

New MRI Simulator Studies Standard

(Applies to ARMRIT-COA Accredited MRI Programs only.)

Effective as of **July 1st, 2026**, the use and acceptance of MRI Simulator studies as an acceptable replacement for a portion of MRI Clinical Externship hours will change to the following:

Standards for MRI Simulator Studies vs. MRI Clinical Hours:

- 1) Up to 250 required MRI Clinical Hours can be substituted by successful MRI Simulator studies. This constitutes up to 25% of the 1000 MRI Clinical Externship hours, an ARMRIT-COA Major Accreditation Standard (*III.C).
- 2) MRI Simulator studies would be credited as four (4) MRI Simulator studies being equal to one (1) hour of MRI Clinical Externship.
- 3) The MRI Simulator Studies, and success rate for these studies, must be reported for each student.
- 4) The MRI Simulator system must be available remotely.
- 5) MRI Simulator studies must be performed independently.
- 6) MRI Simulator studies must be divided one third each to Neurology studies, Muscular-Skeletal studies, & whole body (Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis) studies.
- 7) Schools must certify that MRI Simulator Studies were successfully completed independently by the student as part of the requirements to be certified.

Important: The use of MRI Simulator Studies in place of MRI Clinical Externship Hours is optional and should only be utilized when live MRI Clinical hours are not available.

MRI Simulator Companies: that have met the above standards and are acceptable upon demonstration and review by the ARMRIT Board of Directors are:

Corsmed and ScanLab MR

Note: MRI Simulator Companies may request to be evaluated for acceptance by the Board of Directors.