

Kishwaukee College  
**Radiologic Technology**  
Fall 2021 Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**External Participants: 7**

**Kate Eytalis**-Clinical Instructor-NW Medicine  
**Lindsey M. Gambrel**-Clinical Instructor-Rochelle Hospital  
**Kate Hamilton**-Clinical Instructor-Rush Copley  
**Joy Miller**-Manager of Imaging Services-Rochelle Hospital  
**Kayce Peterson**-Clinical Instructor-Rochelle Hospital  
**Dana Smid**-Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor-NW Medicine  
**Michelle Trotto**-Manager Imaging Services-Rush Copley

**Internal Participants: 7**

**Amy Anthenat**-RA Faculty  
**Dr. Laurie Borowicz**-President  
**Chase Budziak**-Dean-Office of Instruction  
**Leslie Ciacchio**-Coordinator-Allied Health  
**Lori Damask**-Clinical Facilitator  
**Jerry Fox**-RA Faculty & Program Director  
**Dr. Terry Lyn Funston**-Director-Curriculum & Program Development)

**Meeting Summary**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Dean Chase Budziak and Jerry Fox welcomed all in attendance and offered opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves. Dean reviewed the purpose of the Advisory Committee and thanked the committee for their role in advising, assisting, and advocating for the Radiology profession and Kishwaukee College students. Thanked advisory committee for their role in the 2021 accreditation site visit.

**II. Program Update**

Committee reviewed spring 2021 meeting minutes and approved them. Dean shared enrollment and financial information, identifying program enrollment decline (15%) since fall 2020. In FY21 there were 10 program graduates.

College purchased and installed new X-ray equipment in May of 2021.

The program has occasionally experienced difficulty finding applicants who meet the minimum qualifications for the program. In advance of the next application cycle, the program will be hosting information sessions for students.

### **III. Program Accreditation**

Committee reviewed changes in student clinical requirements that allow for students to participate in clinical on evenings and Saturdays. Clinical partners identified that Saturdays would provide students with additional opportunities for competency completion. The program will begin looking at these opportunities in the spring semester as an option for students. The committee did not think that evening clinicals would be logistically feasible for the time being.

Dean and Director reviewed the results of the 2021 site visit by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The college received a 5-year accreditation. The program was cited as non-compliant in two objectives related to the admission process for students. As a remedy, the program submitted an approved action plan to address these issues prior to the application release date prior to spring 2022. The program also submitted the annual review and met all benchmarks: 90% first-time pass rate, 90% job placement rate, 90% graduation rate.

The committee reviewed the definition of direct and indirect clinical supervision for the purposes of accreditation. The program director will forward a copy to clinical sites to post.

### **IV. Clinical COVID-19 Protocol**

The committee reviewed the clinical and college protocol for tracking and submitting vaccination or testing records. Clinical sites appreciate the weekly update from the college and think that the process is working effectively. Clinical sites will update the program of any changes to the COVID-19 protocol.

### **V. Curriculum & Student Outcomes**

Employers identified that program graduates are performing exceptionally in technical and social areas. Rochelle Community Hospital hires mostly Kishwaukee College graduates and note that they take pride in their work. The 2020 program employer survey results indicated that 100% of surveyed employers would hire a Kishwaukee College graduate again.

Committee discussed the recommendation to implement an electronic tracking system for clinical competencies. Employers were supportive of the recommendation and offered additional recommendations to review and revise the clinical evaluations to reflect the experiences of first- and second-year students.

Clinical sites noted that current first and second year students have been performing very well in clinicals. They have been very impressed with student preparation and initiative.

### **VI. Industry Update**

Anticipated employment: Several employers have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift positions available. Employers

have identified that their organizations have implemented incentives such as hiring bonuses and raised starting salary.

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