

**Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University
Radiologic Technology Program
Pregnancy Policy**

Radiologic Technology Student Pregnancy Policy

It is the responsibility of pregnant students to **voluntarily** declare their pregnancy in writing to the Program Director or Clinical Coordinator as soon after conception as practical. The student must provide the expected date of delivery. The student will be counseled in regard to radiation safety and protection practices and use, the risks of prenatal exposure to ionizing radiation, an equivalent dose limit for the embryo/fetus and a copy of the US NRC Regulatory Commission Appendix to the Regulatory guide 8.13 "Instruction Concerning Prenatal Radiation Exposure." The program's radiation safety and protection guidelines are reviewed with the student. The opportunity for further discussion of the written instructions is given to the student. Following counseling, the student may choose one of the following options:

- 1) Choose to continue in the program without modification;
- 2) Choose to resign from the program; student may re-apply for the next class.
- 3) Choose a modified clinical rotation schedule (This option would allow the student to continue in the program without having to rotate through fluoroscopic procedures not limited to i.e., Diagnostic Imaging fluoroscopic procedures, Surgery, Pain Management, C.V. /I.R., Radiation Therapy, ERCP, Nuc. Med. Once the student is no longer pregnant they will be required to make up these rotations as well as any time lost during pregnancy.)

A student choosing to continue in the program will be given a second "Special Purpose" personnel monitoring device, an optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) dosimeter to monitor exposure to the unborn embryo. The OSL dosimeter is to be worn at waist level. During fluoroscopy, OSL dosimeter is to be worn underneath the protective lead apron at waist level. The student must not confuse the designated location of the two monitors. Incorrect placement of the dosimeter will result in incorrect monitoring results. The maximum equivalent dose limit during the gestational period shall not exceed 500mrem (State Radiation and Nuclear Regulatory Commission).

The pregnant student is advised on the importance of radiation safety during clinical assignments. The student assumes responsibility of proper radiation protection during clinical assignments. Neither Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, the Radiologic Technology Program nor the Clinical Education Settings will be responsible for radiation injury to the student or embryo/fetus should the student choose to continue in the program.

A student may decide to withdraw their previous notification of pregnancy at any time. The decision must be submitted in writing to the Clinical Coordinator.

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A student who is unable to complete the semester may initiate a request for authorization of an incomplete "I" grade(s). The request must be signed by the student and instructor and approved by the director. The student must resolve the "I" grade(s) by the first day of class of the next semester (refer to the University Catalog - Policy on Incomplete Grades).

Should a student choose to resign from the program, the "Withdrawal from Courses" and/or "Resignation from the University" guidelines in the University Catalog must be followed.

Once enrollment is interrupted, the student is not allowed to progress through the Radiologic Technology program with the class to which she was admitted. A position will be held in the next class admitted (fall semester) for a student desiring to re-enter the program provided that the student was academically in good standing and that the withdrawal/resignation guidelines in the University Catalog have been followed. The student must submit an Application for Readmission to the Office of Admissions and Records and a written request to the Program Director by March 15 for re-entry in the fall semester (refer to the University Catalog for policy on Readmission to the College).