

JOB SHADOWING RESEARCH WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Due to limitations on access to health care facilities and imaging departments imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the requirement for eight hours of documented job shadowing has been modified for the following programs:

- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiologic Technology (Eve)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography – General
- Radiologic Technology (Day)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Cardiac

Applicants may satisfy the requirement for job shadowing by completing ONE of the following two options:

- **Option 1.** Submit documentation of completion of a minimum of eight hours of job shadowing;
- **Option 2.** Applicants who are not able to submit documentation of completion of a **total** of at least eight hours of job shadowing can fulfill this requirement by completing a short writing assignment (750 words or less).
 - **This is a **research** assignment and prior experience in the modality is neither expected nor required to complete the writing assignment.**
 - Applicants must demonstrate they have gained sufficient knowledge through their research to approximate the knowledge they would have gained through in-person job shadowing.

Writing Assignment (Option 2)

The writing assignment submitted in lieu of job shadowing documentation **must** include all of the following topics:

- Describe the typical duties of a technologist including:
 - The role of the technologist (i.e., what is expected of the technologist as part of the health care team)
 - Steps or actions required to prepare the exam room
 - Risks a technologist may be exposed to during their career
 - Safety measures used by technologists to mitigate their risk of exposure or injury
- Describe one common exam or procedure routinely performed by a technologist in your field. Your description must include the following topics:
 - Machinery or tools required to perform the exam or procedure
 - Safety concerns associated with the exam or procedure for both the technologist and the patient
 - Any preparation required by the patient prior to the exam (i.e., medications administered, fasting required, no specific preparation required, etc.)
- Describe one thing you learned about the profession that surprised you personally. This could include:
 - Challenges you were not aware of
 - Physical impact of being a technologist (i.e., common injuries or physical challenges a tech may face)
 - Patient preparation requirements

Format:

- 750 words or less (not to exceed two pages)
- Double-spaced on 8-1/2 x 11 (letter size) paper with one -inch margins using a standard 12-pt. font (e.g. Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri)
- Applicant's first and last name, KPSAHS Program Name/Program Start Date, and the date of submission in the upper left-hand corner (ex., Jane Smith, RadTech Day/Summer 2022, April 1, 2022)
- Any content in your writing assignment that is directly quoted from another source must be appropriately cited using MLA, APA, or another widely recognized citation methodology

Submission:

- Upload the completed writing assignment as a .pdf through the online application portal in the space designated for job shadowing documentation