

## PREGNANCY POLICY

When a student becomes pregnant the student must inform the Dental Assisting Director immediately. The director at that time will review compliance with occupational safety concerning dental radiography. **Occupationally exposed women who are pregnant are allowed a maximum permissible dose of only 0.005 Sv per year.** Therefore, during their pregnancies, female radiation workers will follow guidelines set by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements.

Pregnant students must bring a written statement from their Obstetrician/Certified Nurse Midwife or OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner before progressing in the student's current semester and before registration each semester as to the ability to perform all expected dental assisting functions (including, but not limited to dental radiology, assisting the dentist, and exposure to potential infectious material) fully, safely and without jeopardizing the health or well-being of the student, fetus or patient. In order to resume her student dental assisting responsibility after delivery, the student must bring a written release from her Obstetrician/Certified Nurse Midwife or OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner. A written release of responsibility signed by the student must also be submitted to the Program Director.

**Before returning to clinicals, you will be required to submit a letter from your physician/healthcare provider stating no limitations (the letter must be on the healthcare provider's letterhead) AND a signed copy of the Essential Functions document from your physician to both the program director and the clinical practice supervisor.**

Lawson State Community College students must all adhere to the absentee/tardy policies of the school (see catalog). Should a student need time off due to pregnancy, that student can continue in the regular curriculum sequencing should no more than three weeks total be missed during pregnancy, to include postpartum. All work and/or clinicals must be made up before the end of that semester. If not, the student will receive a grade of "I" that must be resolved within the first six weeks of the next semester.

Should the student be absent for more than three weeks, that student would discontinue the professional phase of DAT to be readmitted, if a slot is available, into the program at the beginning of same semester one year later.