

Radiologic Technology Program Update

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Hi Everyone,

I hope that you've all remained safe and dry through the recent storms.

Our students came back from winter break rested and re-energized. It's hard to believe that we are already over three weeks into the Spring 2025 semester.

It's been amazing to watch the transformation of the second-year students becoming more confident and polished in their skills as they get closer to achieving their goals of becoming technologists. They will be receiving information on applying for the ARRT exam soon. Summer will bring their final course, RADT 68 - Preparation for Professional Practice. Graduation will be the third week in July, (details to be sent closer to date).

All of the students are working incredibly hard with six of them inducted as new members of Lambda Nu, the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences National Honor Society, having been recognized for their academic achievements. I'm sure that more of them will earn this honor by the end of the semester. They are putting efforts into their Pathology course, have completed CT rotations. Some of them have opted to take the elective Mammography course as well.

Now in their second semester, the first-year students are working on building new skills, mastering the skills they've learned and are always eager to learn more. They are putting efforts into the Physics course, Medical Law and Professional Ethics course and have successfully completed spine positioning in their second positioning course. They look forward to taking on more exams during their time spent in clinical.

A new course, RADT 69 - Medical Law and Professional Ethics in Radiologic Technology, has been added to the curricula for first-year students. The course focuses on professionalism, ethical behavior in clinical practice, professional liability and scope of practice. Students analyze actual case studies, use critical thinking and practice soft skills to resolve legal and ethical issues similar to those that may be encountered in a hospital environment.

Students now have an opportunity for observation in a Cardiac Cath lab or Angiography suite. Although unavailable for several years, this was an observation that was once part of the program. I'm glad that students will be able to experience this environment once again to better prepare them as entry level technologists and give them insight to all of the avenues the field of medical imaging has to offer as they begin their career journeys.

Our program application cycle will be closing March 14. We have received several applications so far and anticipate more in the next few weeks for the class of 2027. The cohort will begin in August.

As a final thought - this program would not be successful without your efforts and support! I'm so grateful for all that you do for our students. I look forward to seeing you at the CI Seminar on April 18. Be well.

Tammy Alander, Program Director

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

Faculty Spotlight



Tracy Brady, RT(R)(CT)(M)

I graduated in 1993 from the SRJC Radiology program. I have worked at Novato Hospital since then. I went to school with Professor Patterson and was happy when she came and worked at the hospital I worked at. There are lifelong friendships you make going through this program.

I started at the JC and taught RT 100 for many years, I also was a Clinical coordinator. I truly loved teaching the students the knowledge I have gained over the years. Unfortunately, I had to take a break from teaching for personal reasons, but am happy to be back working with the students again.

I love teaching and watching students go from timid and unsure, to confident after 2 years of training. This program is amazing. I am so grateful to be a part of this passionate staff, and a member of the team producing future technologists.

When I was deciding what to do for a career, it was hard, but once I discovered Radiology Technology I never looked back. I still enjoy my job 30 years later. This is an amazing career with room to grow and move up. There are multiple modalities to learn and master. You will never be disappointed in the choice of this field. It always challenges you and will make you be a better technologist.

I am so thankful for my career choice. Working with students and seeing them grow is a win-win. I love the community that I am a part of and enjoy creating new relationships with members of the Radiology community.

Clinical Instructor Seminar 2025: Save the Date!

The Clinical Instructor Seminar will be held on April 18th, 2025, from 12:00 – 4:30 pm. You will have the opportunity to earn 3-4 CEUs, pending approval by the ASRT. We will be back in the Doyle Library's beautiful media room and light refreshments will be provided. All Clinical Instructors and Department Managers are welcome to attend. Plan to carpool and park in the Emeritus Lot for free.

Trajecsys updates: Providing Feedback to Students

You are doing a great job with Bi-Weekly Progress Reports in Trajecsys! Thank you for completing them as soon as the students make the request. Please be sure to follow up with the students and provide them with verbal feedback, as well. They appreciate having the opportunity to ask questions and tend to make changes more quickly when the feedback is also face-to-face. **Thank you for your efforts!** If you are finding that you still have questions, our faculty are here to help you!

Direct Supervision

- Students must be directly supervised until competency is achieved. (Checkoff at clinical site.)
- *Regardless of a student's level of training, ALL of the following must be DIRECTLY SUPERVISED:*

- All repeat images.
- All exams on pediatric pts. (under 18).
- All portable exams.
- All fluoroscopy exams.
- All surgical exams.



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**Confused about
which students
need Direct
Supervision???**

Advisory Committee Updates Regarding Portable Exams: Membership consists of 5 – 7 members of the Rad Tech Industry and SRJC Rad Tech Faculty. During our annual advisory committee meeting in November of 2024, the following recommendations were accepted.

1. The committee decided that while the SRJC Rad Tech Program strongly suggests that students wear lead aprons on all portable exams, the decision on whether to require them can be left up to each facility.
2. Pregnant students may participate in portable exams under the following conditions:
 - A) They must wear a lead apron.
 - B) They must step completely out of the room when the exposure is made.

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!