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This Program is comprised of five (5) continuous semesters of classroom/laboratory work and clinical education. The combination of each of these never exceeds 40 hours per week, but does require a commitment every day of the week (M-F) and occasionally on weekends. Clinical education centers may be geographically dispersed and students are responsible for transportation to/from their assignments. Each student rotates through at least 6 different clinical education centers at some point in the program.

Distance from Pottstown Campus

- Pottstown Memorial Medical Center: 3 miles
- Mercy Suburban Hospital: 23 miles
- Einstein Hospital – Montgomery: 21 miles
- Doylestown Hospital: 42 miles
- Lansdale- Abington Health: 30 miles
- Oaks Imaging: 16 miles
- Boyertown Rehab and Imaging: 8 miles
- Montgomery Orthopedics: 21 miles
- Mercy-Lansdale Imaging: 28 miles

Students in the Program spend 240 hours per semester (16 hours per week) in clinical education during their first two semesters in this Program. Clinical hours are scheduled to begin between 7:30 am- 8:30 am and end between 3:30 pm -4:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. The starting and ending time depends on the clinical education center assigned for the semester. These hours include a 30 minute lunch and 15 min break each day. The remaining days during the week is spent in classes, laboratory or outside studies.

The summer semester is comprised of a 300 hour clinical course and is generally scheduled four days per week. One Sunday and less than four evening rotations are assigned during this ten week semester per student. Students will receive these off hour assignments well in advance of their scheduled dates. Students may elect additional evening rotations and 2 or 3 overnight rotations to obtain experience that occurs during these hours not to exceed 25% of their total clinical time in the program.

During the last two year in the Program, students spend 300 hours per semester in their clinical courses which are scheduled on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are approximately 41 total days per semester and generally 8 hours per day which include 30 mins for lunch and a 15 min break. Clinical hours are 7:30am-3:30pm, 8:00am-4:00pm, 8:30-4:30; 9:00- 5:00pm, or 10:00-6:00pm depending on the clinical education center assigned. Classroom work is scheduled for the remaining two days.

VACATION TIME AND HOLIDAYS

All students have time off between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester, 2 weeks between the end of the spring semester and the start of the summer clinical
course, the week of July 4 off and approximately 2-3 weeks between the end of the summer clinical course and the beginning of the next fall semester depending on the fall start date.

**Holidays** observed are: New Year’s Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving including the day before and the day after, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year’s Eve.

Students are expected to attend all classes and assigned clinical days. Any additional personal leave is limited and must be approved by the Program Director.

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