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: _______________ technologist Name and Exam Time: _______________

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

I. Patient Care & Communication

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

Total for Section I: ____________  
Maximum points = 40 Minimum passing points: Juniors=16 and Seniors/Post Grads=18

II. Technical Requirements & Positioning

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

Total for Section II: ____________  
Maximum points = 60 Minimum passing points: Juniors=24 and Seniors/Post Grads=27

III. Film Critique

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

Total for Section III: ____________  
Maximum points = 12 Minimum passing points: Juniors=5 and Seniors/Post Grads=6

IV. Radiation Protection

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

Total for Section IV: ____________  
Maximum points = 16 Minimum passing points: Juniors=7 and Seniors/Post Grads=8

*** 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.