

Bon Secours Health System, Inc.
Richmond Region
St. Mary's Hospital
Policy/Procedure

Policy Manual: School of Medical Imaging
Section: Student/ General

Title: Pregnancy

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Areas Affected: Students

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The program shall parallel the employee pregnancy policy of **St. Mary's Hospital** in regard to a student pregnancy. A copy of the document is provided within the student handbook.

Students have the right to choose to declare or not declare pregnancy. If you choose to declare pregnancy, the declaration must be made in writing. The form for declaration may be obtained in the program office and a copy is found in the student handbook.

A student who becomes pregnant during the program will have the following options:

- A. Declare pregnancy to the program Radiation Safety Officer (Gary Carlton) who will offer counseling on protection and monitoring methods for both the student and the fetus during the remainder of the pregnancy.
- B. Request a leave of absence. Refer to program Leave of Absence Policy.
- C. Leave the program and apply for re-admission at a later date. Refer to readmission policy.
- D. Choose not to declare. Students will be required to adhere to standard radiation protection practices and monitoring methods. Refer to St. Mary's Hospital Policy: "Pregnant Workers, Radiation Protection For", Policy Number 17:00.
- E. A student who has chosen to declare pregnancy can choose to un-declare pregnancy at any time.

Should an accepted applicant become pregnant before the start of school; the applicant shall have the option of delaying entry or follow one of the above listed options.

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