

## **SCHOOL OF RADIOGRAPHY TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

Applicants must perform medical procedures with accuracy and precision. The nature of the work is such that speed, safety and accuracy are essential skills. While failure to perform these essential functions may not prevent individuals from practicing in the clinical setting, lack of any or all of these abilities may prove challenging to the work experience and may compromise patient safety or the diagnostic value of procedures.

In order to be considered for admission, applicants must be able to, with or without reasonable accommodation, demonstrate the ability to meet the following technical standards, which are considered essential functions and skills of the profession.

### **COGNITIVE DOMAIN**

- Read and comprehend technical, and medical information, and interpret patient records in both written and electronic formats.
- Visually observe and monitor patients from up to 15 feet away during procedures while assessing patient condition and formulating corrective action plans to accommodate patient limitations and needs.
- Prioritize and perform tasks related to patient care and technical procedures in a logical, expedient sequence.
- Adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and effectively function in an environment of unexpected situations inherent to clinical practice, and rapidly respond to emergency signals and alarms.
- Integrate training from several sources to problem solve in a quick, accurate, and highly coordinated manner.
- Follow written and oral instructions from physicians and coworkers.
- Evaluate images and formulate corrective actions as necessary to improve diagnostic quality and patient positioning.
- Multitask and complete tasks and assignments to meet established deadlines.
- Differentiate anatomical structures on radiographic images and visually assess image quality.
- Process and interpret feedback, both verbal and written, from supervising technologists and use it to modify and improve clinical performance.
- Perform calculations in an expedient manner to determine proper exam parameters by applying didactic theory to the clinical environment.
- Interpret and apply professional ethical standards to clinical practice.

### **PSYCHOMOTOR DOMAIN**

- Respond to patients' needs, verbally communicated in an average tone, from as far away as 15 feet.
- Consistently discern a variety of signals on imaging equipment, phones and patient care devices.
- Assist patients to and from exam tables, wheelchairs, and stretchers.

- Manipulate equipment in both the imaging department and portable x-ray devices. This includes pushing, pulling, raising, lowering, and adjusting equipment to achieve desired outcomes.
- Manually position patients of both genders to properly align anatomical structures to the beam.
- Stand and / or walk unassisted for up to eight hours a day.
- Perform essential job-related functions including button manipulation on equipment, switches, keyboards, touch screens, and foot pedals.
- Perform and monitor patient vital signs including blood pressure, pulse and respiratory rates.

#### **AFFECTIVE DOMAIN**

- React calmly and effectively in stressful environments.
- Communicate with patients, doctors and other personnel clearly and effectively in the English language using appropriate medical terminology.
- Understand and respond to non-verbal communication.
- React and respond quickly and safely to emergency situations.
- Communicate with patients in a manner that conveys compassion and empathy using both verbal and non-verbal methods of communication.
- Monitor and adapt one's own behavior based on feedback from instructors and clinical staff in order to demonstrate a commitment to professional practice.
- Demonstrate sensitivity towards individuals from diverse backgrounds.