Want to Spend a Day in the Life of an X-Ray Technologist?

Several of our program's clinical sites offer clinical observation opportunities for prospective students to shadow in the X-Ray Department. If you are considering joining our program, the faculty strongly recommend that you take advantage of these unique opportunities, which offer an inside look at what technologists do daily.

Although we have listed the contact information for a few of our clinical sites offering shadowing experiences, please know that this list is not all-inclusive. If you have another hospital you are interested in shadowing, please contact the Imaging Manager for assistance.

Note: Due to dose contact with patients, you will most likely be required to present updated vaccination records and submit hospital-specific consent forms before your shadowing experience. Please use the contact list below to schedule your observation.

Location	Contact	Email
IU Health University Hospital	Michelle Alting Imaging Manager	malting@iuhealth.org
IU Health West Hospital	Olivia VanDerNoord Clinical Preceptor	ovandernoo@iuhealth.org
IU Health North Hospital	Karen Highers Imaging Manager	khighers@iuhealth.org
Riverview Hospital	Amber Bramble Imaging Manager	ABramble@riverview.org
Eskenazi Hospital	Sarah Rukaj Clinical Preceptor	Sarah.Rukaj@eskenazihealth.edu
IU Health Arnett, Frankfort, and White Hospital	Kristin Post Regional Director of Operations	kpost@iuhealth.org
Community South Hospital	Beth Johannigman Clinical Preceptor	ejohannigman@ecommunity.com https://www.ecommunity.com/careers/observationstudent-opportunities Shadowing students should use the web link to complete necessary paperwork before the shadowing experience
Community East Hospital	Tom Jesse Medical Imaging Director	tjessie@ecommunity.com https://www.ecommunity.com/careers/observationstudent-opportunities Shadowing students should use the web link to complete necessary paperwork before the shadowing experience
Franciscan Health Hospital	Ashley Smith Clinical Preceptor	ashley.smith@franciscanalliance.org

Students have the option to earn an "application point" when they submit their admission paperwork to the radiography program. The attached Documentation of Radiography Clinical Observation form must be completed at the time of the observations. Documented observations following the specific guidelines on the form are required if the student wishes to take advantage of the application point. Otherwise, shadowing experiences do not need to be documented. Questions can be answered by contacting Lisa King in the Radiography Program office at ldking@iu.edu.

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Documentation of Radiography Clinical Observation

Radiography clinical observation (job shadow) is optional. Although not required, it is highly encouraged as part of the IU School of Medicine Radiography Program application process. Students who complete clinical observations typically have a better understanding of the career field and are more satisfied with their career selection.

Students applying to the Radiography Program who document clinical observation will earn a bonus experience point on their application. The Admissions Committee requires that these clinical observation hours be completed specifically in **radiography (x-ray),** at a minimum of two (2) different **hospital locations**, for a minimum of eight (8) hours total.

Clinical observations may be completed at any hospital location. The student is responsible for coordinating their experience in a timely manner to ensure documentation is completed before the Radiography Program application deadline. Outpatient facilities are not accepted as the hospital setting will provide a more comprehensive experience of the duties of a radiographer. Although the Radiography Program can provide students with an updated list of clinical observation sites that may be able to take observers upon request, it is still the student's responsibility to coordinate their experience.

The student must bring the verification form, and it must be filled out by a radiologic technologist at the time of the visit. An original copy of this completed form should be attached and submitted as part of the Radiography Program application.

Important: to receive a maximum of one (1) application bonus clinical observation point, accurate documentation of radiography clinical observation hours must be completed and submitted with the program application by the application deadline. The hours cannot be listed as scheduled for a later date. Date of observation must be within the last 12 months prior to application submission.

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Expectations for Clinical Observation

1. **Maintain Patient Confidentiality**
   - Always follow HIPAA guidelines
   - Do not discuss patient information in public areas or on social media
   - Only access information necessary for the observation
2. **Dress and Appearance**
   - Wear the required dress code (scrubs or business casual as instructed by facility)
   - Maintain proper hygiene and a neat, professional appearance
   - No food or drinks

3. **Punctuality and Attendance**
    - Arrive on time and remain for the full scheduled observation
    - Notify the supervising technologist or instructor if delayed or unable to attend
4. **Professional Behavior**
    - Be respectful to patients, technologists, radiologists, nurses, and staff
    - Use appropriate language; avoid slang, jokes, or personal conversations
    - Exhibit open and caring body language
    - Limit personal belongings, bring only what is needed, note pad and pen are allowed
    - Refrain from using personal electronic devices to include cell phones unless permitted
5. **Patient Interaction**
    - Observe patient dignity, privacy, and comfort
    - Do not touch patients or equipment unless explicitly instructed and supervised
6. **Scope of Role**
    - Observe only; do not perform exams or make clinical decisions
    - Follow the direction of the supervising technologist
    - Stay within assigned areas of the department
    - Witness the role of a technologist's daily life
    - Understand behaviors carry beyond the observation experience, serving as an unofficial interview for both the student and site
7. **Communication**
    - Listen attentively and accept feedback professionally
    - Ask questions respectfully and at suitable times

Students not meeting expectations during a clinical observation experience may be asked to leave early, and the hours spent will not be counted.
Documentation that is not legible or filled out completely will not be considered.

To be completed at the time of observation by the supervising technologist.

Site 1

Student Name: _____
Hospital: _____
Location (City, State): _____
Date of Observation:
_____
Starting Time and Ending Time: _____
Name of Radiologic Technologist Observed: _____
Email Address and/or Phone Number of Radiologic Technologist Observed: _____
Your signature confirms this student completed their clinical observation and met all expectations listed above
Signature of Radiologic Technologist: _____

Site 2

Student Name: _____
Hospital: _____
Location (City, State): _____
Date of Observation: _____
Starting Time and Ending Time: _____
Name of Radiologic Technologist Observed: _____
Email Address and/or Phone Number of Radiologic Technologist Observed: _____
Your signature confirms this student completed their clinical observation and met all expectations listed above
Signature of Radiologic Technologist: _____

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