

Clinical Obligations

Radiography Clinical Assignments:

This program is comprised of six (6) continuous semesters of classroom/laboratory work with clinical education in each 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 most 7 different clinical locations throughout the program.

Affiliated Sites

Sights and their distance from Northwest Iowa Community College

Sanford Sheldon Medical Center – Sheldon, IA (1.7 miles)

Osceola Community Hospital – Sibley, IA (17.1 miles)

Sioux Center Community Hospital – Sioux Center, IA (22 miles)

Hegg Memorial Hospital – Rock Valley, IA (22 miles)

Sanford Health Rock Rapids Clinic – Rock Rapids, IA (32 miles)

Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital – Rock Rapids, IA (32.5 miles)

Floyd Valley Hospital – Le Mars, IA (36 miles)

Sanford Worthington Medical Center – Worthington, MN (37 miles)

Worthington Avera Specialty Clinic – Worthington, MN (37 miles)

Spencer Hospital – Spencer, IA (39 miles)

Spencer Avera Medical Group – Spencer, IA (39 miles)

Hawarden Community Hospital – Hawarden, IA (42 miles)

Cherokee Regional Medical Center – Cherokee, IA (45 miles)

Lakes Regional Healthcare – Spirit Lake, IA (52 miles)

Family Health Care of Siouxland: Indian Hills Clinic – Sioux City, IA (57 miles)

Tri State Specialists – Sioux City, IA (59 miles)

Mercy One Siouxland Medical – Sioux City, IA (60 miles)
Buena Vista Regional Medical Center – Storm Lake, IA (65 miles)
Avera Holy Family Hospital – Estherville, IA (66 miles)
Sanford Jackson Medical Center – Jackson, MN (69 miles)
Murray County Medical Center – Slayton, MN (69 miles)
Sanford Vermillion Medical Center – Vermillion, SD (78 miles)
Crawford County Memorial Hospital – Denison, IA (102 miles)

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

Students in the program spend 16 hours per week during their first and second semesters. During the third semesters thru the end of the program the students spend 24 hours per week in clinical. Clinical hours vary depending on the site. Normally the hours start between 7:00 am – 8:00 am and end between 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm with exception to late shift rotations. These hours include a 30 minute lunch each day. The remaining days during the week are spent in classes, laboratory, or outside studies.

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:

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

4th 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.

Clinical Requirements:

- Criminal/Abuse Background Check
- Current Immunizations
- Health Assessment
- BCLS certified by clinical start date
- 2- step TB test or quantiferon gold blood test
- Flu Shot
- Mandatory Reporter certification
- OSHA training
- Radiographic Markers
- Scrubs (black) with NCC embroidery
- Neutral tennis shoes
- Attend orientation