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Diagnostic Imaging Program

Overview

Diagnostic Imaging is a specialty devoted to the study of routine and advanced radiographic imaging procedures. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Diagnostic Imaging Program is one of two schools in the state of Texas that offers a bachelor’s degree in Diagnostic Imaging. The curriculum includes emerging advanced technologies in Computed Tomography/Vascular Interventional, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging as well as leadership opportunities in management and education emphases. Graduates are typically employed in hospitals, outpatient medical centers, and research facilities.

Track 1 Certificate in Radiologic Sciences (3-Year Track)

A two-year program with entry at the sophomore level

The program consists of 58 semester credit hours SCH in the radiography curriculum and programmatic core courses. At the conclusion of this two-year program, students may sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification examination, and may proceed to the third year for their baccalaureate degree with specialization in one of four areas: Computed Tomography/Vascular Interventional, Education, Management or Magnetic Resonance Imaging. Students have the option to transfer or apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiation Therapy programs at the completion of the 2-year certificate program.

Track 2 Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Imaging (1-Year Track)

Bridge program for Radiologic Science professionals desiring a BS degree in Diagnostic Imaging

This track is a one-two year program of upper division core credits (12 semester credit hours and electives) electives (30 Semester Credit Hours) in a chosen emphasis:
- Computed Tomography/Vascular Interventional (full time, 1-year)
- Education (full time, 1- year or part time, 2 years)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (full time, 1-year)
- Management (full time, 1- year or part time, 2 years)

Computed Tomography

Computed tomography (CT) utilizes ionizing radiation to produce cross-sectional images or “slices” of the body, similar to slices in a loaf of bread. These images are used for diagnosing fractures or several other pathologies in the body. The Diagnostic Imaging program has excellent faculty that provide didactic and clinical training to prepare students to take the advanced registry examination in CT, administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

The program is affiliated with several hospitals within The Medical Center (TMC) and surrounding areas where students have the opportunity to use state-of-the-art scanners in performing examination procedures. Students learn to image a variety of procedures, including trauma patients under the guidance of registered technologists. Technologist responsibilities and job opportunities in this field are increasing, given the expanded examinations that are performed and the increased speed of the scanners.
**Education or Management**

The Bachelor of Science degree in Diagnostic Imaging with specialization in Education or Management is designed for individuals with work experience who are aspiring to managerial or educational leadership positions in medical imaging or other healthcare related organizations. The program enhances general management abilities and teaching skills, as well as providing opportunities for developing analytical skills in assessing organizational performance and approaches for improvement.

This program's flexible schedule allows students to complete their degree in as little as 12 months (full time) or 24 months (part time). Nearly 90% of the content is delivered in a hybrid format allowing students the flexibility to juggle the demands of family, career, and school. Students in the program engage in distance learning activities, including electronic presentations, threaded group discussions, and synchronous interactions with the faculty during class meetings. The management emphasis provides a theoretical foundation for students who plan to take examinations to become a Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA). The courses provide students with a broad emphasis in the five domains of the CRA curriculum. This includes fiscal and operational management, marketing, organizational behavior, and communication.

**Magnetic Resonance Imaging**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) uses magnetic fields and radio waves to create detailed images of the body for diagnosing pathology. The MRI program at UT MD Anderson combines didactic and clinical education experiences, to provide students with the knowledge and skills to become an entry-level MRI technologist. The program has excellent faculty and clinical preceptors in a variety of clinical settings that work closely with students. The program has been very successful in graduating sought-after, highly skilled technologists. Students' testimony of the program resonates on the comprehensiveness, quality of teaching, and state-of-the-art equipment available at this world-class research university.

Many graduates of the Diagnostic Imaging Program are employed at UT MD Anderson and several of the program's affiliates, but the School of Health Professions makes neither guarantee nor influence of gaining employment.

**Vascular Interventional**

Vascular Interventional (VI) Radiography is a sub-specialty of radiology utilizing minimally-invasive image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every organ system. The concept behind Vascular Interventional Radiology (also sometimes referred to as Interventional Radiology), is to diagnose and treat patients using the least invasive techniques currently available in order to minimize risks to the patient and to improve health outcomes. These procedures are completed on a team based approach which usually includes a Radiologist who specializes in Vascular Interventional procedures, a team of specially trained radiographers (VI Technologists) as well as nurses who are trained in this specialty area. These procedures have less risk, less pain and less recovery time in comparison to surgery. The Diagnostic Imaging program has excellent faculty that provide didactic and clinical training to prepare students to take the advanced registry examination in VI, administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).
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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Mission

The mission of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation, and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research and prevention, and through education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees and the public.

Vision

We shall be the premier cancer center in the world, based on the excellence of our people, our research-driven patient care and our science. We are Making Cancer History™.

Core Values

Caring
By our words and actions we create a caring environment for everyone.
- We are sensitive to the concerns of our patients and our co-workers.
- We are respectful and courteous to each other at all times.
- We promote and reward teamwork and inclusiveness.

Integrity
We work together to merit the trust of our colleagues and those we serve.
- We hold ourselves, and each other, accountable for practicing our values.
- We communicate frequently, honestly and openly.
- By our actions, we create an environment of trust.

Discovery
We embrace creativity and seek new knowledge.
- We help each other to identify and solve problems.
- We seek personal growth and enable others to do so.
- We encourage learning, creativity and new ideas.
School of Health Professions

Mission

The School of Health Professions, in concert with the mission and visions of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, is committed to the education of health care professionals, through formal academic programs that award institutional certificates and degrees in health sciences.

Vision

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Professions faculty is committed to:

**Setting** the standard for world-class didactic and clinical instruction necessary for program graduates to perform procedures within a specialty area, to integrate and relate clinical data, and to solve problems related to the production of clinical results.

**Meeting** the current and future needs of health science professions by developing and implementing formal academic didactic and clinical education programs incorporating state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment techniques.

**Developing** understanding and appreciating research and quality management programs; providing the skills necessary to establish quality control measures and to make appropriate decisions to maintain accuracy and precision.

**Instilling** a professional code of conduct related to patients, health care professionals and the public that demonstrates the highest regard for human dignity and life.

**Identifying** the value of lifelong learning of students and graduates through continued education and professional competence.
Diagnostic Imaging Program

Mission

The mission of the Diagnostic Imaging Program is to provide the highest quality of education to diagnostic imaging students through formal didactic and state-of-the-art clinical experiences that prepare our students to be diagnostic imaging professionals who are patient care focused, critical thinkers and engaged in lifelong learning.

Vision

We shall be the premier educational program in Diagnostic Imaging by providing innovative curricular, clinical and continuing education services to the diagnostic imaging community and the patients we serve.

Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

Fulfillment of the program’s mission is assessed by the program’s effectiveness and the degree to which the program achieves the goals and learning outcomes that will enable our students to succeed academically and professionally.

Goal 1 Students will develop patient care focus by providing superior patient care.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will provide empathetic professional patient care.
2. Student will demonstrate judicious use of ionizing radiation.

Goal 2 Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills in the clinical environment.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will competently perform non-routine procedures.
2. Students will appropriately evaluate images.

Goal 3 Students will adopt a philosophy of life-long learning through continuing education and professional involvement.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will demonstrate personal growth.
2. Students will demonstrate a sense of professionalism and desire to learn.

Goal 4 Students will embrace the MD Anderson core values of caring, integrity, and discovery.

Student Learning Outcome: Students will demonstrate the core values of caring, integrity, and discovery.

Goal 5 Students will communicate effectively in a variety of settings.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will be able to use effective oral communication in the clinical settings.
2. Students will communicate effectively during oral presentation of projects.
Diagnostic Imaging Program Computed Tomography Emphasis

Mission

The mission of the Diagnostic Imaging Program Computed Tomography Emphasis is to provide the highest quality of education to Computed Tomography students through formal didactic and state-of-the-art clinical experiences that prepare our students to be Computed Tomography professionals who are patient care focused, critical thinkers and engaged in lifelong learning.

Vision

We shall be the premier educational program in Computed Tomography by providing innovative curricular, clinical and continuing education services to the diagnostic imaging community and the patients we serve.

Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

Fulfillment of the program’s mission is assessed by the program’s effectiveness and the degree to which the program achieves the goals and learning outcomes that will enable our students to succeed academically and professionally.

Goal 1 Students will develop patient care focus by providing superior patient care.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
3. Students will provide empathetic professional patient care.  
4. Student will demonstrate judicious use of ionizing radiation as it relates to Computed Tomography and/or Vascular Interventional Radiography.

Goal 2 Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills in the clinical environment.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
3. Students will competently perform non-routine procedures.  
4. Students will appropriately evaluate images.

Goal 3 Students will adopt a philosophy of life-long learning through continuing education and professional involvement.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
3. Students will demonstrate personal growth.  
4. Students will demonstrate a sense of professionalism and desire to learn.

Goal 4 Students will embrace the MD Anderson core values of caring, integrity, and discovery.  
Student Learning Outcome: Students will demonstrate the core values of caring, integrity, and discovery.

Goal 5 Students will communicate effectively in a variety of settings.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
3. Students will be able to use effective oral communication in the clinical settings.  
4. Students will communicate effectively during oral presentation of projects.
Diagnostic Imaging Program MRI Emphasis

Mission
The mission of the Diagnostic Imaging Program Magnetic Resonance Imaging Emphasis is to provide the highest quality of education to magnetic resonance imaging students through formal didactic and state-of-the-art clinical experiences that prepare our students to be magnetic resonance imaging professionals who are patient care focused, critical thinkers and engaged in lifelong learning.

Vision
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Goals and Student Learning Outcomes
Fulfillment of the program’s mission is assessed by the program’s effectiveness and the degree to which the program achieves the goals and learning outcomes that will enable our students to succeed academically and professionally.

Goal 1 Students will develop patient care focus by providing superior patient care.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
1. Students will provide empathetic professional patient care.  
2. Student will demonstrate judicious use of magnetic fields and radiofrequencies.

Goal 2 Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills in the clinical environment.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
1. Students will competently perform non-routine procedures.  
2. Students will appropriately evaluate images.

Goal 3 Students will adopt a philosophy of life-long learning through continuing education and professional involvement.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
1. Students will demonstrate continued competency through life-long learning.  
2. Students will demonstrate a sense of professionalism and desire to learn.

Goal 4 Students will embrace the MD Anderson core values of caring, integrity, and discovery.  
Student Learning Outcome: Students will demonstrate the core values of caring, integrity, and discovery.

Goal 5 Students will communicate effectively in a variety of settings.  
Student Learning Outcomes:  
1. Students will be able to use effective oral communication in the clinical settings.  
2. Students will communicate effectively during oral presentation of projects.
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STATEMENT OF POLICY CHANGES

PURPOSE

Due to constantly changing conditions, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Program in Diagnostic Imaging reserves the right to make such changes in policy as may be deemed necessary upon approval of the Program officials and/or the Advisory Committee, as appropriate.

Students will be informed immediately of any changes in policies in writing and are, therefore, responsible for compliance upon receiving this information.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students will be immediately informed of any changes in policies. Policy changes will be distributed in writing. Students will indicate their understanding and knowledge of the policy change by signing a statement of understanding. Upon signing the students are held responsible for compliance to the policy.

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy changes will be distributed to the students no later than 10 class days from the date of approval.

2.0 Students are required to sign a copy of the new policy to provide evidence of their understanding and knowledge of the policy change.
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

PURPOSE

For the protection of each student as well as the patients, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center provides professional liability insurance while students are enrolled in the program.

POLICY STATEMENT

MD Anderson Cancer Center provides professional liability insurance for students during the length of the program.

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

The SHP Dean’s Office will purchase professional liability insurance for all students once they enter the program and it will be maintained until their graduation from the program.
REPORTING ILLNESS

PURPOSE

For the protection of each student as well as the patients and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and its affiliates, the program requires students who have or suspect they have a contagious illness to notify the Program Faculty and not attend clinical or didactic courses.

POLICY STATEMENT

Any student who has a fever of greater than 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, a known contagious illness or suspects that he/she has a contagious illness cannot attend clinical or didactic courses. Students must have a physician’s clearance to return to class or clinic.

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Students who are ill must follow the Diagnostic Imaging Attendance Policy as addressed by the course syllabus.

2.0 Students who knowingly attend clinical education or classes with a contagious illness will follow the due process.

3.0 Students missing multiple days may be required to submit a physician’s clearance to return to the clinic or classroom.
PROGRAM COMMUNICATION

PURPOSE

The Diagnostic Imaging program officials need to be in constant communication with students. Electronic messages have proven to be the most effective mode of communication.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students are required to monitor Sakai daily. Additionally, your e-mail address must be updated with the Diagnostic Imaging Program officials throughout your participation in the program. Announcements, individual information and updates will be communicated to students via the Sakai messaging system or MD Anderson electronic mail.

SCOPE

The entire body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Students will provide the Diagnostic Imaging Program officials and Sakai with an active, frequently visited e-mail address. All changes in e-mail addresses must be submitted in writing to the program’s administration and updated on Sakai.

2.0 Students are required to check Sakai and MD Anderson electronic email for messages from the program faculty at least twice daily.
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

PURPOSE

It is a Program goal to provide our professional community with well-rounded, competent radiologic technologists. To help achieve professionalism, students will be reminded of and evaluated on the performance that reflects a professional position such as:

1. Concern for patient welfare
2. Integrity
3. Responsibility
4. Initiative
5. Dependability
6. Awareness
7. Interpersonal interactions
8. Self-confidence
9. Reaction to feedback
10. Adherence to policies and procedures

POLICY STATEMENT

Any student who commits a major infraction may be dismissed for any single violation since these acts by their seriousness ordinarily preclude being given another chance. A student shall be dismissed without warning only for a serious breach of accepted standards of conduct. In general, major infractions are deliberate acts of misconduct. The following list, while representative, is not intended to be all inclusive of major infractions:

1. Any abusive or discourteous action to or about a patient, visitor, instructor or student.
2. Unauthorized removal of property belonging to UT and/or affiliate, a patient, visitor, or employee, instructor, student
3. Willful destruction of UT and/or affiliate property
4. Conviction of a felony offense
5. Fighting, hazing or dangerous horseplay
6. Defrauding, attempting to defraud, or falsification of any of the UTand/or affiliate records or documents.
7. Acquisition, discussion, or release of confidential information regarding patient care, research, employment, or other official UTand/or affiliate operations.
8. Use or possession of intoxicants or mind-altering substances (also see School of Health Professions Catalog)
9. Willful violation of safety regulations
10. Insubordination
11. Gambling
12. Use of insulting, abusive, or obscene language
13. Academic dishonesty. The Program in Diagnostic Imaging expects and requires academic honesty from all students enrolled. Cheating, plagiarism and falsification of documents will not be tolerated.
14. Failure to adhere to clinical schedules.
15. Performing clinical activities without direct supervision.
16. Failure to report patient related incidents
17. Disrupting clinical operations

SCOPE

All enrolled Diagnostic Imaging Students.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Students found in violation of major infraction will be immediately dismissed from the program.
   1.1 Students are required to surrender their MD Anderson issued equipment i.e. radiation control badge, name badge etc.
   1.2 Students must leave the clinical or academic setting.
   1.3 If warranted, students may be escorted from the campus by security.

2.0 A student may file a grievance according to the policy outlined in the SHP catalog.

REFERENCE

School of Health Professions Catalog, Grievance Procedure
BLOGGING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING

PURPOSE

To protect confidential and/or trade secret information when posting blogs and/or contributing to or through and social networking site.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students should avoid all discussion of personalities, etc., involving program faculty, clinical instructors, other students, doctors, hospital personnel and patients. Students must refrain from discussion of problems, issues, or negative experiences encountered either in the School of Health Professions, in the Division of Diagnostic Imaging, or in any other outside clinical affiliates on any social network.

SCOPE

All enrolled Diagnostic Imaging Students

PROCEDURE

1.0 The following are guidelines that should be followed when creating blogs, commenting on a blog, creating a LinkedIn profile, using Facebook, and/or engaging in any other social networking, including contributing to or through any of the other online media.

1.1 PERSONAL EXPRESSION

A. Personal blogs and social networking contain the views of a particular student, not the views of the SHP and/or clinical education setting. However, readers may not immediately appreciate this concept and the student may be held liable as representing the views of the program and/or clinical education setting.

B. Therefore, students are advised not to discuss clinical experiences while using social networking sites.

1.2 PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL/TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

When posting blogs and/or contributing to or through any social networking site, students must refrain from disclosing confidential, proprietary, sensitive and/or trade secret information of the clinical education setting and outside clinical affiliates.

1.3 BE RESPECTFUL AND EXERCISE COMMON SENSE

A. All blogs and social networking contributing must comply with the SHP and Diagnostic Imaging Program policies and procedures including but not limited to the SHP Student Compact.
B. When posting to your blog and/or contributing to or through any social networking site, be respectful of others.

C. Assume program faculty, other students, clinical education personnel and potential future employers are reading your blogs and contributions.

2.0 The SHP Diagnostic Imaging Program will determine, in its sole discretion, whether a particular blog or social networking use violates the profession, the program and/or school policies.

3.0 As with all other policies, violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.
STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

PURPOSE

For the safety of the patients and personnel The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center conducts a Criminal Background Check on all School of Health Professions students. Passing the SHP Criminal Background Check does not ensure ARRT registry eligibility.

You should be aware that any conduct or activities that have violated the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) “Rules of Ethics” may impair your eligibility to take the certification examination given by the ARRT. Violations of the “Rules and Ethics” that must be reported include convictions of crimes as “a felony, a gross misdemeanor, or a misdemeanor with the sole exception of speeding or parking violations. All alcohol and/or drug related offenses must be reported.”

Each student will be required to complete a Criminal Conduct Statement. Declaration of any violations of the “Rules of Ethics” must be reported, by the student, to the ARRT and will be assessed through the ARRT’s Rules and Regulations.

POLICY STATEMENT

The SHP conducts background checks on all student body. The Program reserves the right to dismiss any student with a criminal history. Each student will sign a statement of their understanding of this policy.

SCOPE

All enrolled Diagnostic Imaging Students,

PROCEDURE

1.0 Prior to orientation each student will receive information on the preferred company to complete the background check. Students who do not pass the background check will forfeit their position in the program.

2.0 During orientation students will be instructed on the Ethics requirements of the ARRT.

   2.1 Each student must sign criminal conduct statements.

   2.2 Students who do not meet the ARRT eligibility requirements to sit for the national certification examination will forfeit their position in the program and be instructed on how to receive pre-approval by the ARRT to sit for the Registry Examination in Diagnostic Imaging.

REFERENCES

Diagnostic Imaging Program Requirements for Admission

ARRT site
PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair and equitable measure of selecting individual students to represent the Diagnostic Imaging student body on the School of Health Professions Student Congress and provide formal input and feedback from students in the operations of the program.

POLICY STATEMENT

Each program in the SHP shall select a maximum of four representatives to sit on the SHP Student Congress. Additionally, one of the representatives may be assigned to the Program’s Advisory, Curriculum, and Admissions Committees.

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 During Program orientation students will be given the opportunity to volunteer or nominate individuals to fill these student leadership positions.

   1.1 Names will be placed on a ballot and the students receiving the highest number of votes will fill the positions.

   1.2 Once elected, the Program Director will appoint members of the student congress as a representative to the programmatic committees.

   1.3 Typically there is one representative for each cohort.

2.0 Elected members of the SHP Student Congress will be given required time to attend congress functions provided the student is in good academic and clinical standing.

   2.1 Student congress members are asked to provide the Clinical Coordinator and Program Director with meeting dates as far in advance as possible.

   2.2 It is the student’s responsibility to notify instructors and clinical instructors of absences due to congress meetings.

   2.3 Please follow the attendance policy in regards to notification of absences.
The purpose of this policy is to inform the students of the process in which students are invited to join the Texas Alpha Chapter of Lambda Nu Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Professions and to be identified as an honors student upon graduation.

There are three levels of honors recognition identified by the Diagnostic Imaging Program: Honor Cord Student(s), Honor Sash Student(s), Outstanding Student (Sash and Cord).

In accordance to the Lambda Nu by-laws, the purpose of this organization is to foster academic scholarship at the highest academic levels; promote research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences; and to recognize exemplary scholarship.

All Radiologic Sciences students.

See Texas Alpha Chapter of [Lambda Nu By-laws page](#).
RELEASE FOR REGISTRY EXAMINATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to notify students of the program's and the ARRT's requirements for release to sit for the ARRT's Certification Examination in Radiography, Computed Tomography, or Magnetic Resonance.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students in Radiography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computed Tomography must meet certain eligibility requirements to sit for the ARRT examination.

SCOPE

Entire Diagnostic Imaging student body.

PROCEDURE

1.0 To be eligible to sit for the ARRT’s examination in Radiography or Magnetic Resonance, students must have documented and successfully completed the following requirements:

1.1 All course work with a C grade or better.
1.2 All required competencies and clinical rotation assignments.
1.3 The program completion examination (Mock registry) with a score of 80% or greater.
1.4 Check-out process for the Diagnostic Imaging Program.
1.5 An associates degree or higher.
1.6 ARRT Handbook application for signature with appropriate passport photo and original signature.

2.0 To be eligible to sit for the ARRT’s examination in Computed Tomography:

2.1 All course work with a C grade or better.
2.2 All required competencies and/or clinical experience requirements and clinical rotation assignments.
2.3 Check-out process for the Diagnostic Imaging Program.
2.4 ARRT Handbook application for signature with appropriate passport photo and original signature.
RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

PURPOSE

Due to the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations, the faculty and staff cannot release any information to anyone relating to your position in the program. The Program must obtain your written consent to share your personal information with your classmates or professionals seeking for potential employees.

POLICY STATEMENT

Without written consent Program Officials will not release any information regarding your status in the Diagnostic Imaging Program or the School of Health Professions.

SCOPE

Entire Diagnostic Imaging student body

PROCEDURE

1.0 Students must sign a statement specifically providing Program Faculty and Staff with permission to release their name, address, and telephone/cellular numbers and/or email addresses.

2.0 Students must specify to whom this information may be released including classmates, professionals searching for employees.

3.0 Additionally, students must provide a release for Faculty to provide professional references to potential employers.
DUE PROCESS

PURPOSE

To assure the rights of the students the Diagnostic Imaging Program will provide in writing any and all disciplinary sanctions. The student has the right to appeal any sanctions by following the Grievance Policy published in the SHP Student Catalog.

POLICY STATEMENT

Immediate dismissal from the program will occur only under actions determined a major breach of professional conduct.

All other disciplinary actions will be documented in the form of

1. Academic or Clinical Warning
2. Academic or Clinical Probation
3. Academic or Clinical Dismissal

The student following the due process is required to sign the written document to indicate that they are aware of the Warning, Probation or Dismissal and the grounds of said action. Each level of the due process will document as a minimum:

1. Cause of disciplinary action
2. Timeline of disciplinary action
3. Specific requirements to remove disciplinary action

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Program officials will provide a copy of the documentation for each step of the due process to the student upon their signature.

2.0 Students wishing to file a grievance related to the disciplinary action must follow the procedure outlined in the SHP Catalog.

REFERENCE

SHP Student Catalog.
PURPOSE

Program policies are developed and implemented to provide a high quality education and to ensure compliance with policies of the institutional, school, program and accrediting bodies.

POLICY STATEMENT

Dismissal from the Diagnostic Imaging program will occur under the conditions stated in the SHP Student Catalog.

Clinical causes for immediate dismissal include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Covering up mistakes or falsifying or destroying records.
2. HIPAA and/or scope of practice violations.
3. Any breach of professional conduct policy.
4. Radiographing patients without direct or indirect supervision.
5. Failure of clinical progress.
6. Excessive unexcused absence from the assigned rotation.
7. Failure to report patient related incidents.
8. Failure to adhere to the assigned clinical rotation schedule.
9. Disrupting clinical operations.

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Due process, as written in the SHP Student Catalog, will be followed for the disciplinary action of those situations that provide the student an opportunity to correct the problem.

2.0 Any major infraction is subject to immediate dismissal as noted above.

3.0 The student will be notified in writing of program dismissal.

4.0 The student may follow the appropriate appeals process found in the School catalog.

REFERENCE

The School of Health Professions Policy: Grievance Procedure.

The Diagnostic Imaging Policy 1.05 Professional Conduct and Behavior.
READMISSION

PURPOSE

To ensure a fair and equitable readmission process is followed, a student who has withdrawn from the program, whether passing or failing at the time s/he withdraws from the program, and wants to be reinstated.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students who have been accepted into and withdrawn from the program, whether passing or failing, prior to completion must resubmit a formal application package to the program for readmission consideration.

SCOPE

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Students who withdraw from the program while passing must submit an application for re-admittance to the DI Program one semester prior to reentering the program and no later than one (1) year after withdrawal.

2.0 Students who withdraw or have been dismissed must:
   2.1 Contact the program director for consideration.
   2.2 Reapply to the program.
   2.3 Be considered by a review panel selected by the Program Director, composed of instructors and members of the Advisory Committee. An interview may be required.

3.0 All students who apply for readmission to the program and was not enrolled in the program for 6 months or more may be required to take challenge didactic and clinical exams one semester prior to readmission to help determine the point at which the students will be allowed to re-enter the program.

4.0 Students who withdraw passing, failing, or have been dismissed, have no guarantee of readmission to the program. Readmission is granted on an individual basis, and is based on the student’s previous records and the availability of clinical placement.

5.0 Students who are granted readmission into the program must complete the process outlined in the DI Program Clinical Policies manual in Appendix B.

6.0 Students dismissed for ethical violations, or after a second readmission, will not be eligible for readmission for a period of five years from the date of dismissal.
Diagnostic Imaging Academic Policies

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.00
Credit Award Calculation

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.01
Grading Standards

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.02
Technical Standards

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.03
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DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.05
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DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.06
Programmatic Standards of Accreditation

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROGRAM POLICY # DI 2.07
Certification Requirement
CREDIT AWARD CALCULATION

PURPOSE

Identify the formula for awarding student credit hours for classes based upon the Carnegie Unit.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students are awarded credit for classes based upon the Carnegie unit. Units are based upon a 16 week Fall and Spring Semester and 14 weeks for Summer Semester.

Lecture Courses: One (1) semester credit hour for a didactic course is equal to a minimum of three (3) hours of work per week. Typically 1 hour of lecture/guided activities and 2 hours of homework.

Laboratory classes: One (1) semester hour for a laboratory class equates to a minimum of 2 hours in the classroom/lab setting and 1 hour of out of class homework.

Clinical Courses: One (1) semester hour for clinical education is equivalent to a minimum 7 hours of hands on clinical education per week. Clinical education includes; hands-on practical application of skills and theory, clinical lectures, conferences and other valid educational activities related to clinical practice.

SCOPE

The students of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Course credit hours are assigned by faculty and approved through the program and SHP curriculum committees.

2.0 Credit hours are documented in the SHP catalog for each course offering.

REFERENCE

School of Health Professions Catalog Courses.
PURPOSE

Students of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center are held to high academic standards. In order to succeed in this program, it is imperative that all students achieve and progress academically.

POLICY STATEMENT

To maintain academic standards or to remain in good academic standing, each student is required to:
1. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade average of a C or better, didactically and clinically.
2. Not be on probation due to any conduct of a nonprofessional nature.

Any failure of a didactic course or clinical rotation, in which an overall course grade of a C or better is not maintained, will result in dismissal from the Program.

The minimum grade average for program completion is 75%. Passing grades for each course of the program is 75%.

The Diagnostic Imaging Program adheres to the following grading scale:
- 90% - 100% A
- 80% - 89% B
- 75% - 79% C
- 70% - 74% D
- Below 70% F

The MD Anderson Cancer Center Diagnostic Imaging Program reserves the right to dismiss students whose clinical and/or academic performance does not meet the standards and policies of the program, the institution, and its clinical affiliates.

SCOPE

The students of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Course and program progress will be monitored by the Program Director.

2.0 Failure of any course or clinical rotation may result in dismissal from the program.

REFERENCE

School of Health Professions Catalog: Grades.
PURPOSE

The field of Diagnostic Imaging deals directly with patient care. The safety of the patients is of top priority to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and so there are technical standards that each student must be able to achieve in order to effectively function as a technologist.

POLICY STATEMENT

Technical Standards For Diagnostic Imaging

To participate in the clinical education portion of the program, the applicant must possess additional non-academic skills. These technical standards are consistent with the duties of the entry-level radiologic technologist. These standards are not limited to but include:

1. Must communicate clearly and effectively (oral and written) using the English language and medical terminology with patients, coworkers and other health care providers.
2. Must be able to hear a patient’s, co-worker’s or visitor’s request for help; hear instructions from physicians and supervisors.
3. Must be able to distinguish phonetic sounds either mechanically transmitted or from conversation in order to perform procedures in light controlled areas (low light).
4. Must be able to read instructions, books, computer screens, technique charts and patient requisitions with extreme accuracy.
5. Must be able to view images for accuracy and perform necessary imaging procedures involving placement of needles, catheters, etc., into proper anatomy of patient.
6. Must be able to perform data entry tasks using digital and computer terminals.
7. Must be able manipulate imaging equipment using the keyboard of a computer and a mouse.
8. Must be able to stand for the majority of the work day.
9. Must be able to maneuver through congested areas or units to perform positioning procedures and transport patients.
10. Must be able to push/pull diagnostic equipment and adjust x-ray tubes to standard distance; transfer patients to and from unit.
11. Must be able to raise arm(s) while maintaining balance when positioning a patient, reaching over a table, adjusting the x-ray tube, and adjusting diagnostic imaging equipment.
12. Must be able to work with patients and handle and dispose body secretions, blood, urine, stool, etc.
13. Must be able to work on a daily basis in contact with radiation, magnetic fields, and radiofrequency producing devices and in contact with computer monitors.
14. Must have adequate sufficient behavioral and social skills conducive to professionalism in a college and health care environment.
15. Must have the ability to complete tasks or job functions within deadlines.
16. Must complete required tasks/functions under stressful conditions
17. Must interact appropriately with diverse personalities and populations.
18. Hear various equipment and background sounds during equipment operations.
19. MRI students must not have foreign bodies or medical implants that are contraindicated for the MRI environment.
Students who have disabilities that require accommodation should discuss these with the Program Director prior to the start of the program. Documentation is required to verify disabilities.

**SCOPE**

The entire student body of the Diagnostic Imaging Program.

**PROCEDURE**

3.0 Any student who cannot perform any of the above mentioned standards will be dismissed from the program in order to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

4.0 Meeting the technical standards is an admission requirement. Should a student’s ability to meet these standards change at some point during his or her education, serious consideration must be given to the patient’s safety and the student’s safety.

5.0 Each situation will be handled on an individual basis.

6.0 A student may be dismissed from the program if he or she should become unable to meet these standards.

**REFERENCE**

School of Health Professions Student Catalog: Admission Requirements.
MAKE UP EXAMS AND QUizzes

PURPOSE

To ensure accountability, integrity and equality among all students, make up exams or quizzes will be given under the following circumstances:

- Death of a first, or second degree relative.
- Any accident or illness requiring the student’s hospitalization.
- Any communicable disease.
- Extenuating circumstances, which are interpreted by the Program Director, Education Coordinator, or Course Instructor.
- The Program Director, Education Coordinator, or Course Instructor may request a doctor’s certification before allowing a student to make up an exam due to illness. Substitute evaluation methods may be used.
- Requests for make-up exams and quizzes must be approved by the Program Director, Education Coordinator, or Course Instructor.

POLICY STATEMENT

Exams are scheduled on the student’s syllabus. Instructors will not provide make up exams or quizzes unless approved by the Program Director, Education Coordinator, or Course Instructor. Substitute evaluation methods may be used at the discretion of the Program Director and Education Coordinator and/or Course Instructor.

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PROCEDURE

1.0 If a student misses an exam or quiz for any reason other than those listed above he or she will be given the grade of a zero.

2.0 The Program Director, Education Coordinator, or Course Instructor reserves the right to require documentation in the case of serious illness or other unusual circumstances.
PURPOSE

To ensure an adequate environment for all students taking the exams the program requires that all personal belongings be cleared from sight. The exam room is to remain quiet during the exam. Talking and cell phone rings during the exam are disruptive and disrespectful, and therefore not permitted.

POLICY STATEMENT

Instructors reserve the right not to allow students to leave the testing area prior to the completion of the examination. Doing so without permission will result in forfeiture of the exam. Students who have a medical problem and need to be excused must present a Physician’s order before the exam begins to be permitted to leave.

There will be NO talking during the exam. During computer based testing no windows are permitted to be open other than the one for the testing application and student’s computer settings will allow the toolbar to be visible at all times. When the exam is completed, students should exit the testing center discretely, without question or discussion.

If there is a technical issue with computer-based exams, the student may raise his or her hand to call the instructor/proctor to review the problem. Instructors reserve the right not to answer any student questions pertaining to exam items. Students must consider that asking questions during exams is disruptive to others.

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PROCEDURE

1.0 Students will clear any personal items from sight at the beginning of the test. They will remain in testing area until they have completed the test.

2.0 During computer based exams no windows will be open other than the testing application and the computer settings will allow the toolbar to be visible.

3.0 After leaving they will not be allowed to return until all students have completed the test. Any student leaving the testing area without permission prior to completing the exam forfeits the examination.
PURPOSE

To ensure each student knows what will be expected of him/her in each course, the instructor will provide a syllabus at the beginning of each course describing how grades will be calculated and what objectives they are expected to master by the completion of the course.

POLICY STATEMENT

The number of tests, weighting assigned to tests, final exam, and homework are up to the discretion of the instructor with stipulation that the students be given the method of evaluation at the beginning of said course. Students are given objectives at the beginning of each course.

Course syllabi are subject to change throughout the semester.

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PROCEDURE

1.0 The instructor will calculate grades of each course exactly as described in the syllabus provided at the beginning of the course. Students will know exactly what they have to do in order to maintain an adequate grade to continue in the program.
PURPOSE
To protect the rights of students at this institution and insure that you are satisfied with your experience each student holds the right to report any concerns about the program.

POLICY STATEMENT
The Diagnostic Imaging Program Faculty will follow the due process.

The Diagnostic Imaging Program Emphasis in Radiography and Emphasis in Magnetic Resonance Imaging are accredited through the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The JRCERT Standards are available for review at http://www.jrcert.org/programs-faculty/jrcertstandards/.

Students with concerns about the program meeting the accreditation standards should contact the Program Director, William A. Undie, Ed.D., and the JRCERT at:

JRCERT
20 N. Wacker Dr., Ste. 2850
Chicago, IL 60606-3182
Phone 312-704-5300
Fax 312-704-5304
www.jrcert.org
mail@jrcert.org

SCOPE
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PROCEDURE
Any student who feels that the program is not meeting the accreditation standards set by the JRCERT should contact the Program Director, and if the situation is not resolved the student is encouraged to contact the JRCERT.
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

PURPOSE

To support student success in passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) credentialing examination in radiography and meet program requirements to advance to the third year of study.

POLICY STATEMENT

Three-year Track students wishing to advance to the third year of study and earn their bachelor’s degree must pass the final exam for DI 3200 – Capstone Registry Review with 80% or higher. Upon passing the DI 3200 final exam with 80% or higher, as well as meeting the requirements outlined in DI Program Policy 1.10, the student will be released to sit for the ARRT credentialing examination in radiography.

All attempts should be made to pass the ARRT credentialing examination in radiography on the first attempt.

SCOPE

Three-year Track Diagnostic Imaging Program Students.

PROCEDURE

1.0 Failure to pass the DI 3200 Capstone Registry Review final exam on the first attempt with 80% or higher will result in remediation followed by a second administration of the final exam.

1.1 Failure to pass the second attempt with 80% or higher will result in failure of the course.

1.2 The student’s standing in the program will be reviewed by the Program Director and Dismissal Committee.

2.0 Students have 3 attempts to pass the ARRT credentialing examination in radiography.

2.1 Students who do not pass this examination on the first attempt will be placed on Clinical Probation, and must contact program faculty for remediation.

2.2 The student must be released by the Program Director prior to sitting for the ARRT credentialing examination in radiography for a second attempt.

3.0 Upon approval by the Program Director students may begin the didactic coursework for third year of study, but they will not begin clinical rotations until the radiography credential has been obtained, and graduation may be delayed.

4.0 Failure to pass the ARRT radiography-credentialing exam by the end of the Fall semester of the third year of study will result in dismissal from the program.
Appendix A
Criminal Conduct Statement

I understand that any conduct or activities that have violated the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) “Rules of Ethics” may impair my application to the program and my eligibility to take the certification examinations administered by the ARRT. Violations of the “Rules of Ethics” that must be reported include conviction of a crime such as “a felony, a gross misdemeanor, or a misdemeanor with the sole exception of speeding or parking violations. All alcohol and/or drug related offenses must be reported. Additionally, convictions or charges resulting in any of the following must also be reported:

• A plea of guilty
• Withheld adjudication
• A plea of nolo contendere
• Suspended sentence

The ARRT offers applicants for admissions to radiologic science programs an early review process in order to determine their eligibility to take the certification examinations. The program has information on the ARRT “Rules of Ethics” and the early review process available upon request. Falsification of this information will make you ineligible for the program or will result in expulsion from the program.

I have been notified that the ARRT determines exam eligibility based on the profession’s ethical standards. I am aware that if I am in violation of these standards I may not be eligible to sit for the ARRT examination.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

Witness Signature ___________________________ Date ________________


Appendix B
Release of Personal Information

A. Address Release

I hereby agree to let the Diagnostic Imaging Program officials release my name, mailing address, telephone/mobile phone number(s), and email address to potential employers who contact the Program for this information.

Student Signature ___________________________  Date __________________

I hereby agree to let the Diagnostic Imaging Program officials release my name, mailing address, telephone/mobile phone number(s), and email address to my classmates who contact the Program for this information.

Student Signature ___________________________  Date __________________

B. Faculty Reference

I hereby request the following faculty member(s) to function as a reference for me to support my search for employment. In doing so, I authorize you to disclose any and all knowledge you have learned about me as a result of my being a student in The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Diagnostic Imaging Program.

I understand that I am giving the Diagnostic Imaging Program the right to disclose information, which I may otherwise have the right to keep confidential.

Faculty Member __________________________________________

Faculty Member __________________________________________

Faculty Member __________________________________________

Faculty Member __________________________________________

Student Signature ___________________________  Date __________________
Appendix C
Professional Society Membership

All students are encouraged to join the following organizations. Please refer to program syllabus for specific requirements.

**Radiography Emphasis (sophomores and juniors) (Select One)**
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
- Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology (ACERT)
- Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT)

**CT Emphasis (Select One)**
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
- Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT)

**MRI Emphasis (Select One)**
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
- Section for Magnetic Resonance Technologists (SMRT)
- Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT)

**Education Emphasis (Select One)**
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
- Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS)
- Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT)

**Management Emphasis (Select One)**
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
- Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology (ACERT)
- Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT)
- The Association for Medical Imaging Management (AHRA)

**Benefits of Joining a Professional Organization**
- Expand your professional network
- Consistent updates on current trends and development in radiologic sciences
- An opportunity to increase awareness of the profession
- Discovery of what other radiologic sciences professionals are doing
- Access to monthly, quarterly, and/or annual journals and newsletters
- Attending and participating in professional meetings

Professional organizations enhance your professional development and provide endless networking opportunities. Associations may also provide financial assistance through scholarships and grants and student medical and other insurance.

Professional associations publish journals, newsletters, and website with invaluable information on current issues and developments in the radiologic sciences field. Professional associations frequently also coordinate professional development conferences and programs for students to have the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field.

Furthermore, prospective employers may seek out individuals whose knowledge of the profession is not solely dependent on their academic performance, but their association memberships which can be as excellent supplement for your resume. Memberships convey to an employer that you are dedicated to the radiologic sciences profession. Memberships can also open doors of opportunity as you are provided with greater exposure to the job market.