

## GUIDELINES RELATING TO PREGNANT STUDENTS

The female student has the option of whether to inform program officials of her pregnancy. If the student chooses to inform the program the notification must be in writing. In absence of this voluntary written disclosure no accommodations can be considered.

It is the student's option to remain in the program or take medical leave. Should the student request medical leave, the program will work with the student to complete the graduation requirements. All academic and clinical time lost must be made up to complete the graduation requirements.

However, if a student who misses more than **5 Weeks** of clinical time due to medical leave during a Semester, they will need to withdraw from the program and apply for readmission, coming back in one year.

Although it is both procedure and practice of this program to offer the utmost in protection, the program and its affiliates will not assume liability for the mother or the child in case of pregnancy. All information will be kept confidential.

- In notifying the program director of the pregnancy, we will require a note from the attending physician stating that the student can perform the job duties associated with the program learning outcomes.
- After the student has completed a leave of absence, a medical release from the student's physician will be **REQUIRED** for return to clinical activities. This release must be given to the Program Director.
- **RESCINDING:** If she so chooses, the student may elect to "rescind" her declaration of pregnancy at any time. If the student chooses to rescind her declaration, it **MUST** be in writing and given to the Program Director.