

Santa Rosa Junior College Radiologic Technology Program

STUDENT DECLARATION OF PREGNANCY

PREGNANCY POLICY

The sponsorship of the program adheres to the stated regulation Title 17 of the State of California and Title 22 of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. A copy of this policy is provided to all female applicants prior to their admittance to the program.

Declared Pregnancy Policy

It is the philosophy of the School of Radiologic Technology to provide all students a safe environment for clinical experience and training. Furthermore, students in the procreative age and/or diagnosed pregnant are assigned and monitored in an environment that should be within the regulations on the Prenatal Radiation Exposure that are set out by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

In compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulations regarding the declared pregnant student, female students have the option of whether or not to inform program officials of pregnancy.

A student who has chosen to declare her pregnancy will be allowed to choose one of the following options for completing the training at Santa Rosa Junior College. With notification of the program director, the student may change from one option to another at any time during the pregnancy as long as all program objectives, courses, and competencies are completed.

OPTIONS:

1. Continuing the training without modification or interruption. This option means that the student would agree to attend and complete all classes, clinical assignments, and competencies in a manner consistent with her peers within the guidelines set forth by the instructors and Santa Rosa Junior College.
2. Continuing the training with modification of clinical assignments. This option means the student would have the choice to delay clinical assignments and/or competencies in areas, such as fluoroscopy, portables, and surgery. Even though every effort would be made for the student to accomplish the aforementioned clinical assignments and/or competencies during the 23 months of the program, in order to accomplish this successfully the training may need to be extended.
3. The student may take a three-month leave of absence from the clinical setting. The student would be expected to continue attending didactic courses. The clinical assignment would be extended to comply with completion of 1785 clinical hours, as required by the State of California Radiologic Health Branch and the program.
4. If there is space in the next class, the student may withdraw from the program for a one year leave of absence from class and the clinical setting and then come back into the program at the beginning of the same semester, same place where she stopped out. She would become a member of the subsequent class.

Stipulations/Mutual Understanding:

- Student will sign and date the Declared Pregnant Student Statement.
- Student will present a letter from the attending physician releasing the student to continue in the training.
- Student will meet with the RT program Radiation Safety Officer, program director, and clinical instructor to discuss options and radiation protection measures.
- Student will not be present inside a radiographic room when radiation exposure is made.
- Student will not hold or restrain a patient receiving ionizing radiation.
- Student will wear a minimum of two radiation monitoring devices, one at abdomen level and the other at the collar/outside of the wraparound apron. The abdomen monitoring device will indicate the abdomen dose and will be monitored monthly for the entire gestation. It is the student's responsibility to submit her monthly dosimeters in a timely fashion.

- If monitoring records demonstrate the unborn child has received 5 mSv, (0.5 rem), the student will be immediately removed from the clinical setting and reassigned to an area or duty in which radiation hazards or exposure does not present any risk.

Un-Declared Pregnancy Policy

If a student decides to reverse her pregnancy status and un-declare pregnancy, she can provide a written statement to the program director. When tendered, the student's undeclaration of pregnancy reverts her status to the same rights and expectations as existed prior to when she declared pregnancy.

Declared Pregnant Student Statement

The following letter is provided for your convenience. To make your declaration of pregnancy, you may fill in the blanks in this letter and give it to the RT Program Director or you may make up your own letter.

TO: _____

I am declaring that I am pregnant. I believe that I became pregnant _____ (month/year). I understand that my occupational radiation dose during my entire pregnancy will not be allowed to exceed 0.5 rem (5 mSv) and no more than 0.05 rem each month unless that dose has already been exceeded between the time of the conception and submitting this letter. I also understand that my job duties will be discussed with the RT Program Director and the Radiology Safety Officer for possible work modifications or a transfer of assignment with the ultimate goal of keeping the dose below the recommended limits. I also understand that the general duties in the Diagnostic Imaging Department (non-interventional X-ray) generally do not provide exposure to radiation that will exceed the limit if I follow the proper procedures of time, distance and shielding. I will wear the radiation monitors given me in the proper manner.

If I find out that I am not pregnant or if my pregnancy is terminated, I will promptly inform you in writing that my pregnancy has ended.

Student Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Attending physician report filed: _____

2nd Dosimeter provided on: _____