

## **Clinical Education**

Clinical experiences are those activities outside of the classroom and laboratory setting that involve direct patient examination and/or observation. These experiences take place in selected health care facilities, which enable the student to acquire and develop technical skills pertaining to the role and function of the radiographer. The student is assigned to clinical area by a rotational schedule. Students are to follow this assignment unless otherwise reassigned by program faculty. Additionally, students practice professional work habits and appropriate interpersonal relationships with patients and members of the health care team. The Radiography Program is committed to providing all students the opportunity to complete all required competencies mandated by the ARRT for a successful completion to the associate degree program.

Chippewa Valley Technical College Radiography Program maintains affiliate agreements with 28 clinical settings approved by the JRCERT. Of the 28 clinical sites, 25 are utilized as clinical rotations with the remaining 3 identified as sites reserved for the final semester or Radiography Clinical 6. Students may be required to travel for clinical assignments and may choose to relocate for the Radiography Clinical 6 scheduled during the final semester.

- Amery Hospital & Clinic, Amery, WI
- Aspirus Howard Young Medical Center, Woodruff, WI
- Aspirus Stanley Hospital, Stanley, WI
- Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital, Stevens Point, WI
- Chippewa Valley Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, Altoona, WI
- Chippewa Valley Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, Chippewa Falls, WI
- Cumberland Healthcare, Cumberland, WI
- Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Wabasha, MN
- Hennepin Healthcare, Minneapolis, MN
- Hudson Hospital & Clinics, Hudson, WI
- Marshfield Medical Center - Chippewa Falls, Chippewa Falls, WI
- Marshfield Medical Center - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
- Marshfield Medical Center – Ladysmith, Ladysmith, WI
- Marshfield Medical Center – Neillsville, Neillsville, WI
- Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake, Rice Lake, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System Chippewa Valley Bloomer, Bloomer, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System Eau Claire Clinic, Inc., Eau Claire, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System Eau Claire Hospital, Inc., Eau Claire, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System Northland, Barron, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System Oakridge, Osseo, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System Red Cedar Medical, Menomonie, WI
- Oakleaf Surgical Hospital, Eau Claire, WI
- River Falls Area Hospital, River Falls, WI
- St. Croix Regional Medical Center, St. Croix Falls, WI
- Tamarack Health Ashland Medical Center, Ashland, WI
- Tamarack Health Hayward Medical Center, Hayward, WI
- Western Wisconsin Health, Baldwin, WI
- Westfields Hospital, New Richmond, WI

All clinical settings are recognized by the JRCERT. Clinical settings must be recognized prior to student assignment. Ancillary medical facilities and imaging centers that are owned, operated, and on the same campus of a recognized setting do not require JRCERT recognition. A minimum of one (1) clinical preceptor must be identified for each recognized clinical setting.

## **JRCERT Clinical Placement Directives**

The Radiography Program assures timely, appropriate, and educationally valid clinical experiences to all enrolled students. A meaningful clinical education plan assures that activities are equitable, as well as prevents the use of students as replacements for employees. Students have sufficient access to clinical settings that provide a wide range of procedures for competency achievement, including mobile, surgical, and trauma examinations. The number of students assigned to the clinical setting is determined by the number of assigned clinical staff. The student to clinical staff ratio is 1:1 as per JRCERT directives. Clinical placement is nondiscriminatory in nature and solely determined by the clinical coordinator and program faculty. Students must be cognizant of clinical policies and procedures including emergency preparedness and medical emergencies. Students are limited to not more than ten (10) hours per day as per the JRCERT. Evening and/or weekend assignments, are also equitable and consist of less than 25% of total clinical hours. Students are not assigned to clinical settings on holidays that are observed by the sponsoring institution or when CVTC campus is closed. The Radiography Program sponsored by CVTC may permit students to make up clinical time during the term or scheduled breaks; with appropriate supervision maintained. Program faculty need not be physically present; however, students must be able to contact program faculty during makeup assignments. The program assures liability insurance covers students during these makeup assignments.

### Clinical Hours Schedule:

Daytime: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Evening Rotations: 1:00 pm- 9:30 pm, 2:00 pm – 10:30pm

Weekend Rotations: Daytime or evening hours depending upon clinical site

### Clinical Rotations

Students are scheduled to clinical rotations by the Clinical Coordinator. The Clinical Coordinator ensures equality in the clinical education component of the program by placing students in a variety of clinical settings, considering the size of the medical facility and patient procedures performed. Each student is scheduled at one of the two larger medical facilities in Eau Claire, which are CVTC's major clinical affiliate sites, along with at least one or two rotations in a smaller rural hospital and two rotations within a clinic setting. The majority of the clinic settings perform general diagnostic procedures with some specializing in orthopedic radiography. Students have the opportunity to experience a diverse clinical education at the various medical facilities, and with the patient population, each organization serves. The clinical coordinator attempts to place a student close to home when possible, especially during the winter and summer months for ease of driving.

## CLINICAL HOURS/ROTATIONS

Semester	Hours per Week	Total Hours per Week	Credits per Course	Configuration of Hours
First Semester	8	8 x 8 Weeks= 64 Hours	2	Two 4-Hour Days
Second Semester	12	12 x 16 Weeks = 192	3	One 8-Hour Day + One 4-Hour Day
Third Semester	16	16 x 8 Weeks = 128	3	Two 8-Hour Days
Fourth Semester	16	16 x 16 Weeks =256	2	Two 8-Hour Days
Fifth Semester	16	16 x 16 Weeks = 256	2	One 8-Hour Day + Two 4-Hour Days
Sixth Semester	32	32 x 8 Weeks =256	2	Four 8- Hour Days or at the Discretion of the Intern Site
		Total Clinical Hours = 1,252		

Source: CVTC Radiography Program Orientation Handbook