

Lawson State Community College Dental Assisting Pregnancy Policy

When a student becomes pregnant the student must inform the Dental Assisting Director immediately and provide a note from their physician stating there are no contraindications to continue in the dental assisting program. 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.

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.