



Radiation Therapy Program

DECLARATION OF PREGNANCY

While all students in the Radiation Therapy Program understand the need to adhere to correct radiation safety and protection policies in the clinical setting, this is especially important for the female student who might be pregnant. **Exposure to radiation may be harmful to the developing fetus;** therefore, female students should consider reporting a pregnancy as soon as possible.

- A. Declaration of pregnancy is **voluntary**; however it is recommended that the student report to the Program Director, in writing, any suspicion of pregnancy in order to be informed of the risk of exposure to an unborn child in as timely a manner as possible.
- B. If pregnancy is **declared**, the student will sign a “Declaration of Pregnancy” form. The student will agree to wear a fetal monitoring badge in addition to the whole body film badge and follow the recommendations of the Health Physicist (Radiation Safety Officer, or other radiation expert) to minimize possible exposure to the fetus.
- C. The student will have the option to continue in the program without modification in assignments, or the student may discuss alternatives in assignments with the Program Director, Clinical Coordinator, and/or Health Physicist.
- D. The student has the right to withdraw the Declaration of Pregnancy at any time. This withdrawal must be in writing.

I, _____, have read and understand the BC Radiation Therapy Program Pregnancy Policy. I am declaring my pregnancy at this time.

Signature

Date