

Covenant School of Radiography's Clinical Obligations

Program Location
2002 W. Loop 289, Suite 120
Lubbock, Texas 79407

Travel Requirements

The program strives to promote fair and impartial education experiences and will provide equitable learning opportunities and clinical assignments. Accordingly, all students should anticipate travel to local and geographically dispersed clinical settings, which may include hospitals, clinics, specialty/imaging centers, orthopedic centers, and other facilities, including Covenant Hospital Levelland, located twenty-five miles from CSOR. Some modality rotations will be done at our observation site, Joe Arrington Cancer Center.

Students are responsible for all transportation costs, including gas to and from the clinic and class sites. The clinical phase of the program incorporates didactic learning with clinical courses working with actual patients. Students spend 3 hours a day in clinicals between the hours of 9am and 4:30pm. The clinical schedule includes rotations Monday through Friday, with no weekend rotations.

Background Check

Successful completion of a criminal background check is required for admission into the program. The background checks are conducted by CastleBranch, a firm specializing in background checks for healthcare workers, and the cost is the responsibility of the student, approximately \$40.00, fee to be determined by CastleBranch.

Results of all background checks are reviewed by the program director. If a student's background check returns as flagged, the student is recommended to request an ethics review from ARRT to determine eligibility to sit for the registry exam. The ARRT Ethics Committee will review your submission and determine whether it warrants a sanction. If you receive a sanction, you might be ineligible to apply for certification and registration. For information, visit <https://www.arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/initial-requirements/ethics/ethics-review-preapplication>

Immunizations Requirements

Students must comply with both Texas law and clinical facility requirements related to immunization and testing. All applicants will submit the completed Immunization Verification Form as part of the application process which will allow our Employee Health Office to process tentatively accepted students more efficiently. The form is to be completed and signed by a

physician or other licensed Health Care Provider. The Immunization Verification Form can be located <https://www.providence.org/locations/covenant-health/school-of-radiography/apply>

Drug Testing/Preprogram Health Requirements

A drug screening is required of all tentatively selected students to ensure the safety of the patients treated by students in the program. Students are required to test as a part of the preprogram physical assessment performed by Covenant's Caregiver Health department. Students are required to schedule a time with Caregiver Health to complete all preprogram health requirements. Preprogram requirements will also include a respirator fit test, verification of all immunizations required by OSHA and The Joint Committee (TJC) standards, and COVID-19 requirements determined by CMS standards.

Drug screening reports and all records pertaining to the results are considered confidential information. The results and records are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations.

CPR Certification

CPR certification is required and is obtained as part of the orientation process of the program. CPR certification must be the American Heart Association (AHA) BLS Provider.

Professional Liability:

In accordance with program accreditation standards and clinical affiliation agreements, students are covered by liability insurance during the course of the program. This insurance is provided with no action necessary from the students. Liability Insurance is not Health Insurance and does not include any medical expenses that the student may personally incur. It is recommended that students obtain health insurance.

Physical and Technical Requirements

The radiologic technology profession requires a variety of physical job requirements to function in the clinical environment. Students should have sufficient motor function to execute movements required to provide general care and treatment to patients in all healthcare settings. All students, including students with disabilities, are expected to perform all the essential functions of the program with or without reasonable accommodations.

In addition to the physical requirements, students are expected to hear and respond to communicated commands and visually evaluate radiographic images while performing radiographic exams.

Students will not be permitted to complete clinical rotations with any orthopedic devices that may put limitations on their mobility and potentially compromise the safe transfer of patients and prevent them from safely moving x-ray equipment. Students will be expected to make up the time missed from their limitations.

The following are essential physical and technical requirements:

1. Intact gross and fine motor skills; precise hand/eye coordination and dexterity.
2. Able to discriminate tactile sensations.
3. Clear speech (exception SPT program)
4. Congruent verbal nonverbal behavior; emotional stability; cooperative; no signs of impaired judgment.
5. Able to walk, bend, stoop, kneel, stand, twist, sit, carry, lift, reach hands overhead.
Able to evacuate a 4-story building in less than 3 minutes.
6. Able to sit and stand long periods of time (4-7 hours in class; 8 hours in clinical).
7. Able to pull 75 lbs; lift 35 lbs; push 100 lbs.
8. Able to travel independently to clinical sites as assigned.
9. Intact short and long-term memory.
10. Able to hear and discriminate alarms; hears whispered voice at 8 ft. (may be corrected with hearing aid)
11. Able to detect odors sufficient to maintain environmental safety, including smoke and noxious odors.
12. Frequent exposure to electricity, electromagnetic fields, electronic media and latex; chemical hazards including but not limited to disinfecting solutions, dyes, acetone, bleach, and alcohol.
13. Possible exposure to toxic drugs; anesthetic gases; ionizing radiation; infectious agents (blood, urine, mucus, saliva, etc.)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The program will attempt to accommodate documented disability-related needs although is not required to provide requested accommodations that would fundamentally alter the essential or technical qualifications competencies, and functions of the program, nor that would entail an undue financial burden.

It is the student's responsibility to notify Covenant School of Radiography of any functional disabilities which might interfere with his/her learning and performance as a radiology student and necessitate special accommodations while in school. Furthermore, the student understands that if he/she requires special accommodations because of disability, he/she must request in writing such considerations and submit a current letter from an appropriately licensed professional describing the nature of the functional limitation and specific accommodations needed while a student at Covenant School of Radiography. Only after written documentation is presented can reasonable accommodations be provided.

When requesting accommodations, make sure the documentation shows not only that the student has a disability, but that there is a need for specific accommodations. (Student Disabilities & Accommodations- Policy #106)

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