

# RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PREGNANCY POLICY

---

MCLA's Radiologic Technology Program encourages any student who believes that she may be pregnant to formally declare her pregnancy and acknowledge that any such declaration should be on a voluntary basis. The student can revoke this declaration at any time, for any reason by formal written notification. Removal of the declaration notification negates this policy.

A declaration of pregnancy must be made in writing to the Program Director who will notify the College's Health Office and the program's Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). Upon receiving the written declaration, the following procedure will be initiated to ensure that the unborn fetus does not receive a dose more than that given in 10 CFR 835:

1. Obtain a second radiation badge (fetal) to be worn at waist-level.
2. Restrict total gestational period dose to less than 0.5 rem (500 mrem during the entire gestation)
3. Obtain physician's permission to continue in program-related activities both during gestational period and before returning to normal educational activities after delivery.
4. The student will be counseled on radiation protection concepts and procedures. This will be documented on the pregnancy counseling sheet.

A student will be allowed to continue in the program without interruption if she chooses. If she voluntarily withdraws from the program due to pregnancy she will have the opportunity to return to the program on a space-available basis and may be required to wait one year.