

**Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology**  
**Interpretation of Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in**  
**Radiologic Sciences**

**Standard Six: Human Resources**

**The program has sufficient qualified faculty and staff with delineated responsibilities to support program mission and goals.**

In support of **Standard Six**, the program:

**Objective**

**6.1** Documents that all faculty and staff possess academic and professional qualifications appropriate for their assignments.

- Full-time Program Director:

**Interpretation:**

*Full-time status is determined by and consistent with the sponsoring institution's definition. For other than regular terms (e.g. summer session) when students are enrolled in didactic and/or clinical courses, the program director must be available to fulfill the responsibilities of the position as identified in **Objective 6.2**.*

- Full-time Clinical Coordinator:

**Interpretation:**

*Full-time status is determined by and consistent with the sponsoring institution's definition. The clinical coordinator's position may be considered equal to a full-time equivalent but may be shared by no more than four appointees. For other than regular academic terms (e.g. summer session) when the students are enrolled in clinical courses, the clinical coordinator must be available to fulfill the responsibilities of the position as identified in **Objective 6.2**.*

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**Objective**

**6.1** Documents that all faculty and staff possess academic and professional qualifications appropriate for their assignments.

**Interpretation:**

*Equivalent qualifications may include appropriate credentials of other qualified health care practitioners supervising student performance in special skilled development areas, e.g., a licensed, registered nurse supervising student performance of patient care skills; MR or CT technologists supervising radiography or radiation therapy students.*

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### **Interpretation of Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiologic Sciences**

#### **Standard Seven - Students**

**The program's and sponsoring institution's policies and procedures serve and protect the rights, health, and educational opportunities of all students.**

In support of **Standard Seven**, the program:

#### **Objective**

- 7.7** Safeguards the health and safety of students associated with educational activities through implemented policies and procedures in regard to workplace hazards, harassment, communicable diseases, and substance abuse.

#### **Interpretation:**

*Workplace hazards are conditions that expose students to recognized risks, such as chemical, electrical, and fire hazards, that could cause serious physical injury.*

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#### **Objective**

- 7.6** Provides student academic and clinical activities that are educationally valid and support attainment of student learning outcomes.

#### **Interpretation:**

*Programs must assure attendance policies are published and made known to enrolled students prior to implementation and that such policies promote professionalism.*

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#### **Objective**

- 7.3** Makes available to prospective students accurate information about admission policies, transfer credit, tuition and fees, refund policies, academic calendars, academic policies, graduation requirements, and student services.
- 7.4** Makes available to enrolled students accurate information about admission policies, transfer credit, tuition and fees, refund policies, academic calendars, academic policies, grading policies, graduation requirements, and student services.

**Interpretation:**

*The program's transfer of credit(s) policy must be publically disclosed and include a statement of the criteria established by the institution/program regarding the transfer of credit(s) earned at another institution/program.*

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**Standard Eight - Radiation Safety**

**Program policies and procedures are in compliance with federal and state radiation protection laws.**

In support of **Standard Eight**, the program:

**Objective**

- 8.8** Maintains documentation that learning environments are in compliance with applicable state and federal radiation safety laws.

**Interpretation:**

*Programs should follow, at a minimum, state regulations regarding safe operations of radiation generating equipment. Student utilization of energized laboratories must be under the guidance of a registered technologist, or the radiation exposure mechanism must be disabled. Programs are encouraged to identify policies regarding safe and appropriate use of energized laboratory by students.*

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### Interpretation of Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiologic Sciences

#### Glossary

**Program Completion Rate** - The number of students who complete the program compared to the number of students initially enrolled in the program.

**Interpretation:**

*Program completion rate (PCR) is calculated by dividing the number of students who complete the program within a cohort by the number who enrolled in the cohort initially and subsequently (for example, transfer students). Students who leave or do not graduate on time for any reason, such as medical leave, personal choice, or course failure, are considered as not completing the program.*

$$PCR = \frac{\text{\# of graduates in the cohort}}{\text{\# of students initially enrolled in cohort} + \text{\# of transfer students}}$$

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**Sponsoring Institution** - The facility or organization that has primary responsibility for the educational program and grants the terminal award. A sponsoring institution must be accredited by a recognized agency or meet equivalent standards. Educational programs may be established in: community and junior colleges; senior colleges and universities, hospitals, medical schools, postsecondary vocational/technical schools and institutions; military/governmental facilities; proprietary schools; and consortia (two or more academic or clinical institutions that have formally agreed to sponsor the development and continuation of an educational program). Consortia must be structured to recognize and perform the responsibilities and functions of a sponsoring institution.

**Interpretation:**

*A healthcare system consists of multiple institutions operating under a common governing body or parent corporation. A healthcare system may not be identified as the program sponsor. A specific facility within the healthcare system must be identified as the sponsor.*

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