

15440.17: Graduation Requirements

POLICY: All students must meet minimum requirements prior to graduation.

RULES:

1. School account paid in full.
2. Satisfactory completion of all courses with a passing grade.
3. All required make up time must be completed.
4. Demonstration of terminal competencies to include:
 - a. Use oral and written medical communication.
 - b. Demonstrate knowledge of human structure, function and pathology.
 - c. Anticipate and provide basic patient care and comfort.
 - d. Apply principles of body mechanics.
 - e. Perform basic mathematical functions.
 - f. Operate radiographic imaging equipment and accessory devices.
 - g. Position the patient and imaging system to perform radiographic examination and procedures.
 - h. Modify standard procedures to accommodate for patient condition and other variables.
 - i. Determine exposure factors to obtain diagnostic quality radiographs.
 - j. Adapt exposure factors for various patient conditions, equipment, accessories and contrast media to maintain appropriate radiographic quality.
 - k. Practice radiation protection for the patient, self and others.
 - l. Recognize emergency patient conditions and initiate first aid and basic life-support procedures.
 - m. Evaluate radiographic images for appropriate positioning and image quality.
 - n. Evaluate the performance of radiographic systems, know the safe limits of equipment operation, and report malfunctions to the proper authority.
 - o. Demonstrate knowledge and skills relating to quality assurance.
 - p. Exercise independent judgment and discretion in the technical performance of medical imaging procedures.

5. Terminal clinical competency requires demonstration of a minimum of two (2) procedures from each of the following categories at a proficiency level of 80%.
 - a. Terminal competency testing will begin approximately three (3) months prior to graduation and is documented by a member of the program staff.
 - b. Specific exams are selected at random. These procedures must be completed on patients or by live simulation.
 - c. Failure to pass any procedure requires the student to complete remedial instruction at a level of 80% or greater. Following remedial instruction the student will be retested for competency.
 - d. Categories of competency include the following:

Chest	Vertebral Column
Abdomen	Bony Thorax
Upper Extremity	Skull
Shoulder Girdle	Contrast Studies
Lower Extremity	Surgery
Pelvis and Hip	
 - e. Fluoroscopy competency consists of passing a written fluoroscopy test.
 - f. Surgery competencies will be documented during the student's last assigned rotation in that area by a Clinical Instructor or Clinical Coordinator.
6. Any student not completing the graduation requirements at the expected time of graduation must re-enroll at the current tuition rate. If a student fails to re-enroll within 12 months of their original expected graduation date the student will be required to reapply to the program as would any new applicant with advanced standing.