

## DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

**Credit:** Selective C or Elective

**Location:** LAC+USC Medical Center

**Revised:** 2/13/2009

Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-served basis

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**Please Contact Coordinator via email prior to submitting a petition to verify dates of availability**

**REPORT TO:** Diagnostic & Treatment Tower,  
D&T 3D321 at 9:00 a.m.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**DURATION:** 3 or 4 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:**

Every Monday except during the months of November, December and January **Please Contact Coordinator via email prior to submitting a petition to verify dates of availability**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 5

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**DESCRIPTION:**

Students are given a schedule that provides experience in six areas of radiology. This schedule can be tailored to the individual goals or specialty interest of the student e.g. Orthopedic or Pediatric Residency. The student participates in film review, patient procedures and attends daily conferences. Review of the day's most interesting cases occurs at 1 p.m. for students only.

**EVALUATION:**

Students will be informed of expectations and methods of evaluation on the first day of their rotation and given a schedule to include daily assignments, readouts and conferences. Students' performance will be evaluated by Dr. Forrester upon completion of the rotation. Students will take a practical exam on their final day of the rotation. Students will receive feedback on their performance during the one-on-one daily readout sessions with Dr. Forrester.

**\*Selective Attendance and Illness Policy**

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted during a selective. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Describe the specialty of radiology, the tests available, their indication and their limitations.
2. Efficiently evaluate chest, abdomen and trauma films, cross sectional anatomy and gain a familiarity with CT and MRI.
3. Describe the mechanics of the Department of Radiology, the PACS system, and the file system.
4. Describe how to use the radiologist as a consultant and describe the proper ordering of radiographic studies.
5. Discuss the technical aspects of the procedures which will allow more effective communication with patients.

**SUPERVISION:**

80% Faculty

20% Residents

Attendance is documented twice daily.

the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty.

Students will generally be required to make up days before a passing grade can be assigned. All absences must be excused and any planned absence must be registered with the preceptor prior to the first day of the selective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.