Accrued sick leave will not be paid at the time of termination, resignation, retirement, death or for any other reason that you cease to be an employee at UAMS, unless you are in a classified position and certain criteria are met. For more information regarding Sick Leave refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.6.03 and UA Board Policy 420.3.

Family Medical Leave Act

UAMS recognizes the importance of achieving a healthy balance between work and family responsibilities. If you have been employed by the state of Arkansas for one full year and have worked at least 1,250 hours (approximately ½ time) during the preceding 12 months, you may be eligible for up to 12 work weeks of family and medical leave as allowed by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993. UAMS requires employees to use their available leave prior to going into a no-pay status; however, there are some exceptions.

Family and medical leave may be granted for any of the following instances:

- Birth or adoption of a child
- Adoption or placement of a child in foster care
- Your own serious health condition
- The serious health condition of an immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent)
- Illness, injury or financial exigency related to military services

As soon as you know you have a qualifying event and need time off, please speak to your supervisor. Your leave request may be communicated verbally or on forms provided by your department. UAMS is required to provide you with essential paperwork to include the Certification of Healthcare Provider form, to be completed by your treating physician. In your absence, your supervisor will make arrangements for your job responsibilities to be maintained and address any questions or other concerns.

Prior to going on leave, visit the Office of Human Resources, Employee Services or call (501) 686-5650 to discuss any benefits questions. Under the law, you are only required to continue paying your normal share of the cost of your benefits. UAMS will continue paying its share of your coverage during your protected leave.

Once you return from family and medical leave, you are entitled to return to the same or equivalent job. The complete Family and Medical Leave Act policy is UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.6.11. Additional FMLA information can be found at www.hr.uams.edu.

Leave of Absence Without Pay

You may be eligible to take up to six months of leave of absence without pay for an extended illness, the birth or adoption of a child, or for personal reasons. Requests for a leave of absence for the birth or adoption of a child or for extended illness need only be approved by your department head. Requests for leave without pay for personal reasons must be approved in advance by the department head, the division director, the UAMS Chancellor, and the University President. All requests must be made in writing.

If you go on leave of absence without pay that is not considered family and medical leave, you must make arrangements to pay the full amount (employee cost and department cost) of your benefit premiums to continue your coverage. The employee can make those arrangements through the Office of Human Resources. It is important to note that if the employee is in a leave without pay status, the missed insurance premiums may be deducted from the first pay check after he/she returns to work. It is important that the employee contacts the Office of Human Resources prior to this happening to make arrangements. For more information regarding leave without pay, refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.6.08.

Military Leave

If you serve in the National Guard or any other reserve branch of the Armed Forces, you are granted 15 days of paid leave annually, plus necessary travel time, for annual training requirements. You continue to accrue annual leave during this time. You must request a military leave in writing and furnish a copy of your military orders to your supervisor prior to approval of the leave.

If you are called to active duty or volunteer in the Armed Forces of the United States, you will be placed on extended military leave without pay, and upon release from active duty you will be reinstated to the same or equivalent position. If you are gone for less than five years, were honorably discharged, and were not originally "temporary," you will not lose any of your previously accrued benefits or privileges of employment upon your return to work.

Should you be called to duty in an emergency situation by the Governor or by the President, you will be granted leave with pay not to exceed thirty working days, after which leave without pay will be granted. "Emergency Situations" mean any case of invasion, disaster, riot, breach of peace, threats to public health or security.

Educational Leave

Under certain unique circumstances, an employee may be granted a paid educational leave. Requests for paid educational leave must first be submitted in writing to your department head. Once approved, your request will be routed to your division head and to the UAMS Chancellor for approval.

Once your request for educational leave has been approved, you and the UAMS Chancellor will sign a written agreement stating all terms of the leave including the amount of salary to be paid during the training period (not to exceed your regular salary). Payments for tuition, fees, books and transportation may be made only if those items have been specifically appropriated by the Arkansas General Assembly for such purposes.

If you are granted educational leave, you must continue to be employed at UAMS for at least twice as long as the length of your course of training. During your educational leave, you will retain all rights of your position or a comparable position. Should you fail to complete training, you will be required to pay back the money as allocated for training and compensation paid during the training period.

Alternately, you may be granted an unpaid leave of absence for educational purposes. Unpaid educational leave is to be considered “personal” leave and subject to all conditions under the Leave of Absence policy (UAMS Administrative Guide 4.6.10).

Jury and Court Witness Duty

Any employee called as a witness, juror, or party litigant shall be entitled to full compensation from the University in addition to any fees paid for such services. Necessary court appearances will not be counted as vacation or annual leave. However, if you volunteer as a witness without being subpoenaed, you will not be entitled to leave with pay. Should you be accepted by the Court as an expert witness and paid a fee in excess of the normal witness fee, you should take annual leave for the time required for such testimony.

If you are called as a witness and are able to give a deposition or statement without appearing in court, please do so. Any statement or deposition requested regarding a UAMS issue may be taken during work time. All others should be handled during non-working hours.

■ OUR GROUP BENEFITS ■

UAMS offers you a wide range of benefits. Some, such as unemployment insurance, workers’ compensation insurance and Social Security contributions are mandated for all employees by state and federal law. Others, such as health and dental coverage, disability coverage and life insurance are made available to employees as part of UAMS’ efforts to recruit and retain high quality employees. Many benefits may be purchased on a pre-tax basis through payroll deductions, providing a further tax benefit and convenience to you.

You may enroll in benefits within your first 31 days of employment. Newly eligible family members (e.g. marriage) may also be added within 31 days. Open enrollment periods will be offered at the discretion of the carrier and are not guaranteed to be held annually.

Following is a brief summary of the benefits offered to you as a UAMS employee. For further information on each of these benefits, please refer to your summary plan documents (SPD) found on our website at www.hr.uams.edu.

Medical and Dental Coverage

UAMS offers medical and dental insurance coverage for benefits-eligible employees and their dependents. The cost for coverage is shared by UAMS and participating employees.

Three medical plans are available from which to choose. They cover a wide range of traditional expenses such as doctors’ visits, surgical services, pregnancy, emergency room services, hospital stays, and diagnostic testing. With a goal of assisting you in being healthy, the plans also provide coverage for items such as well baby check-ups, mental health counseling and prescription drugs.

The dental plan is designed to assist you in maintaining good oral health. The plan covers basic dental exams, restorative care, cleaning services, preventative services and orthodontia for children. It also covers more intensive and specialty dental needs, including fluoride treatments, extractions, oral surgery, crowns, bridges and spacers.

Vision Plan

The vision plan, benefits those who have vision impairments and wear corrective eye wear. It helps lower out of pocket costs when you get an eye exam and purchase frames, lenses or contacts. There are also discounts for refractive surgery.

Voluntary Insurance Plans

The University of Arkansas offers the advantage of group discounted rates for the following benefit plans. Enrollment is handled through the carrier.

Group Home/Auto Insurance is provided through Liberty Mutual. You can apply for coverage at any time.

Critical Illness Insurance is provided through MetLife. You may enroll within your first 60 days of employment. Coverage is available for you and your family (spouse & children).

Identity Theft Protection is provided through ID Watchdog. You can apply for coverage at any time.

Prepaid Legal Service is provided through Legal Shield. You can apply for coverage at any time.

Additional information about these plans is provided in New Employee Orientation and Onboarding and is also available on our website at hr.uams.edu.

Pre-Tax Medical Spending Accounts

While the medical, dental and vision plans do cover many health care expenses, there are co-payments and deductibles that you will pay, and services which may not be covered. With our Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA) you may set aside a specified amount annually through payroll deductions to pay for out-of-pocket expenses on a pre-tax basis. This increases your take-home pay by reducing your taxes.

Any benefits-eligible employee can enroll in a Healthcare FSA. A separate Health Savings Account (HSA) is only available to employees who enroll in the high deductible medical plan.

Life Insurance

Life insurance provides a payment to your beneficiaries in the event of your death or the death of a covered dependent. UAMS provides Basic Life coverage at no cost to you. Coverage is equal to one times your annualized salary, up to a maximum of \$50,000. (Benefits are reduced at ages 70 and 75.) This would be payable to your beneficiary in the event of your death.

You may also purchase Optional Life insurance in amounts equal to one, two, three, or four times your annual salary, up to a maximum of \$500,000.

You may purchase Dependent Life insurance for your spouse and children. Coverage amounts available are \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000 for spouse, with children covered at one-half of the elected spouse's coverage.

Short-Term and Long-Term Disability

Disability coverage assists in replacing earnings in the event of a long-term injury or illness which prevents you from working. Coverage is based upon current annual salary and is available when you are unable to work for a period of more than two weeks for Short Term Disability, six months for Long Term Disability.

Basic Disability coverage is provided by UAMS at no cost to you, but only covers salary up to a certain threshold. You may enroll in Optional Disability coverage to cover your salary above this threshold. The benefit for both the Basic and Optional plans is replacement up to 60% of your salary.

Faculty Group Practice members have unique Long-Term Disability coverage options which are covered in their onboarding.

Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

You may purchase Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage for yourself, your spouse, and dependent children. A spouse is covered at 60% of your elected dollar coverage, and children are covered at 20% of your elected dollar coverage. Coverage amounts are available in \$25,000 increments up to a maximum of \$300,000.

Cost is based upon dependent participation and the dollar amount of coverage selected.

Continuation of Benefits through COBRA

UAMS offers continued medical, dental and vision benefit coverage for those individuals who experience a qualifying event. Coverage for a qualifying event would be:

- A. For an employee, spouse, or dependent child, due to the employee's termination (other than for gross misconduct) or change to a benefits ineligible position.
- B. For a spouse and eligible dependent child, upon death of the employee.
- C. For a spouse, upon divorce or legal separation from the employee.
- D. For a dependent child, ceasing to qualify as an eligible dependent under the plan.

Retirement Plans

One of the most valuable benefits available to you is the opportunity to save money for your retirement years, through the University of Arkansas 403(b) and 457(b) Retirement Plan (UARP). Within the current tax laws, it is possible for employers and employees to contribute funds to retirement accounts. Your contributions may be made on a tax deferred basis and/or on a Roth after-tax basis. They provide a convenient method of saving for retirement, allow increased interest earnings through a variety of investment options and defer income taxes on a portion of your earnings.

The UARP is a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, available retirement funds are based upon the amount of contributions made to the plan and the growth or interest earnings of those contributions. In the UARP, UAMS contributes an amount equal to 5% of an employee's salary to the plan. You are required to make a contribution as determined by the University and may contribute an additional voluntary percentage of your own earnings to the plan. UAMS will match, dollar for dollar, your contributions over 5% to a maximum of 10% (within IRS limits). The UARP offers many investment options through one or both of the plan's investment providers/record-keepers: TIAA (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association) and Fidelity Investments. UAMS does require a contribution by all benefits eligible employees to the retirement plan. Contact the Office of Human Resources for the required contribution amount.

Pre-Tax Dependent Daycare Spending Accounts

With a Dependent Daycare FSA, you may set aside a specified amount annually through pre-tax payroll deductions to be used for daycare expenses. The account may be used to help pay for the expenses of child care.

Unemployment Compensation

You are covered under Arkansas employment security law for unemployment benefits. UAMS contributes to the state on your behalf; no deduction is made from your pay for unemployment benefits. A benefit may be paid if you lose your job for reasons other than resignation or termination for cause.

Social Security

You are covered by the Federal Social Security program. Under the law, both you and UAMS each contribute an equal percentage of your salary for programs which provide retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits.

The Social Security Administration maintains social security records on all U.S. citizens. To ensure the accuracy of your social security record, remember to report any name changes to both the Office of Human Resources and to the Social Security Administration.

Workers' Compensation (Accidental Injury)

UAMS seeks to provide a safe, productive workplace for all employees. UAMS also has a Workers' Compensation Program that covers medical expenses and wages due to lost work time, resulting from an approved work-related injury or illness.

If you are injured on the job, or suffer a work-related illness, report this to your supervisor immediately. If medical attention is needed, call the Company Nurse Hotline at 1-855-339-1893. The Injury Care Coordinator will gather information and your call will be transferred to a Registered Nurse. The Registered Nurse will make care recommendations and/or triage the injured worker to a designated treatment facility. An injury report will be sent to the designated treatment facility prior to the employee's arrival. You must continue the process by completing the Employee/Student Injury and Incident Report online at <http://www.uams.edu/campusop/depts/ohs/forms/Accident.aspx>.

If no medical treatment is needed, completing the Employee/Student Injury and Incident Report is the only necessary step. Workers' Compensation claim forms will be sent to the injured worker department supervisor for completion, and employee's signature. The completed forms will need to be returned to OHR at WorkersComp@uams.edu or faxed to 501-686-8872.

For more information about Workers' Compensation benefits please contact the Office of Human Resources at 501-686-5650.

Business Travel Insurance

Full-time employees on official travel status for UAMS are covered by up to \$100,000 of accident insurance with regard to loss of life, dismemberment, or total disability. This coverage is for accidents occurring during their travel if they submitted a Request for Authorization of Travel Expenses form to the Office of Financial Services prior to travel.

■ YOUR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ■

Education is a very important part of the mission of UAMS. You are encouraged to take advantage of the many educational programs available.

Tuition Discounts

As a full-time (100%) employee, you, your legal spouse, and your dependent children (as defined by the IRS) are eligible to receive a tuition discount at any of the University of Arkansas university campuses: Fayetteville, Medical Sciences (UAMS), Little Rock, Monticello, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith and eVersity. The discount is also available at the two-year colleges: Phillips, Hope, Batesville, Cossatot, Morrilton, Rich Mountain and Pulaski Technical.

You are eligible for discounts on the final day of regular registration, following your continuous employment at the University for one complete fall or spring semester.

You may take up to 132 **undergraduate** semester credit hours at any UA academic institution at a 50% tuition discount. The maximum credit hours at reduced rates are eleven each per fall and semesters, six hours during the summer terms. Your discount is off the cost of tuition at the University of Arkansas campuses (all other fees excluded). The campus of enrollment retains the final decision on the eligibility of any course or program for the tuition discount.

Your spouse and eligible dependent children may take up to a total of 132 **undergraduate** semester credit hours at a discount. They receive a 50% discount off the normal tuition rate at the employee's campus (UAMS for our employees) and 40% off full tuition at other University of Arkansas campuses. All enrollees must meet normal admission requirements, and auditing courses will be approved on a space available basis only.

The online application for employee and for dependent/spouse discount requests may be found under the Benefits section at www.hr.uams.edu. Deadlines for application may vary. Check with the school you are attending to determine the deadline to apply. Employee requests are subject to approval by your department head so that such course work will not interfere with your responsibilities in the department.

Contact the Office of Human Resources for more information, or refer to UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.1.01.

Adult Education

If you do not have a high school diploma or you desire to take a refresher course in reading, writing, or math, plan to participate in adult education courses. You must work with your supervisor to establish requirements regarding make up for work time spent in adult education classes.

Training and Organizational Development

The Office of Human Resources, Organizational Development offers employees a range of opportunities to learn more about specific subjects, such as Team Building, Leadership Effectiveness, Conflict Management, Interpersonal Communication and much more.

For more information on training classes, please contact the Office of Human Resources or visit our website at <http://hr.uams.edu/>, then select Training.

■ RECOGNITION PROGRAMS ■

Career Service Recognition Payments

The Arkansas Legislature has established a longevity bonus for eligible full-time, non-faculty employees who have worked for the State of Arkansas for 10 or more years. The Career Service Bonus payments range from \$600 (10 years) to \$900 (25 or more years) and are paid after the completion of your anniversary or review month. For more information, please visit UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.2.08.

Service Award and Special Recognition

UAMS offers an accrual recognition program to honor the service and dedication of its employees. Excellent skills and service provided by employees like you have been a central factor to UAMS' success. To recognize employees for their service, UAMS celebrates with Employee Service Awards receptions. Employees who have given five or more years to our campus are recognized and receive a pin indicating their years of service (in five year increments). If you see a co-worker wearing one of these pins, you will know they have built the reputation of our growing campus.



Special Events

UAMS celebrates and recognizes the hard work employees do on a daily basis, by sponsoring or participating in several events during the year. These include: National Hospital Week Festivities in the Spring, Diversity Week and the winter holidays. Special events are published in the Inside UAMS as the occasion nears. UAMS may also participate in programs that celebrate the Diversity and Inclusion Award, UAMS Strong, and all employees who are active or retired members of the US Armed Forces during these receptions.

■ YOUR CAMPUS RESOURCES ■

Campus Dining

As a UAMS employee, you are eligible to receive a 20% discount on all purchases made in the cafeteria and other dining venues on campus. You must show your UAMS ID badge to receive the discount. UAMS provides several alternative food types and delivery systems, including a traditional cafeteria, a bakery and coffee specialty shop.

You can conveniently use your UAMS ID badge to pay for your dining purchase and have it deducted from your paycheck. Ask the cashier for the form to enroll in this benefit.

Gift Shop

The gift shops are a project of the UAMS auxiliary and are staffed by auxiliary volunteers. It is a nonprofit business serving UAMS employees, students, and patients. There are no taxes on items purchased. Proceeds from their sales are reinvested in UAMS. Ask the cashier for the form to have your purchase deducted from your paycheck.

Library

Your UAMS I.D. badge will also serve as your library card, and may be activated by contacting the circulation desk, located on the first floor of the Education II Building.

■ YOUR COUNSELING NEEDS ■

UAMS offers its employees several types of counseling. Personal counseling (see Employee Assistance Program), benefits counseling, spiritual and employment counseling are just a few of the ways that UAMS works to encourage understanding and to provide answers to your questions.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The Employee Assistance Program was developed to provide counseling, information and referral assistance to UAMS employees and their immediate families who experience personal or professional adversity. Participation in the EAP program is strictly voluntary, and your privacy is protected by state and federal laws. If you are experiencing a personal or professional problem and do not know where to go, call the EAP at 501-686-2588 or toll free 1-800-542-6021. We have offices in the Freeway Medical Building, UAMS Little Rock campus, and in Fayetteville, Fort Smith and Hot Springs for your convenience.

Benefits Counseling

The Office of Human Resources extends its services to all employees who need assistance with benefit issues. This includes one-on-one training sessions on issues specific to you and group counseling sessions with our benefits vendors. Watch for periodic announcements from TIAA, Fidelity, UMR, and others.

Spiritual Counseling (Pastoral Care)

Samuel Moore Walton Memorial Chapel is located in the Ward Tower, room 1E90. The Walton Memorial Chapel is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. A chaplain is available after normal office hours on an as needed basis 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chaplains can be reached by phone at 501-686-5410 and by beeper at 501-688-2060.

■ COMMUNICATION ■

Internet

Many offices have access to an online internet system. We encourage you to utilize this campus resource for researching information relevant to the business of your department and the University. The UAMS home page (www.uams.edu) offers news items, a calendar of events, and updated job vacancies.

E-Mail

Our campus possesses both internal and electronic mail capabilities. We encourage departments and employees to utilize this communication media for business purposes relating to the institution.

Mail Service: Campus and Personal Mail

The campus mail system provides mail distribution and postal service for all faculty and staff. Service is normally provided through departmental administrative offices. It is the responsibility of each department to ensure all outgoing mail is identified by a department name and slot number.

The Mail Processing Center also provides U.S. postage stamps for purchase between the hours of: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the current rate of postage.

Publications

The UAMS campus has several ways for you to stay current on UAMS issues and topics. The following is a list of publications that are recognized by the UAMS system as a means for sharing information:

- UAMS Capsule - created by the Staff Education Department for Clinical Programs employees.
- Inside UAMS - an employee newsletter published ten times per year.
- UAMS HouseCall - created by the Communications & Marketing. A quarterly magazine for friends, supporters and potential new friends of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards are located throughout the UAMS campus to post important campus-wide information. General bulletin boards not enclosed in glass, or otherwise designated for a particular purpose, may be used to post personal notices. As an employee, you are encouraged to read bulletin boards regularly for current information.

■ CAMPUS ASSEMBLY ■

The Campus Assembly is the vehicle that faculty, students and staff use to voice their opinions about campus policy. The Campus Assembly is made up of two representative bodies: The House of Delegates and the Academic Senate. Their purpose is:

1. To provide UAMS with a broad base for campus governance through the participation of students, faculty, and staff in the development of guidelines and regulations for campus affairs in relation to those matters that affect the quality of campus life.
2. To generate and promote understanding, collaboration, and a sense of community on the UAMS campus.
3. To provide a bridge for the communication and exchange of ideas to the Cabinet and to the President of the University through the Chancellor's Office on matters of concern to members of the Assembly.

Both the House of Delegates and the Academic Senate meet with the Chancellor on a regular basis.

House of Delegates (HOD)

The UAMS House of Delegates (HOD) is an open assembly of volunteer employees from various departments throughout the UAMS campus. Members serve a term of two years and are asked to participate in any of the eight committees that meet monthly to discuss issues that matter to employees.

Have you ever watched a campus address by the Chancellor or participated in a food drive on campus? Then you have seen a little of what the House of Delegates does. In addition to these events, the House of Delegates sponsors other activities like the UAMS talent show, UAMS employee night at the Traveler's ball game and the UAMS volleyball tournament and bowling league.

If you have an interest in any of the current HOD issues and activities or would like more information on how to become a member, contact a House of Delegates officer at www.uams.edu/HOD/ or send your concerns to the House of Delegates, slot 710.

Academic Senate

The Academic Senate is composed entirely of faculty members. The Senate is responsible for developing educational policies and programs on the UAMS campus and has the authority to make recommendations to the Chancellor on any matter of general faculty or campus-wide concern. Among their considerations are admission requirements, curriculum and courses, degrees and requirements for degrees, calendars, schedules, academic honors and honorary degrees, and student academic affairs.

■ OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ■

Employee Health

The UAMS campus provides an initial medical screening and care for any illness/injury which is work related. Student and Employee Health Services, located on the ground level of the Central Hospital Building, is not intended to substitute for an employee's personal physician. If you receive services other than those listed above, you will be billed as a regular patient. For medical care for illness or injury not related to your job, you may wish to go to the Family Medical Center or Employee Walk-In Clinic, which is located at 521 S. Elm Street.

UAMS SmartCare

UAMS offers a way for our employees and their family members to have substantial savings in health care. Employees who are insured by the University of Arkansas Health Plan, which is administered by UMR, have the opportunity to take advantage of SmartCare to lower their deductible, copays and coinsurance costs. For make an appointment at any clinic at UAMS, call the UAMS SmartCare Concierge at 501-686-8749 or email SmartCare@uams.edu.

UAMS ECCO/Head Start

UAMS ECCO/Head Start in Pulaski County offers an early child development program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Employees may utilize the program through income eligibility, or they may utilize the program by paying a weekly tuition. For more information contact Head Start at 570-5000 or visit the website at <http://www.uamshealth.com/headstart>.

Dental Care

Comprehensive dental services are available in the UAMS Oral Health Clinic. This clinic provides licensed dentists, dental assistants, and hygienists for your dental care and accepts most dental insurance plans. The Oral Health Clinic is located in room 1E13 - Ward Bed Tower next to the Shorey Building. For an appointment or more information, call 501-526-7619.

Eye Care

Comprehensive eye care services are available under one roof at the UAMS Jones Eye Institute Clinic. Ophthalmologists and eye specialists provide general eye exams and treatment for a wide variety of conditions. Find the perfect pair of glasses at the optical shop, or use the contact lens fitting service. For an appointment or more information, call 501-686-5822.

Pharmacy

Fill your prescription medications quickly and easily at the UAMS Outpatient Pharmacy, located on the first floor of the UAMS Outpatient Center. Enjoy the convenience of delivery to your office if you are on campus, and the option of payroll deduction. For more information, call the pharmacy at 501-686-5530.

ATM Machines

Automated Teller Machines are located on the UAMS campus as a service to UAMS employees, students, and patients. Locations include the main entrance to the hospital (across from the gift shop) and the ground floor level of the Central Hospital Building next to the elevators.

Credit Union

The University of Arkansas Federal Credit Union is a non-profit organization that allows us to save together and make loans to each other. You can be a member as long as you maintain a minimum \$25 balance. The Credit Union offers a variety of financial services, including savings accounts, personal loans and secured loans for cars or home equity improvements. You may use payroll deduction for savings and loan payments. For more information about the services available, contact the Credit Union at 1-800-499-8328 or visit them on the ground floor of the Central Building.

UAMS Fitness Center

You can improve your health and well-being, right here at UAMS. Located on the 8th floor of the College of Public Health building, the fitness center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week through key card access for your convenience. For more information, call (501) 526-2222 or visit the intranet site inside.uams.edu/fitnesscenter/.



Merchant Discounts

Many local merchants offer discounts to UAMS employees. Merchant discounts are constantly changing, and you can find the latest information through the Office of Human Resources' website at hr.uams.edu (search on "merchant discount"). When buying a product or service, always ask if they offer an educational, health, or state government discount. If you learn of a business that offers UAMS employee discounts that is not on the merchant list, please let us know so that we can include them on our list.

■ YOUR SAFETY ■

UAMS Police Department

The UAMS Police Department and UAMS Department of Parking Operations welcomes you to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences campus.

This information has been designed to provide you with guidelines for driving and parking on campus. These guidelines have been established to best utilize our facilities and maintain safe traffic flow and orderly parking. We appreciate your cooperation in observance of these guidelines and wish you the best in your UAMS endeavor.

By authority of the Board of Trustees, and in accordance with Act 328 of 1967, the rules and regulations for the operation and parking of motor vehicles on the campus of UAMS in Little Rock are binding on all members of the faculty, staff, student body, and others utilizing the lands owned or controlled by the University of Arkansas.

For the purpose of these regulations, the term motor vehicle includes public or private automobiles, trucks and buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, motor bicycles and any other motor powered vehicle operating on land.

The UAMS Police Department is focused on providing quality service and protection to all on or about the UAMS campus. Officers of the UAMS Police Department are Certified Police Officers of the State of Arkansas under Act 328 of 1967 and possess full investigative and arrest powers.

The UAMS Police Department, in compliance with the "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1991", complies and distributes an annual security report. These reports are available and can be obtained by request from the UAMS Police Department. For current crime statistics please refer to the UAMS Police Department website, www.uams.edu/police, to view the annual security report.

The UAMS Police Department provides 24 hours, 7 days a week service and can be contacted at 686-7777.

Emergency Phones

Assistance from the UAMS Police Department can also be summoned by pushing any call button on the numerous emergency phones located throughout campus. The Emergency phones are indicated with solid blue or blue flashing light and provide a direct line to the police dispatcher. If you see anything suspicious or need assistance from an officer, please use one of these phones.

Driving Regulations

All drivers on and about the UAMS campus area shall observe all the rules of the State of Arkansas pertaining to motor vehicle registration and operation including the special rules and regulations as stated below:

1. Yield the right of way to all pedestrians in campus crosswalks.
2. Maintain a safe speed at all times and at no time drive faster than posted limits.
 - a. Speed limits on campus roadways are 20mph unless otherwise posted
 - b. Speed limits on parking decks or lots are 10mph
3. Obey regulatory signs and barricades established by the UAMS Parking and Police Departments.
4. No vehicle will be operated on the campus without required safety equipment prescribed by the vehicle code of the State of Arkansas.
5. All drivers will observe and obey orders of the UAMS Police Officers while such officers are engaged in the performance of their respective duties. This includes rendering and

producing identification and permits as requested.

6. All campus vehicle accidents will be reported to the UAMS Police Department, 686-7777.

UAMS Department of Parking Operations

Whether you are a student, staff member, faculty, patient or visitor, we are glad you are here. UAMS Parking Operations is committed to providing safe parking and quality assistance. Parking is a limited resource and to ensure that this resource can efficiently serve as many people as possible, we ask that you observe all parking regulations on campus.

- The Department of Parking Operations can be contacted by phone at 526-PARK (7275) or by email at parking@uams.edu
- Parking Operations is located on the 2nd floor of the Distribution Center - Room 204
- Parking Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Additional information can be found on the Parking Operations Web Site at www.uams.edu/campusop/depts/po/

Enforcement of Parking Regulations

Parking regulations apply on all streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, walkways, parking spaces, parking areas, and parking lots on or about the UAMS campus including property both owned and leased. Penalties for violations include ticketing and fines, booting, towing, and revocation of parking privileges. Drivers are advised to not rely on hearsay or other unofficial sources when parking a vehicle on campus. If any doubt in legally parking a vehicle, contact the UAMS Department of Parking Operations.

The UAMS Department of Parking Operations, along with the assistance of the UAMS Police Department, is directly responsible for the enforcement of the regulations. Any person who refuses to accept a notification of violation issued by a duly constituted authority shall be in violation of these regulations. For questions regarding citations, please call UAMS Parking Operations at 526-PARK (7275).

Appeals

An independent Parking and Traffic Committee has been delegated to serve as an advisory and appeals group supplementing the enforcement responsibilities of UAMS Parking Operations. Any person charged with a parking violation shall have the right to appeal to the UAMS Parking and Traffic Committee within seven (7) calendar days of the date of violation. An official appeal form can be found on the UAMS Parking Operations website. The administrative charge for the parking violation will be postponed until the complaint has been heard and acted upon. The appeal form must be completed in its entirety and received within the Department of Parking Operations within 7 days or it will not be reviewed.

Parking Regulations

1. Vehicles are considered parked when left unattended for any period of time
2. Lack of space is not a valid excuse for a parking violation
3. Parking lots are assigned and parking in designated lots is allowed only to those vehicles with a current parking decal or an authorized parking permit for that particular lot
4. Vehicles will be parked within designated parking boundaries and in no case overlapping into or onto a roadway or crosswalk / Parking in any manner to impede the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic is not allowed
5. The University does not assume the responsibility for the care and protection of any vehicle or its contents while said vehicle is operated or parked on the campus area
6. The fact that a vehicle may not receive a violation notice while the vehicle is parked or operated in violation of any regulation does not mean or imply that the regulation is no longer in effect

No Parking Zones

1. All posted areas
2. All areas marked with red or yellow paint -- solid or intermittent
3. All driveways; these will not be posted
4. Any part of a traveled roadway
5. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant
6. Within 20 feet of any major intersection
7. Double parking is prohibited on any street and/or lot - authorized service vehicles of the university are exempt from this rule provided such parking does not constitute a hazard to traffic
8. All commercial load zones (zones will be utilized by commercial vehicles)
9. All sidewalks and/or crosswalks
10. All cultivated areas, grass or other growth

Administrative Charges

The responsibility for charges incurred shall rest with the registrant, and in the event of the lack of registration, with the owner and/or operator of the vehicle in all cases (charges are subject to change without notification):

1. For failure to accomplish vehicular registration, and obtain proper permit within authorized period - \$25.00
2. Permits must be permanently affixed (per violation) - \$25.00
3. For moving violations (per violation) - \$30.00
4. For parking in a handicapped space (marked) (per violation) - \$100.00
5. For all other violations (per violation) - \$25.00
6. Failure to remit or appear within seven (7) calendar days from date of notification of violation will subject the person receiving the notification of violation to an additional \$5.00 administrative charge.
7. Habitual violators of these regulations will be referred to a Dean or other administrative official for action deemed appropriate.
8. Accumulation of \$100 in unpaid parking fines will result in the vehicle being booted. An additional \$60 boot removal fee will be assessed and balance paid in full prior to boot being removed.
9. Failing to adhere to parking regulations could result in the vehicle being towed. Towing fees will be the responsibility of the registrant.

Employee Parking

1. Employees must apply for campus parking and register their vehicles with Parking Operations. Parking rates vary depending on location and deck or lot type.
2. Parking is assigned based on date of application unless an exception applies. For example employees with ADA needs take precedent over other requests. Critical need is also considered.
3. Free parking options:
 - a. Lot 1 (located on Markham Street with access off Hooper Drive) between 4:30 pm and 10:30 pm Monday through Thursday and on weekends (Friday at 4:30 pm through Sunday 10:30 pm). Vehicles without a permit should be off the lot prior to 7:15 am.
 - b. Lot 15 (located on 7th and Hooper) after 4:30 pm. Vehicles without a permit should be off the lot prior to 7:15 am.
 - c. Lot 18 (located on 7th Street south of the VA Hospital) after 4:30 pm. Vehicles without a permit should be off the lot prior to 7:15 am.
 - d. Lot 6 (located at 5th and Cedar) between 4:30 pm and 10:30 pm Monday through Thursday and on weekends (Friday at 4:30 pm through Sunday 10:30 pm). Vehicles without a permit should be off the lot prior to 7:15 am.

4. Free parking is also available any time at Ray Winder Field and Ricks Armory. War Memorial is available Monday through Friday excluding any previously scheduled events.
5. Employees are subject to all parking regulations, enforcement and administrative charges. Failure to comply with regulations or settle outstanding parking fees may result in failure to complete campus clearance process.

Student Parking

1. There are currently 2 student dedicated parking lots (Lot 10) located at West 7th Street across from the VA Hospital and on Cottage Drive. Currently, there is no charge for this parking, however a decal is required.
2. Students can purchase an evening decal that allows them to park on A-level of Parking 2 deck after 4:30 p.m. during the week, and anytime on weekends for \$21.00 per year.
NOTE: Students may not enter A-level prior to 4:30 p.m. and must exit the deck by 7:30 a.m.
3. Free parking options:
 - a. Lot 1 (located on Markham Street with access off Hooper Drive) between 4:30 pm and 10:30 pm Monday through Thursday and on weekends (Friday at 4:30 pm through Sunday 10:30 pm). Vehicles without a permit should be off the lot prior to 7:15 am.
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4. Free parking is also available any time at Ray Winder Field and Ricks Armory. War Memorial is available Monday through Friday excluding any previously scheduled events.
5. Students are subject to all parking regulations, enforcement and administrative charges. Failure to comply with regulations or to settle outstanding traffic penalties may result in the withholding of academic records.

Patient and Visitor Parking

Students, faculty, and staff are not permitted to park in patient/ guest designated areas during peak hours (7:00am – 4:30pm). If you are a UAMS student or employee and have a clinic appointment as a patient or are visiting a friend or relative receiving inpatient care, please call 526-PARK (7275) or email parking@uams.edu and provide the information referenced below prior to parking in a patient/visitor area. Following this process will prevent you from receiving a ticket.

1. Time of your appointment
2. Patient parking area
3. Make and model of the car
4. License plate number

While students, faculty and staff who choose to park in patient / guest designated areas outside of peak hours (4:30 pm – 7:00am) will not be cited; hourly parking rates will apply. There are three main parking areas for patients and visitors at UAMS.

1. Parking 1 is located under the hospital
2. Parking 2 is located on the north side of the UAMS complex
3. Parking 3 is located on the east side of campus across the street from the Outpatient Clinics, Cancer Institute and Stephens Spine Institute

All decks require customers to pay as they leave for the time they were parked. The prices are \$1.00 for the first hour and \$1.00 for each additional hour up to the maximum of \$7.00 per day. **Patients and their visitors** may purchase weekly parking pass at a discount of \$10.00 for 7 days.

Free parking is available at Ray Winder, Ricks Armory and War Memorial. All fees are subject to change. Contact the Parking Office parking@uams.edu for updates or changes.

Patient Pick Up

Patient pick-up is allowed in front of the hospital, however persons picking up patients must first park in a visitor's area to do the paperwork, to get the patient released, etc. No parking will be permitted at the front of the hospital longer than to load the patient.

Handicapped Parking

Vehicles parked in Handicapped parking spaces must display a valid disability license plate or placard issued by the State Department of Finance and Administration. A UAMS parking permit will also be required to park in handicap spaces located in controlled lots. To apply for a parking permit based on ADA needs, the information referenced below is required and should be submitted to the UAMS Parking Office.

1. A completed UAMS Parking Application
2. Official hanging handicap placard or license plate
3. Driver's license
4. License plate number on car

Motorcycles and Bicycles

Bicycles must obey all rules of the road. Bicycles parked in access ways, on sidewalks, in areas that may obstruct access, or any other improper locations will be subject to a citation and/or impounded.

Bicycles racks are available at Residence Hall, Ed II, Lot 2, and Bio Med II Buildings.

Motorcycles and Mopeds can be parked on D-level of Parking 2, and east of the Family Medical Center. An appropriate decal must be displayed. If you have questions regarding bicycle or motorcycle parking, please contact the Parking Office.

Free Shuttle Service

Free Shuttle services are provided to and from Ray Winder, Ricks Armory and War Memorial to various locations around campus. Please see the Parking Operations website for current stops, routes, and times.

Crime Prevention

You are vulnerable to the same problems encountered by other residents of the metropolitan area. The primary purpose of the UAMS Police is to protect this community from illegal activities. Frequent patrol of the campus is a major factor in continuing to provide a safe environment. Emergency telephones are located strategically throughout the UAMS campus and are easily noticed with a flashing blue light. To use the Emergency phone, open the cover and pick up the receiver or push the button, depending on the type of telephone. You will then have a direct line to the police dispatcher.

You can help contribute to a safe environment by supporting your Police Department in its efforts and by utilizing preventative measures to reduce the opportunity for criminal acts. The UAMS Police offer instruction and pamphlets on crime prevention, self-protection, and burglary protection as well as many other topics to the campus community.

Below is a list of suggestions to help ensure your safety while employed at UAMS:

1. Use a buddy system when going outside after dark.
2. Park in lighted areas of the parking lot.
3. Never leave purses or bags unattended. If you leave your office, lock your purse or bag in your desk, or take it with you.
4. Do not carry or display large sums of money.
5. Record serial numbers of all property and mark each item of property.
6. Look in your car before entering it.
7. Keep the car locked at all times - never leaving property visible in the car.
8. Do not loan UAMS keys to others. When not in use, keep the keys in a safe place.

Code Blue Response Team

Code Blue Response is a plan developed to coordinate emergency medical response when necessary to areas within the UAMS campus. A dedicated team of specially trained employees can be activated to respond to designated locations in patient care areas physically connected to UAMS Medical Center. Because of the size and layout of the campus as well as the operational purposes of some areas of the campus it is more appropriate to initiate a 911 response rather than the Code Blue Team.

Please refer to the Code Blue Team policy for a full listing of sites which are covered under Code Blue and which sites should use the 911 system. Non-clinical sites owned or operated by UAMS should plan to dial 911 for medical emergencies and then notify UAMS Police at 686-7777. Employees may also call the UAMS Operator for assistance. Additional information can be found in the UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 11.4.12.

When initiating an emergency response call you should be prepared to provide the following:

1. Your name and location – provide your building, floor and room number.
2. The nature of the emergency – i.e.: patient is unconscious, not breathing, bleeding
3. Follow the instructions of the 911 Operator until help arrives.

Safety Statement about Fire Prevention

You should know your responsibilities during a fire. The word R.A.C.E. can be used as a reminder of the four primary steps to take in the event of a fire.

RESCUE: Help anyone in immediate danger from the fire. This should be carried out before sounding the alarm, closing doors, or attempting to extinguish a fire.

ALARM: Pull the nearest fire alarm pull station and report by phone to Central Control. Time is critical. Always sound the alarm before attempting to extinguish a fire.

CONTAIN: Close doors where the fire/smoke is located to isolate and contain. Smoke is the biggest killer in the event of fire. Be sure no one is inside the area.

EXTINGUISH: Attempt to extinguish the fire. Use whatever means available: fire extinguisher, water, blankets, pillows. Do not put yourself at risk. Remember, help is on the way.

The fire plan for UAMS is referred to as **CODE RED**. **CODE RED** will be put into effect when fire and/or smoke are reported anywhere on the campus. The phrase **CODE RED** shall be used as the code for announcing a fire emergency or a fire drill. **Under no circumstances should anyone shout “FIRE”**. Elevators should not be used during a fire emergency. Fire can affect the electrical power operating the elevators and trap you between floors. If a **CODE RED** has been activated, the hospital operator will announce three times over the public address system:

“ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL - CODE RED” (giving the location of fire and/or smoke)

When the fire department determines that the fire and/or smoke situation no longer poses any danger, the Central Control operator will be notified, and the telephone operator will be instructed to make the following announcement three times over the public address system:

“ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL - CODE RED - ALL CLEAR”

After the “ALL CLEAR” has been given, activities should return to normal.

For a list of the UAMS safety codes visit the Occupational Health and Safety website at <http://www.uams.edu/campusop/depts/OHS/> and <http://web.uams.edu/for-faculty-staff-and-students/emergency-preparedness/emergencycode/>

Code Black

A Code Black alert will indicate that a violent incident has occurred on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences campus and that there is an imminent threat to life/safety on campus. When the UAMS Police Department is notified of a violent incident or active assailant on campus, they will have the Code Black system activated. Three siren/speaker arrays located around campus will sound a loud, distinct tone, followed by a verbal announcement of the Code Black. The tone is expected to be 114 to 120 decibels or equivalent to a thunderclap or loud rock music. The tone is expected to be heard within a four-block area of UAMS. A campus wide e-mail also will be sent alerting employees to the Code Black.



The pre-scripted verbal announcement will say: “Attention all UAMS employees, students and visitors: The UAMS campus is now in a Code Black status. At this time, we ask everyone to immediately move out of any hallway or other open areas into the nearest office, patient room or classroom. Close and lock the door. Do not leave the building. Do not enter stairwells or hallways until further notice.”

The announcement will be repeated on a regular interval until the “all clear” has been called by the UAMS Police. The script of the announcement could change to include specific information about an incident or advise that a drill is taking place.

When the Code Black sounds, those on campus should enter the nearest room or place of safety out of hallways and public areas. Once in a room and away from the incident scene, individuals should take measures to prevent entry and protect themselves.

The goal is to prevent people from being in public areas and possibly presenting more targets to an assailant. For those outside, near War Memorial Stadium or just off campus during a Code Black, the sirens and announcements are meant to keep these people from coming to campus or inadvertently interfering with emergency response. The same system will be used to sound an “all clear” when the Code Black is lifted. Quarterly tests of the Code Black system are planned. Tests will be on Wednesdays.

Lost and Found

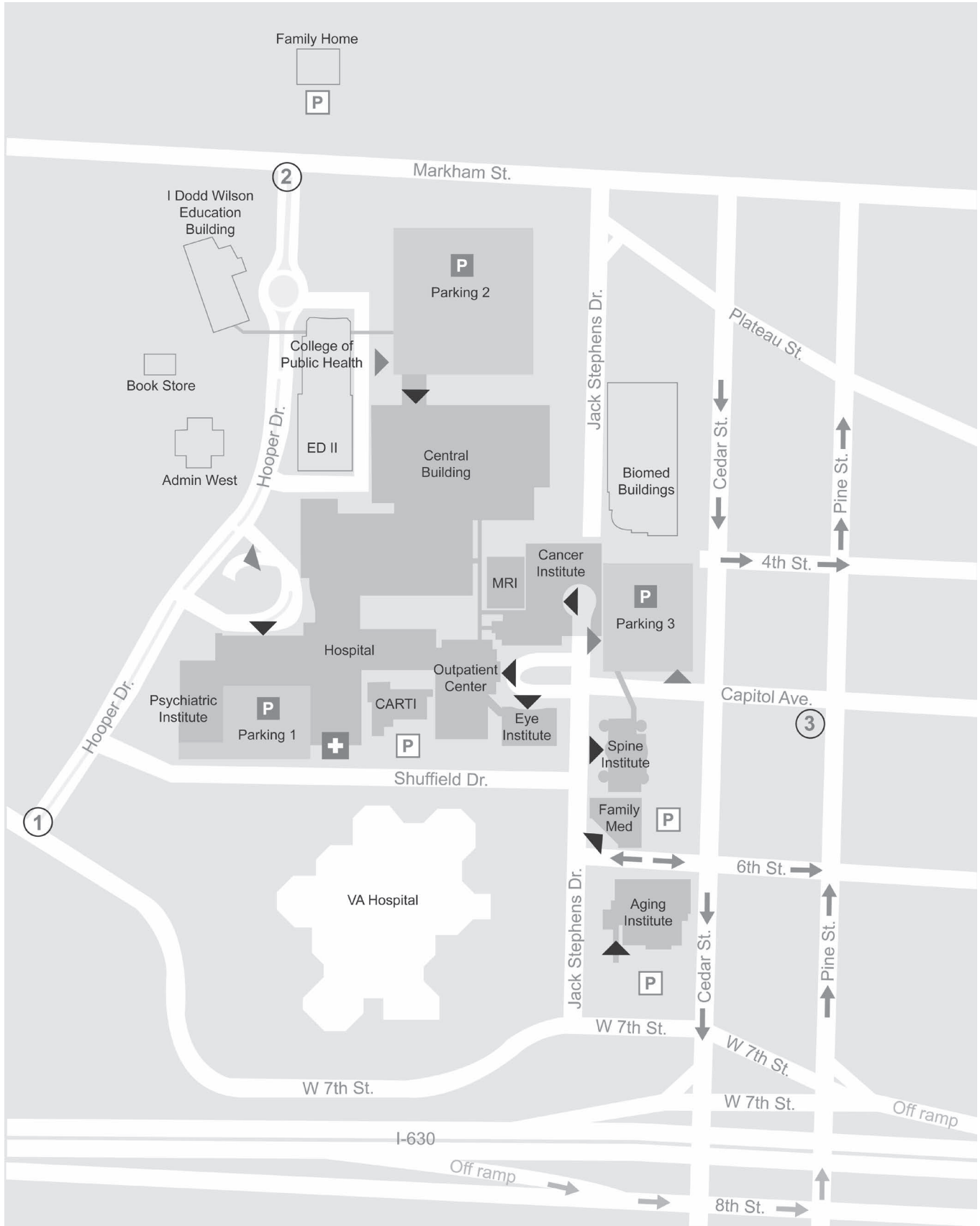
Please return any items found on the UAMS campus to the Lost and Found section of the Campus Police Department and be sure to check with them if you lose something yourself. Special arrangements can be made for pickup after hours.

Disaster Plan

In case of a tornado, flood, fire, electrical outage, or other disaster, a disaster plan has been designed for this campus to facilitate the treatment of a large number of injuries. Your department head or supervisor will explain your responsibilities and assignments in responding to the overall disaster plan quickly and efficiently.

We encourage you to use this employee handbook as a reference guide. If you have questions concerning any of the information in this handbook or need additional information, contact the Office of Human Resources.

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