



# Recommendations For Finding a Clinical Site and Verifier

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To get started completing your clinical competency requirements to earn your Imaging Assistant, Magnetic Resonance credential, you'll first need to find a clinical site where you can get experience completing supervised repetitions of the following types of activities:

- General patient care procedures
- MRI safety requirements
- MRI positioning and anatomical landmarking
- MRI quality control tasks

Each clinical activity you complete must be verified by a qualified person, and there are specific requirements about who can verify them:

- **General patient care procedures** can be verified by an ARRT certified and registered technologist (any discipline) or an ARRT certified and registered Imaging Assistant, Magnetic Resonance.
- **MRI safety requirements, MRI positioning and anatomical landmarking, and MRI quality control tasks** can be verified by an ARRT certified and registered MR technologist or an ARRT certified and registered Imaging Assistant, Magnetic Resonance. (Additionally, **MRI safety requirements** can also be verified by a certified and registered MRSO, MRSE, MRMD (ABMRS), or the designated facility MR medical director.)

## If You're Already Working as an MRI Imaging Assistant

You probably work with a person who meets these qualifications and can verify your clinical competency activities.

## If You're Not Currently Working in This Field

Here are some suggestions to help you get started:

1. **Call a hospital, imaging center, or medical clinic near you** that's convenient for you to visit often to complete your clinical competency requirements. The location you choose must offer MRI scanning. (Most primary care clinics don't have MRI machines on site. Patients are usually referred to hospitals or imaging centers for MRI services.)
2. **When you call, ask to speak to a manager in imaging or MRI.**
  - Explain that you're beginning the process of pursuing an Imaging Assistant, Magnetic Resonance credential through ARRT.
  - Ask if they can connect you with an ARRT-credentialed MRI technologist who would be willing to serve as your clinical verifier. (That means that the technologist will take on the role of helping you complete and verify your clinical requirements.)
  - Request a meeting with your potential verifier. Be enthusiastic! Share your reasons for pursuing this credential, and your intended timeline for completing the requirements and taking the ARRT exam. Bring along a copy of ARRT's [Imaging Assistant, Magnetic Resonance Clinical Competency Requirements](#) to share with your verifier.
3. **Repeat these steps until you find a clinical site and verifier.** You may not have success with the first call you make. Start with step one again and continue until you can secure a suitable location and verifier for your clinical competency requirements.