

CSUN BS, Radiologic Sciences Program  
**Clinical Competency Assessment for Mammography**  
 (Use one form per competency)

The student must pass all sections of this form. In every section, each student must accumulate the minimum points necessary based on their Junior or Senior/Post Grad status. If a licensed RT intervenes during any part of the evaluation, the assessment is discontinued and the student must be re-evaluated on a different exam. The following total points are needed to pass this competency: Juniors **52** and Seniors/Post Grads **59**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_ Tech's Name and Exam Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scale: 0=Unacceptable; 1=Needs Improvement; 2=Competent/Acceptable; 3=Above Average; 4=Exceeds Expectations (at RT level)**

<b>I. Patient Care &amp; Communication</b>					
1. Verifies correct patient using two patient identifiers, procedure, and clinical diagnosis/indication.	0	1	2	3	4
2. Communication skills – Provides clear and complete explanation of procedure to age appropriate patient, surname use, etc.	0	1	2	3	4
3. Obtains patient assessment, preparation, history, and consent.	0	1	2	3	4
4. Insures patient privacy and dignity.	0	1	2	3	4
5. Knows emergency protocol for Code situations.	0	1	2	3	4
6. Insures patient safety and comfort throughout procedure.	0	1	2	3	4
7. Practices safe patient care methods including falling precautions.	0	1	2	3	4
8. Uses proper patient preparation – removes excess powder, etc. and documents lumps, scars, etc.	0	1	2	3	4
9. Provides proper breathing instructions, appropriate for exam and patient language.	0	1	2	3	4
10. Conducts proper cleaning of equipment. (Pre and post exam)	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Total for Section I: _____</b>					
<b>Maximum points = 40 Minimum passing points: Juniors=16 and Seniors/Post Grads=18</b>					
<b>II. Technical Requirements &amp; Positioning</b>					
1. Correctly enters patient information.	0	1	2	3	4
2. Selects appropriate exam protocol or adjusts as necessary.	0	1	2	3	4
3. Adjusts exposure factors and selects proper filter.	0	1	2	3	4
4. Positions patient efficiently and correctly for the examination.	0	1	2	3	4
5. Uses compression paddles correctly.	0	1	2	3	4
6. Uses tube angulations properly.	0	1	2	3	4
7. Knows storage location of necessary supplies.	0	1	2	3	4
8. Examination completed in a timely fashion.	0	1	2	3	4
9. Properly archives images to PACS or prints images.	0	1	2	3	4
10. Uses proper collimation.	0	1	2	3	4
11. Uses correct compression paddle size.	0	1	2	3	4
12. Uses proper alignment of x-ray tube to film.	0	1	2	3	4
13. Uses proper central ray location.	0	1	2	3	4
14. Uses proper compression force to breast.	0	1	2	3	4
15. Uses markers on all images.	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Total for Section II: _____</b>					
<b>Maximum points = 60 Minimum passing points: Juniors=24 and Seniors/Post Grads=27</b>					
<b>III. Image Critique</b>					
1. Diagnostic image quality (contrast/density), exposure range must meet department protocols.	0	1	2	3	4
2. Patient positioning demonstrates anatomy and pathology properly.	0	1	2	3	4
3. Able to identify which projection of the image was taken.	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Total for Section III: _____</b>					
<b>Maximum points = 12 Minimum passing points: Juniors=5 and Seniors/Post Grads=6</b>					
<b>IV. Radiation Protection</b>					
1. Patient assessment. (Pregnancy, child bearing age, adolescent, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4
2. Uses proper shielding and radiation protection for the patient and staff.	0	1	2	3	4
3. Uses proper collimation of the body part.	0	1	2	3	4
4. Uses appropriate patient body positioning to ensure gonad radiation protection.	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Total for Section IV: _____</b>					
<b>Maximum points = 16 Minimum passing points: Juniors=7 and Seniors/Post Grads= 8</b>					

**\*\*\* If the student receives a "0" in any of the above categories, then he/she will not receive credit for the comp. \*\*\***

RT's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ RT's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**In order for this form to be valid, the technologist must be registered by the ARRT for at least 2 years.**