

Clinical Rotation Student Obligations

Clinical Overview:

Clinical experiences give the student an opportunity to apply theories, concepts, and knowledge learned in the classroom to patients in clinical settings. The clinical learning process is lengthy and frequently challenging. Learning in the clinical setting involves a gradual transition from observation to assisting to indirect supervision in the performance of radiographic examinations. It must be noted, however, that there are some examinations where the radiography students must always have direct supervision. Many of the same rules and policies apply to both the classroom and the clinical setting.

The program staff works diligently to assign students to a clinical setting that is near their residence. However, it is conceivable that a student may be required to travel to a clinical setting that is geographically dispersed. Student placement within a clinical setting is solely determined by the program staff.

Most clinical rotations will occur on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mid-shift rotations will occur periodically throughout each semester and the hours will be from noon to 8:30 p.m. Students will not be required to participate in weekend clinical assignments.

After their initial orientation through the ancillary areas of each department, students will not be required to rotate through patient transporting, front desk, etc. as part of their clinical education.

Background Check & Drug Screening:

All Radiography students are required to complete a CastleBranch background check and drug screening prior to beginning the program. A second CastleBranch background check and drug screening must also be completed before entering the second year of clinical rotations. Students are responsible for all associated costs and for ensuring that results are received and cleared by the program according to published deadlines. Failure to successfully complete or maintain a clear background check and/or drug screening may result in denial of clinical placement and dismissal from the program.

Professional Liability Documentation:

SPC provides a group professional liability insurance policy and a limited accidental health policy for all radiography students, paid for by student fees. This policy is only effective for incidents which occur in the classroom, laboratory, and at clinical sites. Students must comply with any requirements to sign acknowledgment forms or submit proof of coverage as requested by the program or clinical site. In the event of an incident, this documentation must be current and on file throughout enrollment in the program.

Clinical Attire Requirements:

The following is a list of requirements that must be followed once a student matriculates into the clinical component of the program.

1. A program-issued dosimeter must be worn at all times.
2. All students must have in their possession program-issued lead markers.
3. Students are required to wear the program-approved uniform and shoes, which must be purchased at the student's expense.

Please contact the Radiography Program Director at (727) 341-3758 for additional information.