

Radiologic Technology Program Update

Fall 2023



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Program Updates from the Program Director

Fall semester has started and SRJC is finally, fully reopened. Class rooms are full, services are open. There are still several construction projects happening as the college continues to expand. Lots of positive energy.

- Our most recent class graduated on July 20. Graduation was held on the steps of the Race building. I'm told they chose that spot because the building is home to them. Newly licensed, they are excited about working in this field and will be an asset to our profession.
- We brought back the Compassion and ALARA awards which were presented at graduation. Summer Regan-Lampert received the award. These awards are chosen based on nomination from CIs only and are open to both first- and second-year students.
- A new cohort of 22 students started the RT program on August 14. Although maybe a bit overwhelmed, they are off to a good start and begin clinical training in the second week of school.
- The first Clinical Instructors Seminar in four years was held last April the library. The afternoon was filled with good CEU topics, great speakers as well as several participants from our imaging community. Ryan Curzon received the Clinical Instructor of the Year award.
- There was a Health Sciences Open House in the Race building which took place on August 24th. It was great to share our changes and improvements to our student labs with our community.
- Our lottery application system will be replaced with a points-based system when our application cycle opens in October.

Looking forward to a successful 2023-2024 school year.

Tammy Alander, Program Director

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."

- Paulo Coelho

Faculty Spotlight

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Tammy Alander is the Radiologic Technology Program Director. She began her teaching career as an Associate faculty Clinical Coordinator at SRJC 18 years ago. Prior to becoming RT director, she was coordinator for the Summer Health Careers Institute and Health Careers Academy in addition to teaching RT courses. Her overall career has been varied and spanned through several avenues of health care beginning as a CNA, including Hospice, home health care, employee health facilities, outpatient facilities, acute care hospitals and urgent care centers (much of which she did while either in school or teaching). During the year, she teaches RT prerequisite courses, Intro to Radiologic Technology, Positioning, Patient Care, Special Modalities and Registry Review as well as serving on college committees. As a graduate of this program, Tammy can relate to the challenges that many of our students face. The most rewarding part of her job is being able to mentor students and see them become highly skilled technologists providing patients with the best care possible.

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She is grateful for all of the opportunities that SRJC has presented in her life and is proud to return to her roots, being the first alumni to become director of the very program that she graduated from.

SRJC News:

In July the Santa Rosa Junior College welcomed it's **6th Superintendent/President of the College**. Dr. Angelica Garcia has already participated in the Health Science Department Open House and a Meet and Greet with Health Science faculty.

Move-In Day at the newly built dormitories at Polly O'Meara Doyle Hall took place on Saturday, August 12th. Some of our Rad Tech students have been able to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Website Updates: www.radtech.santarosa.edu

Have you seen the PHOTO GALLERY on our website? Click on the Photo Gallery tab to see 50 YEARS of class photos from the SRJC Rad Tech program! You will also find instructions for technologists who want to become Clinical Instructors, handbooks, forms and contact information for faculty.

COVID-19 Policy: **2023-2024:**

- All students must comply with the SRJC Health Sciences Department mandate to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.
- All students may participate in the care of Covid-positive and -possible patients, **if the clinical site policy allows it.**
- All students must follow **the clinical site's** PPE guidelines for the care of Covid-positive and -possible patients.

REMINDERS ABOUT DIRECT vs. INDIRECT SUPERVISION:

Students must be directly supervised until competency is achieved. Once students have achieved competency, they may work under indirect supervision. The JRCERT defines indirect supervision as student supervision provided by a qualified radiographer who is immediately available to assist students regardless of the level of student achievement.

- Repeat images must be completed under direct supervision. The presence of a qualified radiographer during the repeat of an unsatisfactory image assures patient safety and proper educational practices.
- Students must be directly supervised during surgical and all mobile, including mobile fluoroscopy, procedures regardless of the level of competency.
- Students must be directly supervised during the exam of any patient under the age of 18.
- Students may only transport patients to and from the Emergency Room when a Radiologic Technologist or other qualified hospital employee is present.

Thank you to every clinical site, clinical instructor, lead clinical instructor and department manager for your continued dedication to the SRJC Radiologic Technology Program and our students!