

Mammography/Breast Imaging Policy

The radiography program sponsored by Southwestern Illinois College has revised its policy, regarding the placement of students in clinical breast imaging rotations.

Under the revised policy, all second-year students will be offered the opportunity to participate in clinical breast imaging rotations. A breast imaging clinical rotation is an “observation only” rotation and lasts approximately one day/eight hours. The program will make every effort to place students in a breast imaging clinical rotation/procedure if requested and available. However, the program will not be expected to attempt to supersede clinical site policies that restrict breast imaging rotations/procedures to students. It is the responsibility of the clinical site to address any legal challenges related to a program’s inability to place students in a breast imaging rotation.

The change in the program’s policy regarding student clinical rotations in breast imaging is based on the sound rationale presented in a position statement adopted by the Board of Directors of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at its October 2021 meeting. The JRCERT position statement is included below and is also available on the JRCERT Web site, www.jrcert.org, Programs & Faculty, Program Resources.



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Position Statement on Breast Imaging Clinical Rotations

Adopted by the JRCERT Board of Directors (October 2021)

The JRCERT Board of Directors has received numerous inquiries to update and generalize the language in the Position Statement on Breast Imaging Clinical Rotations.

With regard to breast imaging, the JRCERT has determined programs must make every effort to place students in a breast imaging clinical rotation/procedure if requested and available. However, programs will not be expected to attempt to supersede clinical site policies that restrict breast imaging rotations/procedures to students. Students should be advised that placement in a breast imaging rotation is not guaranteed.

The JRCERT reiterates that it is the responsibility of each clinical site to address any legal challenges related to a program’s inability to place students in a breast imaging rotation. All students should be informed and educated about the various employment opportunities and potential barriers that may affect their ability to work in a particular clinical staff position.