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RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE PROGRAM CLINICAL OBSERVATION HOURS

Please review the following requirements and information about observation hours. It can take 4-5 weeks to get the observation hours scheduled. Please schedule appropriately so you can complete hours before March 1st application due date.

- Students are **required** to obtain **8 hours** of observation no sooner than 6 months prior to the application due date (i.e. September 1st - March 1st). Please see the [observation hours log](#) for keeping up with hours and instructions on how to turn them in when they are due.
- Students must bring a copy of the [Observation Student Eval Form](#) for the host/sponsor to fill out at each facility they observe. The host/sponsor listed below will keep the form and submit it to ETSU.
- Students can get up to 18 observation hours, and receive up to 10 points towards their application. The extra 10 observation hours must be obtained at a different facility than the original required 8 hours.
- Students **must** get their observation hours at a hospital and with an X-Ray tech.
- Applicants completing observation hours at a Ballard Health facility should list Dr. Erica O'Quinn as the sponsor/host on the [Ballad Health Observation Application](#). Please review and follow all observation requirements listed on the Ballard Health website. If you would like to observe at more than one Ballard Health hospital, list the additional hospital(s) in the "Additional Comments" section at the end of the application. Once you complete the application, a Ballard Staff member will help connect you with an x-ray tech to shadow.
- Applicants planning to observe at a facility outside of Ballard Health should contact that facility (hospitals only) directly to request permission and determine whether any additional paperwork is required.
- Students who are from out of state or a different area of TN, observation hours still need to be obtained at a hospital with an X-Ray Tech. The facility will need to be approved by the program director Dr. Erica O'Quinn, her email is oquinne@etsu.edu.
- Students need to submit their observation hours log form in the application **by March 1st**. The application is available January 2nd – March 1st on the [Radiologic Science Website](#).