

Clinical Policies

RADIATION SAFETY ORIENTATION

Prior to beginning clinical assignments students will be informed and tested on radiation safety procedures. Students must score 80% on the radiation safety test prior to clinical assignments.

CLINICAL ORIENTATION

Prior to beginning clinical assignments, students will receive instruction that will:

1. Inform him/her of the bloodborne pathogens standard and all components involved.
2. Allow students to identify procedures or tasks, which have potential for exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
3. Direct students in the appropriate selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

CLINICAL PLACEMENT

There are five clinical semesters. Student placement in clinical facilities will be determined by the Clinical Coordinator. Placement is not only dependent on where the student resides during the current semester, but the total clinical capacity of the facility and the number of students enrolled in the program. If a student has a long driving distance one semester he or she is placed closer to home the next semester to try to equalize driving distances. Students will be granted requests for clinical placement if educational experiences are met; there is no interference with other necessary student placement; and the clinical capacity of the facility is not breached.

1. Students will rotate through a minimum of three clinical facilities.
2. Students will have a minimum of at least one rotation in a Jackson facility.

NIGHT AND WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS

Hospitals operate twenty-four hours a day, thus radiologic services must be provided around the clock. Weekend, evening, and night shifts provide unique experiences.

1. First year students will not be assigned to clinical on the weekend or evening shifts during their first semester
2. Students will be assigned to the day shift one weekend during their second semester of clinical.
3. Students will be assigned one week of the evening shift during the summer semester.
4. Students will be assigned to one weekend evening shift during their fourth semester of clinical.
5. Students will be assigned to one weekend evening shift during their fifth clinical semester.