

15440.26: Clinical Assignments and Student Supervision

POLICY: Students will demonstrate competency and proficiency in the performance of radiographic procedures.

RULES:

1. Students must demonstrate mastery of the theory and practice of essential clinical skills, under simulated conditions, to one of the program instructors prior to assuming actual clinical responsibilities.

CLINICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Radiography Program is a five-semester, full-time program beginning in April and September of each year. Classes are held at the main medical center campus and the clinical education component of the program is conducted in various hospitals and other medical facilities affiliated with the Hendrick Health System. Collectively the clinical affiliates provide a sufficient number and variety of radiographic procedures to offer students a well balanced, supervised clinical experience. Hours for clinical rotations are generally from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm (varies). During the fourth semester of the program, students will rotate 88 hours other than 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. The entire semester clinical schedule will be posted prior to the beginning of each semester. Sites are located up to 90 miles from the main campus. Transportation to and from these sites is the student's responsibility. Students rotate into other modalities such as CT, MRI, and Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine.

Articulation agreements have been made with the following clinical education centers and locations (links below include directions):

- Hendrick Medical Center Abilene
- Hendrick Medical Center South Abilene
- Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood
- Hendrick Medical Plaza Abilene
- Eastland Memorial Hospital Eastland
- Comanche County Hospital Comanche
- Shannon Medical Center SanAngelo
- Shannon Clinic SanAngelo
- Texas Midwest Surgery Center Abilene
- Abilene Sports Medicine & Orthopedics Abilene
- Other clinical sites may be used as necessary

2. Students must have adequate and proper supervision during clinical assignments.

a. Students must have **direct supervision** when performing a procedure until completion of the required number of proficiency examinations has been documented.

1. **Direct supervision** – JRCERT defines direct supervision as student supervision by a qualified radiography who: