It is the UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program’s role to provide a strong educational experience in all aspects of the radiology field to the student. There are limitations in some procedures including the two day mammography observation rotation.

Any student wishing to spend two clinic days observing in mammography will put the request in writing to the program officials during the 5th term of the program. Clinical site policies prohibit male students from participation in mammography rotations. Such participation is limited due to liability concerns, as well as consideration for the interests of the patient.

If female, the student will be scheduled for a two day rotation in the mammography suite at their clinic site. If male, the student will be given a tour of the suite and the equipment used will be explained. There will also be a notice given to the mammography suite in the event that a male patient presents for mammography every effort will be made to allow the male student if in clinic to observe the case.

In addition, during any rotation in the mammography suite, the patient will be asked if a student may observe and the patient’s consideration is the final decision on observation of the mammogram procedure.