Pregnancy Policy

Since ionizing radiation has been determined to be harmful to the developing embryo/fetus, the following compliance is required to protect the health of the student and child.

The pregnant student may elect to notify the Program Director and/or Clinical Coordinator of the pregnancy. Once the pregnancy is declared, a conference will be held with the Program Director and/or Clinical Coordinator to review radiation risks, dose limit guidelines, and the cardinal principles of radiation protection. The student must present a written statement from her physician that indicates the expected date of delivery and her fitness for clinical education. The declared pregnant student will be administered a fetal badge to be worn at the waist.

The recommendations of the National Council on Radiation Protection Report #116 states that a dose to the fetus from occupational exposure of the pregnant mother shall not exceed .05 rem per month not to exceed .5 rem for the entire pregnancy.

The student may request a leave of absence when she, the physician, or the Program Director believes that it is no longer viable for her to function in a manner conducive to learning. The return of the student must be approved by her physician along with a written release that she may return to her clinical assignment.
Reinstatement/readmission is dependent upon space availability; a formal application for readmission is required.

The student will be informed of her options with regard to this policy prior to enrolling and again during program orientation.

The student may elect to continue in the radiography program, fulfilling all program requirements as contained within the curriculum, and adhere to all radiation protection guidelines and recommendations as follows:

- The student will be provided an additional film monitoring device to monitor exposure to the fetus. An additional fee is required.
- The student will be required to adhere to the provisions of ALARA.
- The recommendations of the National Council on Radiation Protection Report #116 states that a dose to the fetus from occupational exposure of the pregnant mother shall not exceed .05 rem per month not to exceed .5 rem for the entire pregnancy.

The student **may withdraw** the declaration of pregnancy at any time. Refraction of the pregnancy declaration requires the student to abide by the general guidelines for radiation workers. Therefore, after pregnancy declaration refraction, the student will be monitored according to general guidelines for radiation workers as described by the National Council on Radiation Protection Report #116 and State Laws.

The student may choose not to declare the pregnancy to the program.
**THE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES TO THE EMBRYO/FETUS SHOULD THE STUDENT DECIDE TO REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM DURING THE ENTIRE GESTATIONAL PERIOD**