# Practicum I (DMSO 1366)

**Credit:** 3 semester credit hours (0 hours lecture, 24 hours lab)



**Prerequisite/Co-requisite:** Passed all previous sonography courses.

## **Course Description**

Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student.

## **Required Textbook and Materials**

SCAN BOOK (1½" 3 ring binder; tab dividers)

# **Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

Apply the theory, concepts, and skills involving specialized materials, tools, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the occupation and the business/industry; and will demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, and appropriate written and verbal communication skills using the terminology of the occupation and the business/industry.

### **Course Outline**

- A. Tour of Clinical Sites
  - a. St. Mary Hospital
  - b. St Mary OPC
  - c. Medical Center
  - d. St Elizabeth Hospital
  - e. St. Elizabeth OPP
  - f. Baptist Beaumont
  - g. Baptist Orange
- B. Review of clinical forms
  - a. Time Sheets
  - b. Log forms
  - c. Calendars
  - d. Evaluations
  - e. Proficiencies
- C. New procedures/equipment
  - a. Ultrasound equipment
  - b. PACS
  - c. Patient Worksheets
  - d. Protocols
  - e. Work Area
- D. Practice live patient scanning
  - a. Room set up
  - b. Clean linen

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- c. Acquiring patient history
- d. Patient interaction
  - e. Explanation of procedure
  - f. Equipment selection
  - g. Patient positioning
  - h. Image analysis
    - i. Diagnostic
    - ii. Annotation
  - iii. Anatomy
  - i. Paperwork
  - j. Discussion of findings
- E. Scanning patients for grades:
  - a. Great vessels
  - b. GB
  - c. Liver
  - d. Pancreas
  - e. Spleen
  - f. Renal
  - g. Thyroid
  - h. Female Pelvis

## **Grade Scale**

93 - 100 A

85 - 92 B

77 - 84 C

69 - 76 D (not able to continue in sonography program)

68- Below F

### **Course Evaluation**

Semester grades will be calculated from the following criteria:

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1.	Clinical Evaluations	25%
2.	Professional Qualities Proficiencies	10%
3.	Exam Proficiencies	10%
4.	Clinical Challenges	40%
5.	Journals	5%
6.	Observations	5%
7.	Exams Performed/Observed	5%

(Exams: A= 100-81; B=80-71; C=70-61; Failing less than 61.)

## **Course Requirements**

- 1. Students must perform and be graded (challenges) on exams throughout the semester.
- 2. Two student evaluations by the clinical personal are required for the semester.
- 3. Scan and observe as many exams/procedures as possible each day.
- 4. Scan independently after appropriately practicing each procedure.
- 5. Complete Professional and Exam Proficiencies by the end of the semester.

#### **Course Policies**

- 1. Maintains clean work environment.
- 2. Challenge grades must be an A or B or the challenge must be repeated.
- 3. An unacceptable performance rating on the student clinical evaluation form may result in clinical probation or expulsion.
- 4. Demonstrates concern for the patient's care, need, safety, and right to privacy.
- 5. Promotes a positive and collaborative atmosphere with other healthcare providers.
- 6. Late work will be accepted at the penalty of half value for each late day. Incomplete forms will not be accepted; must have supervising sonographer signatures.
- 7. Absences must be limited to serious illness and/or immediate family emergencies. The student is allowed 2 absences in a semester. Unexcused absences are not allowed. Catastrophic events are reviewed on an individual basis. If a student exceeds 2 unexcused absences, one letter grade will be deducted from the final grade for each additional absence. Example: if a student has an 'A' in clinic and 5 unexcused absences, the 5th absence would reduce his/her letter grade to an 'D'. The student will then be dropped from the program. Absences of any kind after the first 2 must be made up at the end of the semester.
- 8. Arriving late for clinic or leaving clinic prior to the required time must be reflected on the clinical time sheet. Points will be deducted for missed time that is not made up. Make up time must also be reflected on the clinical time sheet.

Final grade point reduction for hours (after 16) missed and/or not made up:

0-2 hours = 2 points

3-4 hours = 4 points

5-6 hours = 6 points

7-8 hours = 8 points

- 9. In the event that LIT is forced to cancel classes due to inclement weather, DMSO/DSAE classes and clinical rotations will also be cancelled. Notification of closures will be made through local radio and TV stations. Students out of the immediate broadcast area should contact the program Director for information.
- 10. How Clinic Attendance Is Recorded: **Total hours for the week are calculated (24 hours a week).** When a student is tardy, absent, leaves early or is unaccounted for, that time is deducted from the 24 hours for that week and must be made-up during the week or the missed time is counted toward the two allowed absences.
- 11. Every student must use the time clock at their clinical site to record their clinical hours. Missed punches will result in a reduction on the Clinical Evaluation grade of 1 point for every 2 missed punches in a 1 week period.
- 12. When absent from clinic, call LIT 839-2923 (you may leave a message) and the clinical site. **Immediate letter grade drop if either is neglected.** Missed time must be made up at the end of the semester. Make up days must be approved by the clinical site and the clinical coordinator.
- 13. Should a class field trip fall on a clinical day the student will be required to attend clinic if they choose not to go on the field trip. Should they not attend either one they will be assessed an absence.
- 14. Any absences during the last week of clinic must be made up regardless of the reason.

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## **Technical Requirements (for courses using Blackboard)**

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, software, Java, etc. can be found online at:

https://help.blackboard.com/enus/Learn/9.1 2014 04/Student/015 Browser Support/015 Browser Support\_Policy A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of the online technology and resources.

### **Disabilities Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the office in Student Services, Cecil Beeson Building. You may also visit the online resource at http://www/lit.edu/depts/studery/special/defaults.aspx

### **Student Code of Conduct Statement**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at <a href="www.lit.edu">www.lit.edu</a> or obtained in print upon request at the Student Services Office. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document. The *Diagnostic Medical/Cardiac Student Handbook* is given out the first summer semester after admission into the program.

### Starfish

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.



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# **Course Schedule**

	'opic	Reference	
Week 1	Practice Scanning Exams		
Week 2	TEST on Great vessels (Challenge)	Handout/ Blackboard	
Week 3	Practice Scanning Exams		
Week 4	TEST on Liver (Challenge)	Handout/ Blackboard	
ı	TEST on GB (Challenge)	Handout/Blackboard	
(	Observation #1 due	Handout	
Week 5	Practice Scanning Exams		
Week 6	TEST on Pancreas (Challenge)	Handout/ Blackboard	
Week 7	Practice Scanning Exams		
	ournal #1 due	Handout	
Week 8	SCAN Book Check	Handout	
Γ	TEST on Spleen (Challenge)	Handout	
(	Clinical Evaluation of student #1		
Week 9	Spring Break		
Week 10	TEST on Renals (Challenge)	Handout / Blackboard	
Week 11	Practice Scanning Exams		
Week 12	TEST on thyroid (challenge)	Handout/ Blackboard	
J	ournal #2 due	Handout	
Week 13	Practice Scanning Exams		
Week 14	Practice Scanning Exams		
(	Observation #2 due	Handout	
Week 15	TEST on Female pelvis (challenge)	Handout /Blackboard	
Week 16 H	Final SCAN book Check	SCAN book	
(	Clinical Evaluation of student #2	Handout	
S	Student Evaluation of clinical Site	Handout	
I	Professional and Exam proficiencies	Handout	

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