



Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana – Bloomington
School of Health Sciences
Radiation Therapy Program

Proof of Professional Observation in Radiation Therapy

Students are **required** to visit any radiation oncology center of their choice for an observational period of 2 to 4 hours minimum with the **radiation therapists**. This may help the student determine if this profession meets the students' educational and professional goals.

Applicants should submit this form as a supplemental document with their program application in Ivy Connect. Failure to provide documentation of the professional observation will deem you ineligible to apply to the Radiation Therapy Program.

Making the Most of Your Professional Observation:

We urge you to make the most of this experience by utilizing the time you spend with the radiation therapists carefully observing what they do, as well as asking any questions you have about the profession or day-to-day job responsibilities. The more educated you are about the profession, the more likely you will be able to determine if this is a good fit for you. Some suggested observations or questions to consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Teamwork among radiation therapists and other healthcare professionals inside or outside their department
- Soft skills and technical skills used most frequently
- Why they chose Radiation Therapy
- Why they are passionate about Radiation Therapy
- What they like/dislike about the job
- Continuing education requirements
- Hours/shifts worked
- Salary/benefits
- Day-to-day job responsibilities
- Any other information you want to know about the profession



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Where to Observe?

Because we have students attend the program who come from all over the United States, we do not mandate that your professional observation be at any particular organization. We simply require the observation to be spent with radiation therapists in any radiation therapy department of your choosing.

For applicants wanting suggested observation locations in south-central Indiana, most radiation therapy departments within the IU Health or Community Hospital organizations allow students to complete a professional observation if they know it is a requirement to apply to a radiation therapy program. However, many other organizations also allow observations, and you are not required to complete your observation at either of these organizations; these are simply suggestions.

How to Schedule the Professional Observation:

Ivy Tech does not schedule the observations. That is the responsibility of the applicant. All organizations have different protocols for how to schedule an observation and who to contact, and this information continuously changes. Therefore, we recommend simply doing a Google search for the main number of where you want to observe. When calling the main number, they should be able to provide you with the contact person to get your observation scheduled. Remember to tell them it is a requirement to apply to a radiation therapy program so they are more likely to honor your request.

If you have additional questions about the professional observation, please contact Erin Sanders, Program Director of Radiation Therapy at the Ivy Tech Bloomington campus esanders41@ivytech.edu.



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Applicants will be required to submit this page (once completed) as a supplemental document with their program application in Ivy Connect. This form will serve as proof of completing a professional observation in Radiation Therapy.

- This applicant has completed an observation at our Radiation Oncology clinical site.**

Facility Name

Date

Student's Name

_____ **To** _____
Time Observed

**Radiation Therapist Name & Credentials
(Printed)**

Radiation Therapist Signature