

# Clinical Obligations

## Radiography clinical assignments

This Program is comprised of six (6) continuous semesters of classroom/laboratory work and five (5) clinical education semesters. The combination of each of these never exceeds 40 hours per week, but does require a commitment every day of the week (M-F). Clinical education centers may be geographically dispersed and students are responsible for transportation to/from their assignments. Each student rotates through at least 5 different clinical locations throughout the program.

## Affiliated Sites

Distance from Northwest Iowa Community College

Sanford Sheldon Medical Center (1.7 miles)

Sioux Center Health (22 miles)

Hegg Memorial Health Center Avera (22 miles)

Sanford Rock Rapids Medical Center (32 miles)

Hawarden Community Hospital (42 miles)

Family Health Care of Siouxland – Indian Hills Clinic (57 miles)

Tri State Specialists (59 miles)

Cherokee Regional Medical Center (45 miles)

Buena Vista Regional Medical Center (65 miles)

Pender Community Hospital (103 miles)

Crawford County Memorial Hospital (102 miles)

Osceola Community Hospital (17.1 miles)

Sanford Worthington Medical Center (37 miles)

Access Family Medical Clinic & Avera Medical Group Worthington (34 miles)

Sanford Vermillion Medical Center (78 miles)

Spencer Hospital (39 miles)

Orthopaedics, PC (37 miles)

Avera Medical Group Spencer (37 miles)

Lakes Regional Hospital (52 miles)

Sanford Jackson Medical Center (69 miles)

Murray County Medical Center (69 miles)

Avera Holy Family Hospital (66 miles)

The students will also partake in special rotations which are sometimes located in facilities outside our clinical sites.

Students in the Program spend 14 hours per week during their second and third semesters in this Program. Clinical hours are scheduled to begin between 7:00 am- 8:30am and end between 3:30pm- 5:30 pm. The starting and ending time depends on the clinical education center assigned for the semester. These hours include a 30 minute lunch each day. The remaining days during the week are spent in classes, laboratory, or outside studies.

During the last year in the Program, Fall semester students spend 21 hours/week (Monday-Wednesday) in their clinical courses, Spring semester students spend 28 hours/week (Monday-Thursday), and Summer semester student spend 27 hours/week (Tuesday-Thursday). Clinical hours are generally 7:00 am- 5:30 pm depending on the clinical education center assigned.

# **Vacation time and holidays**

In addition to all college-wide observed holidays, winter break and spring break, students also have a break between the end of the spring semester and the start of the summer clinical course, and approximately 3-4 weeks between the end of the summer clinical course and the beginning of the fall semester (depending on the fall start date).

## **Holidays observed are:**

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

4<sup>th</sup> of July

Labor Day

Thanksgiving including the day before and the day after

Christmas Eve

Christmas

New Year's Eve

Students are expected to attend all classes and assigned clinical days. Any additional personal leave is limited and must be approved by the Program Director.