

Radiologic Technology

Meeting Date: April 13, 2023, 3:30pm - 4:25pm

External Participants: 8

Kayce Peterson – Clinical Instructor – NW Medicine Kish Health

Lindsey Gambrel – Clinical Instructor – Rochelle Hospital

Catherine Hamilton and Connie Christakes – Clinical Instructors – Rush Copley Medical Center

Janey Ciontea – Manager of Radiology – Valley West Hospital

Jeff Dunn – Director of Diagnostic Imaging Kish/Valley

Joy Miller - Radiology Manager, Rochelle Community Hospital

Erica Sachs - 2nd year clinical instructor, Rochelle Community Hospital

Melissa Noble – Northwestern Medicine Clinic

Internal Participants: 6

Dr. Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction

Megan Ackland – Full Time Faculty Member and Program Director

Amy Anthenat – Full Time Faculty Member and Clinical Coordinator

Terry Funston – Director of Curriculum and Program Development

Leslie Ciaccio – Coordinator of Complementary Health Programs

Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist 1

I. College Updates – Dr. Jessica Berek, Dean of Health Sciences

a. Overall enrollment and updates

- College's updated strategic plan approved at end of fall semester and a new Civility Statement was approved in March. These tools serve as a guide to put goals into action. Part of our goal setting is implementing Guided Pathways to help students find what they want to do and stay on track.
- Within Health Sciences, we have welcomed three full time faculty in fall and one in spring. Currently have two openings and are looking for additional adjuncts.

b. Discussion - Digital Skills in the Workforce

- Are you seeing any digital scale gaps in the new employees? Any problem areas in documenting, charting, etc.?
 - Employers feel like no extra help needed in digital areas.
 - One suggested that there may be a lack of troubleshooting skills and how the technical process works; possible to incorporate that into the curriculum or additional training for students.
 - Instruction does cover PACS and teach digital skills but unfortunately sites vary regarding specific process steps.

- Another suggested that digital skills are not lacking but more basic communication skills such as talking to the patient, establishing a rapport with patients, etc.
- c. PATH Grant for Fall 2023
 - For this year, Kish focused on short term programs like CNA and EMT – Basic.
 - Looking ahead to next year it is likely to be renewed and hopefully for a longer term.
 - Looking for ways to incorporate all Health Sciences students, including Rad Tech.

II. Program Updates – Megan Ackland and Amy Anthenat

- a. Trajecsyst check-in
 - Help to streamline orientation when they start up at a new site, check list for all clinical sites, to make sure students are getting properly orientated, will have check boxes for sites to be marked off, more will be talked about in preceptor meetings.
 - May 17th and 18th Zoom meetings for preceptors to discuss further.
- b. JRCERT updates
 - No major changes. Orientation document was added.
- c. Cohort updates
 - Summer 2023 graduating class - 7 students, a few have accepted job positions.
 - Summer 2024 graduating class - 12 students, doing well after first year.
 - Tentative date for pinning: Thursday, June 22 at 5pm.
- d. Looking ahead – Summer 2025 graduating class acceptance updates
 - 12 students accepted and ready to go.
- e. Clinical site outreach
 - Still looking for sites, anyone who knows of any or has ideas to increase sites would be great. As discussed in fall, lack of sites keeps the number of applicants we can accept lower than the demand for the program.
 - Open to considering weekend site times for second year students; College will send out survey for interest.