

CLINICAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS CLINICAL TRAINING?

This component of the Program happens in the hospital or at outpatient medical offices. The students have tremendous opportunities to perform radiographic examinations on patients under the direct supervision of registered Radiologic Technologists. This aspect of the Program is vital to the area of teaching proper patient care skills, and the proper methods of positioning the patient. This is the actual “hands-on” portion of the Program.

WHERE DO WE GO FOR CLINICAL TRAINING?

Clinical sites are geographically dispersed and significant travel may be involved depending on the chosen clinical track. The Radiologic Technology Program is very fortunate to have the following facilities as Clinical sites:

- ✓ Yuma Regional Medical Center
- ✓ Yuma Regional Medical Center Foothills Campus
- ✓ Urgent Care Center in San Luis
- ✓ Deer Valley Medical Center Honor Health in Phoenix
- ✓ Outpatient Centers in Yuma
- ✓ Urgent Care Centers in Yuma
- ✓ Doctor’s offices in Yuma
- ✓ Anthem Radiology in Anthem

There are two clinical tracks available to students. Students indicate their preference at time of application. Once accepted into the program, a student’s clinical track can only be changed if there is clinical availability in the other clinical track.

- ✓ Track #1: All clinical sites are located in Yuma or the surrounding area.
- ✓ Track #2: All clinical sites are located in Phoenix or the surrounding area. Significant travel will be required. Students will be required to travel a minimum of one day a week to Yuma for academic class. On rare occasions students may need to travel to Yuma more than once a week. All attempts will be made to limit travel to and from Yuma.

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There are some very important facts about the Radiologic Technology Program students should be aware of prior to applying for this Program. Because of the clinical education requirements of this Program, students do not follow the college’s published academic calendar. Students are assigned to specific clinical rotations to enhance clinical skills and to meet Program requirements during semester breaks. Appropriate vacation and break times are provided throughout the curriculum. Students will not be scheduled on Holidays.

Students in this Program are involved in professional coursework and clinical education rotations for 12 hours per week in the first summer semester and up to but not exceeding 40 hours per week in the last semester. Full time work outside of the Program requirements is strongly discouraged.

Radiography students deal with a variety of sick and injured patients. Rotations through trauma (emergency) areas, coronary care and pediatric intensive care are necessary to provide students with a comprehensive clinical education.

Rotations through the trauma area are required; these rotations will be scheduled during the evening hours to insure sufficient clinical education experiences. The schedules are posted well in advance to allow the student time to alter work or personal schedules. Students will rotate on a weekly basis through other clinical rotations.

Clinical rotations through weekends (Saturday and Sunday) are required. These rotations provide students with trauma experiences that are normally not available during regular weekday clinical education assignments. Rotations are scheduled on the day shift and the evening shift. These rotations are posted well in advance to allow the student time to alter work or personal schedules.

Students must be of a physical and emotional state that will allow them to meet clinical goals such as moving patients and equipment, and communicating with patients and other medical staff.

Students will adhere to a prescribed dress code while in the clinical rotations, as well as follow rules and regulations set forth by the Program to properly orient students to the hospital setting. Attendance requirements for class and clinical rotations are much more stringent than the overall college's policy.

