HEALTH CARE FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES AND AGREEMENT
TO PROVIDE CLINICAL PRECEPTORSHIP

WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY ASSISTANT (RA) PROGRAM

Thank you for allowing Weber State University Radiology Assistant students to gain clinical experience in your facility. Health care facility participation in this educational endeavor is greatly appreciated. This clinical experience provides necessary clinical experience for students, teaching them to become valued health care professionals.

The responsibilities of the Health Care Organization and Radiologist Preceptor in this cooperative endeavor are outlined below.

1. During clinical experiences, RA students are always under the supervision of radiologist preceptors who determine the capacity of the students to perform any specific functions. Under radiologist supervision, the RA students will perform patient assessment, patient management, and selected clinical imaging procedures. Radiologist preceptors are responsible for the safe practice of the RA students.

2. Radiologist preceptors provide guidance and instruction while the student is gaining competency. When the student has shown competence performing specific examinations and the supervising radiologist feels comfortable with student performance, the student may perform the examination independently as long as appropriate levels of supervision are provided.

3. The clinical activities required by WSU will be updated as needed to comply with or exceed the ARRT certification standards.

4. Individual state and/or institutional regulations and policies may place additional limitations on the activities and responsibilities authorized for a RA student in a given clinical setting.

5. Radiologist preceptors are responsible for the RA student’s clinical experiences. They will teach students patient management skills, procedures, and image observations to meet the requirements of the RA program. The required clinical competencies are based in general diagnostic radiography. They may also teach students additional skills as needed. They will work directly with students a minimum of 24 clinical hours each week as part of the clinical education course. This clinical time may be divided between patient management, procedures, and image
observation. Preceptors will verify students are actively participating in all of their required clinical hours and will evaluate their clinical performance.

6. The student is required to complete a minimum of 24 schedule hours per week of clinical experience during each 15 week semester. If the student elects to complete less than 24 hours per week, the length of time to complete the program will be extended. Scheduling of clinical education hours must be mutually agreed upon by the student and the supervising radiologist and/or department supervisor.

7. Radiologist preceptors will verify clinical competence using the Clinical Competency Evaluations and evaluate the student’s professional development each semester. Radiologist preceptors will also verify final summative clinical documentation at the end of the program.

In compliance with ARRT and WSU RA Program requirements, radiologists accept responsibility for the following when they agree to serve as Radiologist Preceptors for WSU RA students:

• Provide input to the RA Program Advisory Committee to ensure program quality (Criterion 3.3)
• Sign a formal written agreement with the WSU RA Program. The agreement must include an authorizing signature from the group practice (Criterion 3.5.4)
• Commit the time and effort to assure the students receive the appropriate depth and scope of clinical education consistent with the ARRT’s Role Delineation (Criterion 3.6.2)
• Be willing and able to perform clinical competence assessments (Criterion 3.6.3)
• Complete the documentation of clinical experience and competence required by the ARRT and the WSU RA Program (Criterion 3.6.4)
• Work with the WSU RA Program officials, including the Medical Advisor, to ensure that the medical components of the clinical preceptorship meet acceptable standards (Criterion 3.6.5)
• Verify that clinical activities emphasize the education of the student rather than focus on the productivity of the department (Criterion 3.8.1)
• Commit the minimum number of clinical contact hours with the students required by the program to meet the ARRT and WSU RA Program clinical education requirements (Criterion 3.8.2)
• Commit to the duration of the clinical preceptorship to meet the ARRT and WSU RA Program clinical education requirements (Criterion 3.8.)

The overall goal of the clinical preceptorship is to meet the ARRT and WSU RA Program clinical education requirements within a period of four (4) semesters. If, however, RA students cannot complete all the required clinical competencies within the four (4) semester nominal program length, students can extend their enrollment to complete the program requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact us.

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The above listed conditions and requirements are agreeable and the health care organization is willing to provide a learning environment to the student.

A formal affiliation agreement between the health care facility and Weber State University may be processed once the student has been selected to begin the Radiology Assistant program and this completed document has been provided.

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Accreditation of health care facility - Validation of TJC (Joint Commission), AOA, or DNV Accreditation, or equivalent standards for healthcare quality and patient safety

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