SRJC Radiologic Technology Program Update

Fall 2022

Moving Forward...a note from the Program Director

Campus is now fully open and it's great to see students all over campus resuming life as it was pre-pandemic. There's lots of new construction taking place. Scheduled for completion in Fall 2023, a 100,000-square-foot STEM building will replace the old science and math buildings and student housing will return to campus with a new five-story building.

- A new cohort of 22 excited students came into the program as the class of 2024. Their clinical training began in early September. They are motivated and eager to learn.
- Second year students are becoming more confident as graduation is now in their sights.
- Tracy Brady has returned as a clinical coordinator. It's great to be working with her as an associate faculty member again.
- Laura Horton is a welcome addition as an associate faculty clinical coordinator, bringing a wealth of experience to share with our students.
- The Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 1, 2:30 -4:30 p.m. Feedback and suggestions are always appreciated as we move into another year of planning and improving our program.

Tammy Alander, Program Director

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



Faculty Spotlight Keith Diehl



Keith Diehl is an Associate Professor and Clinical Coordinator at the SRJC. He has been teaching in the Radiologic Technology Program since 2004. Keith lectures and conducts on-campus labs in Radiation Physics, Radiobiology and Patient Care. He says that teaching is his dream job and loves to help students learn and really comprehend topics that some may find very challenging. Throughout his almost 40-year career in Medical Imaging, he has learned so much about the medical field and how patients not only rely on us for quality care but also teach us a lot about ourselves. He enjoys sharing this experiential knowledge with his students. His favorite saying is that patients may not remember how efficiently you conducted their exam, but they will always remember how you treated them.

Keith began his Medical Imaging career in 1983 at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis Missouri. He has worked as a (Continued on next page....)

Keith Diehl, continued....

Radiologic Technologist, CT Tech, Special Procedures Tech in the Cardiac Cath Lab, management and currently works at Kaiser Hospital as an MRI Tech when he is not teaching at the SRJC. This has been an amazing and enjoyable career for Keith and finds it very satisfying to share this career path with his students.

New Clinical Sites and Instructors:

SRJC Rad Tech Program is proud to announce affiliation or re-affiliation with the following clinical sites:

- Redwood Orthopaedics Surgery Associates
- Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital
- MarinHealth Outpatient Imaging Clinic South

We have added <u>20 new Clinical Instructors</u> this past year, ensuring adequate supervision and availability to our students. Thank you to each of you who patiently and professionally work with our students!

Website Updates: www.radtech.santarosa.edu

We now have a PHOTO GALLERY on our website. Click on the Photo Gallery tab to see 50 YEARS of class photos from the SRJC Rad Tech program!

COVID-19 Policy: No changes yet....

- All students must comply with the State of California mandate to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.
- To reduce student exposure to COVID-19 students must wear an N-95 mask and face shield in the ED.
- Students may not participate in any Chest X-Ray in the ED where there is reasonable suspicion the patient
 may be Covid-19 positive.
- Students may not participate in any exam that involves a COVID -19 positive patient or PUI.

SRJC HOPE Center supporting Rad Tech students!

The SRJC HOPE (Health Occupation Preparation Education) Program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and motivates students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its students who are interested in pursuing a career in a health-related field.

This program is funded through SRJC, state and federal grants and donations from local healthcare organizations. It serves students who exhibit financial needs, first generation college students and students with disabilities. For more information or to donate go to: https://hope.santarosa.edu/

Currently, there are <u>8 Rad Tech students</u> receiving support from this program and several on the wait list. They have access to a quiet place to study, tutoring, money for new scrubs, financial advice and scholarships.

<u>Thank you</u> 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!