# Radiologic Technology Program Update





Spring 2023

## **Moving Forward...** a note from the Program Director



Hi Everyone,

Our annual CI seminar is resuming this year and will be held on Friday, April 14th. This will mark our first post-COVID (plague) in-person event. There's been lots of changes within the

RT program to discuss and we have great guest speakers.

Discussions will include changes to classes, shielding policies and the announcement of the new application selection process. It's a great time to refresh the things you know, learn new stuff, and reconnect with colleagues. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all and hoping that you will be able to attend.

I have also been busy writing grants. The program has been awarded enough money to make the following purchases for our program this year:

- A new Fluke Dosimeter for the X-Ray lab
- Replacement batteries for our Carestream digital image receptors.
- 2 new wheelchairs
- Leg holders for XTBL Hip positioning
- Multiple education modules from ASRT

Tammy Alander, Program Director

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

- Paulo Coelho

Faculty
Spotlight
Bonnie
Patterson



Bonnie Patterson is an Associate Clinical Instructor and has been teaching part time for Santa Rosa Junior College in the classroom, on-campus labs, and in the clinical sites for 18 years. She has been a radiologic technologist for 30 years, and still works per diem in her field at **Sutter Novato Community** Hospital. She holds licenses in radiography, mammography, Computerized Tomography, and fluoroscopy. Historically she performed stereotactic breast biopsies for seven years on two different systems. She created and currently teaches an elective mammography course in the spring semester, which is her passion. The mammography course is offered to all radiologic technology programs of California. She enjoys seeing graduates of the radiologic technology program working out in the field. It feels like a mini reunion every time she goes out to visit students at their clinical sites.

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#### Bonnie Patterson, continued....

She is very thankful for the career path of becoming a radiologic technologist. It is still a rewarding career. In this profession, technology is always changing, and it keeps her on her toes. Bonnie and her husband are busy raising two boys ages 13 and 15. One started high school this year, and the other starts next year. Both boys are taller than she is now (she is 5'10). They are a blessing but also challenging being in their teenage years now! The 13-year-old is in his last year of basketball for CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). Both boys have had many years of basketball through that organization. It will be bittersweet to have to move on next year. Hopefully, more will come in high school years.

#### SAVE THE DATE!!!!:

Our annual *Clinical Instructor Seminar* is returning! For the first time since 2019, we will be offering a Clinical Instructor Seminar for all current Clinical Instructors.

Plan to attend on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 12:30 – 4:30pm in the SRJC Library Conference Room. There will be light refreshments and 4 CEUs available, pending ASRT approval.

Get the latest updates from the SRJC Program, JRCERT, and ARRT. Collaborate with Cl's from other clinical sites. Meet the faculty and some students!

### 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 and forms and contact information for faculty.

## COVID-19 Policy: **2023**

- 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 FD
- Stricter policies may be enforced by the clinical site.
- First-year students may not participate in any exam that involves a COVID -19 positive patient or PUI until a negative test has been confirmed.
- Second-year students may participate in the care of COVID-19 positive patients under direct supervision only.

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!