

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 their 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 with a chance to explore what type of environment they would best suit them for their future.

Students will have the opportunity to complete approximately 750 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.

Students should be prepared for the following regarding clinical rotation travel:

- **Travel Distance:** Students may be required to drive **up to 120 miles each way** for clinical rotation.
- **Distance Calculation:** The 120-mile distance is calculated from the main Springfield campus. Travel distances beyond 120 miles may be required, depending on the student's residence outside of the area.
- **Responsibility and Cost:** Students must have reliable transportation to and from clinical sites and are responsible for all associated travel costs (gas, maintenance, insurance, etc.).

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 for their entire rotation(s).

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:
 - 3 credit hour course = 112.5 clinical hours for that block course
 - 4 credit hour course = 150 clinical hours for that block course
 - 5 credit hour course = 187.5 clinical hours for that block course
 - b. To find the average number of clinical hours a student can expect to spend per week, divide the total clinical hours for the block by the number of weeks in that block. The number of days is rounded up to whole days for the calculation.
 - c. Clinicals can range from one day per week to as many as five days per week
 - d. Students **CANNOT** perform more than 10 hours per day per JRCERT accreditation
 - e. Students **CANNOT** perform more than 40 hours per week per JRCERT accreditation
4. Students **CANNOT** be paid for their clinical rotation experiences per accreditation
5. 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)
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Students have varying meal break times, based on the clinical locations' food options on-campus. The students 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.
10. Students are provided with 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.
11. 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.
12. Students will be required to pay for their dosimeter badge assigned to them by Ozarks Tech as part of their student fees. There is an additional replacement cost if the original one is lost.
13. Students will utilize the Trajecsys platform, which is a web-based system used to: track time totals, log daily exams performed, review feedback, provide feedback on sites and technologists, and track their clinical competencies. Students pay a one-time access fee for the service and it is included in the student fees for the program.
14. Some clinical sites may require additional training, vaccines, and dress codes. Students are responsible for abiding by the policies of that location.

15. 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.
16. If a student is offered the chance, or would like to attend clinicals at the Veteran's Affairs medical clinic, **there are separate requirements that must be met:**
 1. **The student may be required to drive to Fayetteville, AR to complete additional background screenings and drug testing to be done at the student's cost for the travel expenses and for the cost of the tests if they charge the student for them**
 2. **Additional screenings, vaccines, and immunizations may be required as well by the VA, which the cost is the responsibility of the student**
 3. **Please note, not all students will be offered this chance, the idea is for veteran's or active military to have this opportunity. If someone would like to attend, they must know about the additional costs and requirements to perform clinicals at the VA**

The initial plan for clinical site placement depends on receiving affiliation agreements and approval for all of the potential locations. Not all of the clinical sites listed below have been finalized as locations for the Ozarks Tech radiography students.

The number of students and the students requesting the areas that we can secure also may affect our regional clinical assignment plan. Many of the outlying clinics have limited capacity with the potential for only 1-2 spots in those regions.

Clinical List

The Ozarks Tech radiography program utilizes a variety of clinical locations to prepare the students for different facilities, equipment, and protocols they will face when they graduate. The locations of the multiple clinical sites allow for serving the needs of both urban and rural communities. Locations are required to be recognized by the JRCERT and have affiliation agreements in place with Ozarks Tech for students to perform clinicals at their locations.

1. Citizens Memorial Hospital - Bolivar, Missouri
2. Cox Bone and Joint Orthopedic - Springfield, Missouri
3. Cox Branson Hills Superclinic - Branson Hills, Missouri

4. Cox Branson Hospital - Branson, Missouri
5. Cox Branson Orthopedic Clinic - Branson, Missouri
6. Cox Chesterfield Superclinic – Springfield, Missouri -
7. Cox East Battlefield (B65) Superclinic - Springfield, Missouri
8. Cox Hospital -Monett - Monett, Missouri
9. Cox Lebanon Superclinic – Lebanon, Missouri
10. Cox Monett Hospital – Monett, Missouri
11. Cox Monett Urgent Care – Monett, Missouri
12. Cox Nixa Superclinic - Nixa, Missouri
13. Cox North - Springfield, Missouri
14. Cox Ozark Superclinic - Ozark, Missouri
15. Cox Republic Superclinic – Republic, Missouri -
16. Cox South Hospital - Springfield, Missouri
17. Cox Sunshine and National (Hamra) Superclinic - Springfield, Missouri
18. Cox Wheeler Orthopedic Clinic - Springfield, Missouri -
19. Douglas Outpatient Imaging Center (CMH) - Bolivar, Missouri
20. Ferrell Duncan Outpatient Imaging Center - Springfield, Missouri
21. Jared Neurological Center - Springfield, Missouri
22. Jordan Valley Community Health Center - Springfield, Missouri
23. Martin Center Imaging Center - Springfield, Missouri
24. Mercy Cassville – Cassville, Missouri
25. Mercy Frisco Clinic - Springfield, Missouri
26. Mercy Imaging Center - Branson - Branson, Missouri
27. Mercy Imaging Center - Bolivar - Bolivar, Missouri
29. Mercy Hospital - Lebanon - Lebanon, Missouri
30. Mercy Hospital - Springfield - Springfield, Missouri
31. Mercy Mt. View – St. Francis Hospital – Mt. View, Missouri

32. Mercy National Clinic - Springfield, Missouri
33. Mercy Orthopedic Hospital and ER (south campus) - Springfield, Missouri
34. Mercy Orthopedic Clinic and Surgery Center (south campus) - Springfield, Missouri
35. Mercy Smith-Glynn Calloway Center - Springfield, Missouri
36. Mercy Surgery Center - Springfield - Springfield, Missouri
37. Mercy Whiteside Clinic - Springfield, Missouri
38. Meyer Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Hospital (MORH) - Springfield, Missouri
39. Ozarks Healthcare Hospital - West Plains, Missouri
40. Springfield VA Hospital - Springfield, Missouri***

****The location marked with this is reserved for students with military or veteran status. These sites require additional onboarding, screening, etc. Which will be at the cost of the student and their time to complete. Students who do not have those credentials are still receiving the same education as these students. ****