

OZARKS TECH™

RADIOGRAPHY

Clinical Obligations

The clinical component of the program is one of the most important parts of the student's educational experience. The student must treat the clinical rotations as a continuous job interview.

Ozarks Tech radiography students will be provided with the opportunity to perform clinical rotations in a variety of settings. This diverse group of rotations will provide the student with the best all-around educational experience and provide the student a chance to explore what type of environment they would best suit them for their future.

Students will have the opportunity to complete approximately 800 hours of direct patient care experience. Students may perform clinical rotations at several sites that can include level 1 trauma centers, rural hospital systems, outpatient imaging centers, urgent care centers, community health centers, inpatient hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, surgery centers, and specialty clinics such as orthopedic and neurological centers.

While students will be placed in clinical locations to keep them as close to their preferred location, they should know they may be required to drive up to 120 miles each way for a clinical rotation. That 120 miles is from the main campus, living out of the area is not included in that distance and the student may be required to drive more than 120 miles, which is dependent on where they reside.

Due to clinical capacity limits, students may have to agree to be placed in a less desired geographic region to obtain or maintain a spot in the cohort.

Students seeking acceptance into the Ozarks Tech radiography program should note the following items regarding clinical rotations:

1. Clinical days vary depending on the semester block, when the student is not in class or labs, they will have clinical days to complete.
 - a. The number of days per week and the days of the week the student is assigned clinicals varies per semester block course
 - b. It depends on their course schedule and how many students are in clinical rotations at that same semester block

2. Students can expect clinical rotations to last between 6 hours and a maximum of 10 hours depending on the schedule created with the clinical coordinator and clinical site.
3. Students will be expected to complete a minimum amount of clinical hours per week, on average, for each practicum course. These time requirements align with Ozarks Tech's policy for clinical hour to credit hour ratio.
 - a. For example:
 - i. 3 credit hour course = 112.5 clinical hours for that block course
 - ii. 4 credit hour course = 150 clinical hours for that block course
 - iii. 5 credit hour course = 187.5 clinical hours for that block course
4. Clinical hours vary, with "most" starting at either 7:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. and lasting until 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.
 - a. However, there are shifts that start as early as 6:30 a.m. (typically for the first rotation through surgery)
5. There are required amounts of evening shifts that start generally around 3:30 p.m. and can go as late as 11:00 p.m.
6. A set number of weekend rotations are also required by the program for the student to gain that experience. The schedule is provided with student input and far enough in advance to help the student plan their schedule accordingly.
7. Students may elect to perform a few overnight rotations, if there are clinical preceptors available. This is a short-term rotation and for the experience only, it is not required and the student should note that it does not offer the same exam experiences, so it is limited in its use aside from the experience.
8. Students have varying meal break times, based on the clinical locations food options on-campus. The student are allotted, at minimum, a 30-minute break for

lunch/dinner breaks. Each site is allowed to set the time the students go, as well as the amount of time, as long as they receive at least a 30-minute break.

9. Students are provided a large variety of clinical location options and experiences. The program will discuss with the student options for clinical locations. Students who perform clinicals at outlying locations, may be required to travel in for specific rotations to ensure they get the same experience as other students. Such as a Level 1 Trauma center, surgery, fluoroscopy, etc.
10. Students will need to purchase Ozarks Tech scrubs to wear at clinical rotations. The number of scrubs recommended is at least two pairs. Some sites will require students to wear surgical scrubs, which are provided by the site.
11. Students will be required to pay for their dosimeter badge assigned to them by Ozarks Tech. There is a replacement cost if the original one is lost.
12. Students will clock in and out on the Trajecsys platform, which is a web-based system used to track time totals as daily exams performed, competencies, etc. Students pay a one-time access fee for the service and it is included in the student fees for the program.
13. Some clinical sites may require additional training, vaccines, and dress codes. Students are responsible for abiding by the policies of that location.
14. Students will be responsible for the cost of student IDs, lead markers, and other items as part of their student fees to wear and utilize in the clinical setting. Lost items will incur additional costs.