

RADIATION ONCOLOGY SHADOWING

Expectations and Guidelines

1. Questions to ask the Radiation Therapist(s) when shadowing:

- What do you do on a typical day?
- What led you to this career?
- What is the best part of this job?
- What are other career pathways that radiation therapists have options to pursue?
- How long have you been in the field, and has the profession changed since you entered?
- What qualities are important for a person to possess if they are going to enter this field?
- What has been the most difficult or challenging part of this job?
- How often does technology change in radiation oncology?

2. Expectations for Shadowing in Radiation Oncology

All shadowing students seeking admission to NWSU must meet the following requirements.

- Agree to complete the immunization requirements or any other required documents from the health care setting.
- Agree to sign all clinical forms required to complete shadowing hours in a health care setting.
- Come dressed appropriately according to the clinical site dress code (if unsure, ask your contact for specific policies in advance)
- Prepare questions to discuss with the healthcare professional you will be job shadowing. (Examples are listed below)
- Do not carry a cell phone or other personal electronic devices during your job shadow.
- At no time will you perform any direct patient care (clinical skills) work.
- Use proper hand hygiene while in the clinic and or hospital settings.
- Give the clinical staff and patients that you shadow the respect they deserve.
- The employees provide this opportunity as a service to their profession. The patients are there to receive care while maintaining their privacy and dignity. Please act accordingly.
- Always respect and maintain patient confidentiality, both during your job shadow and after you leave the hospital. Do not discuss anything that could reveal the identity of the patient(s) with anyone.
- Contact the manager of the department in which you are shadowing in advance if you have questions or need to reschedule your job shadow. Always know what entrance you should use and who to ask for upon arrival (10 mins prior to start time)
- **Clothing/Apparel**
 - Business casual attire (unless clinic specifically asked for scrubs)
 - Clothing must be neat, clean, and free from offending odors.

- Footwear is to be clean and close-toed shoes only.
- Caps or hats, unless worn for medical or religious reasons, are not appropriate attire.
- Body piercing - No visible body piercing may be worn.
- **Grooming/Personal Hygiene:**
 - Clinic policies state no fragrances/perfumes due to allergies and sensitivity to scents.
- **Jewelry/Adornments:** Tattoos and body art with wording or images that may be perceived as offensive (such as racial slurs, swear words, revealing body parts in a way that a reasonable person could perceive as inappropriate, or symbols of death) to patients, families, or other persons should be covered