

## Wilkes Community College Radiography Program

### Clinical Education Obligations

The learner's daily schedule is based on didactic classes and their assigned clinical education rotation. Learners are scheduled at various clinical education sites during each academic semester for rotations unless otherwise specified. It is the responsibility of the learner to arrange transportation to and from clinical education sites. Learners may be required to travel to extended clinical sites located outside the Wilkes, Ashe, and Alleghany counties. Due to the nature of procedures performed in various rotations/rooms and the time of day that these procedures are performed, the learner rotation schedule encompasses a variety of start/stop times. In an effort to assure equitable learning opportunities throughout the program, the Clinical Coordinator will review each learner's clinical schedule and assign future schedules based on previous clinical education exposure.

The program limits learner clinical and didactic involvement to no more than forty hours per week, not to exceed a maximum ten hours per day (excluding meal break). The program curriculum is designed to create an educational commitment that will not require the learner to exceed forty hours per week.

First year learners attend one RAD clinical course (6-24 hours per week). Second year learners attend one RAD clinical course (21 hours per week). Missed clinical educational hours are completed in a manner that allows the learner an opportunity to meet course requirements without exceeding program participation limits.

### Evening Rotational Assignment

The clinical experience attained on an evening shift is vital to overall educational progress. The program believes this assignment prepares learners in their ability to assume the duties and responsibilities of a staff radiographer upon completion of the program. This assignment allows learners to gain additional radiographic confidence while exposing them to valuable emergency and surgical learning experiences. The variety of "nonroutine" radiographic cases demands the learners to adjust to different positioning methods, techniques and patient care issues, along with interpersonal adjustments.

Evening rotation clinical hours are designed to limit this assignment not to exceed 25% of the total clinical clock hours. WCC Radiography Program's Clinical Education component requires completion of 1,305 clinical hours. A maximum of 326 clinical hours may be completed during the clinical evening schedule. Evening clinical hour scheduling is assigned by the Clinical Coordinator at the start of each academic semester.

### Clinical Education Sites

Ashe Memorial Hospital  
200 Hospital Avenue  
Jefferson, NC 28640

Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital  
180 Parkwood Drive  
Elkin, NC 28621

Orthopaedic Specialists of Wilkes  
1917 West Park Drive  
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Wilkes Regional Medical Center  
1370 West D Street  
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Wilkes Surgical Associates  
1201 School Street  
Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Yadkin Valley Community Hospital  
624 W, Main Street  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

Wilkes Regional Medical Center  
Diagnostic Imaging Outpatient Center  
1900 West Park Drive  
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

**FIRST YEAR  
AUGUST – JULY**

Hours: Vary for first year learner depending on the rotation. Schedule will also include periodic evening and surgical rotations per clinical education site. All start and end times include a 30-minute meal break that is not considered in the calculations of clinical education contact hours. These assigned times are subject to change if an educationally valid reason necessitates a change. Transportation to and from all clinical sites, class or associated program functions is at the learner's own expense and risk.

Fall Semester (Thursday)

Hours: 6 per week

Days                    8:00 am – 2:30pm

Spring Semester (Monday and Wednesday)

Hours: 15 per week

Days                    8:00 am – 4:00pm

Evenings            1:00 pm – 9:00pm

Surgery                7:30 am – 3:30pm

Summer Semester (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

Hours: 24 per week

Days                    8:00 am – 4:30pm

Evenings            12:30 pm – 9:00pm

Surgery                7:30 am – 4:00pm

**SECOND YEAR  
AUGUST – MAY**

Hours: Vary for second year learner depending on the rotation. Schedule will also include periodic evening and surgical rotations per clinical education site. All start and end times include a 30-minute meal break that is not considered in the calculations of clinical education contact hours. These assigned times are subject to change if an educationally valid reason necessitates a change. Transportation to and from all clinical sites, class or associated program functions is at the learner's own expense and risk.

Fall and Spring Semesters (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)

Hours: 21 per week

Days                    8:00 am – 3:30pm

Evenings            1:30 pm – 9:00pm

Surgery                7:30 am – 3:00pm