

Kishwaukee College
Radiologic Technology
Spring 2022 Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: April 7, 2022
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

External Participants: 6

Janey Ciontea – Valley West Hospital – Manager of Radiology
Jeff Dunn – Kishwaukee and Valley West Hospital - Director of Diagnostic Imaging
Kate Eytalis – Kishwaukee Hospital – Clinical Instructor
Kate Hamilton - Rush Copley - Clinical Instructor
Melissa Noble - Kishwaukee Hospital - Clinical Preceptor
Michelle Trotto - Manager of Rush Copley – Imaging Services

Internal Participants: 7

Amy Anthenat – Faculty– Radiologic Technology
Dr. Jessica Berek – Dean- Health Sciences
Chase Budziak – Dean- Office of Instruction
Lori Damask – Clinical Facilitator – Radiologic Technology
Gerald Fox – Faculty Director – Radiologic Technology
Barbara Leach - Interim Vice President – Office of Instruction
Katie Macias – Administrative Specialist – Minutes

I. Program Update

Current Students: There are 12 second-year students scheduled to graduate in summer 2022. There are 9 first-year students scheduled to transition into their second year in FY23.

Accreditation Update: The Joint Review Committee on Education of Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) provided Kishwaukee College with continued accreditation for three years. Results from the site visit included recommendations to increase structure of the admissions process and explore electronic clinical record tracking. This spring, the program assembled a committee to develop a rubric for admission decisions and implemented the rubric.

Admissions Update: 12 were students selected for admission next fall with a waiting list. There were 22 total applicants for the program. New student orientation sessions will be held in April and June 2022 to assist students with preparing for clinical requirements and program handbook.

II. Industry & Employer Discussion

COVID: All employers are currently maintaining COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Students in clinical sites have not been limited to specific clinical areas as they were last year. Incoming students will be required to be vaccinated to participate in clinical. Some Nursing clinical sites are requiring COVID boosters, which may also have impact on Radiologic Technology students.

Student Handbook & Dress Code: In preparation for the incoming class, committee discussed additions or edits to the program handbook and student clinical uniform requirements. Suggestions to include and highlight: Students are required to be in Kishwaukee College uniform at the clinical sites. No smoking or vaping at the clinical sites. Suggestions to the fingernail policy includes “a safe length not to extend beyond the fingertips cleaned and neatly manicured. Artificial nails or anything other than clear nail polish is not acceptable.” Dr. Berek will be working across the allied health programs for consistency to make it clear for students on what is expected and thanks the committee for their feedback.

Electronic Clinical Tracking: Currently a paper form is being used to track student attendance and competency information from clinical. To increase security of the paperwork, real-time attendance tracking, and to better track student progress, the committee agrees that the program implements an electronic clinical record-keeping solution. Clinical partners have experience with Trajecsys and recommend it for review. The committee thinks this tool will improve communication between the clinical site, students, and the college.

Student and Graduate Performance: Clinical partners and employers noted that program graduates perform very well upon graduation. Rush Copley noted that current students have been meeting expectations and performing well.

Need: Employers shared that there are several positions for graduating students. Employers emphasized the importance of the Radiologic Technology program in meeting employment demand.

III. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2022 – 4:30pm-5:30pm