ALLEN COLLEGE – UNITYPOINT HEALTH RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM AND MEDICAL IMAGING PROGRAM (CT STUDENTS) STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT: Pregnancy Policy, Radiography Program and Medical Imaging Program

PURPOSE: Explain method to be implemented in the event of a pregnant

radiographer or medical imaging CT student.

EFFECTIVE FOR: Radiography and Medical Imaging CT Students

POLICY: The Allen College Radiography Program and Medical Imaging Program

will provide a policy to explain the procedure to be implemented should a

student become pregnant.

PROCEDURE:

1. Radiography and medical imaging CT students that voluntarily declare their pregnancy must do so in writing to the designated Radiation Safety Officer and ASR Program Director. The clinical instructor and program chair should be informed of a pregnancy as soon as possible to avoid situations that are potentially hazardous to the student's pregnancy. Students may withdraw their written declaration of pregnancy at any time in writing.

Pregnancy Options:

- 2. Option 1: The student will be allowed to withdraw from the program and re-enter the following year or semester. (See Leave of Absence Policy)
- 3. Option 2: The student wishing to voluntarily declare their pregnancy may continue in the program without modification and will communicate with the designated Radiation Safety Officer and follow the standards and guidelines established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and state law, which include wearing a second radiation monitor at waist level to monitor fetal dose.
- 4. Option 3: The student choosing not to declare their pregnancy may continue in the program without modification. The student will follow the same radiation protection guidelines that other (non-pregnant) students follow while in the program.