

WVNCC Radiography Program Advisory Committee Meeting

August 2, 2021 at 1:00PM–2:00PM via Zoom

Present: Misty Kahl, Missy Stephens , Miranda Schrack , Tonya Trigg , Molly Dutton, Dr. Jill Loveless, Bonnie Peterman, Karen Mihalic, Ashley Glover, Lisa Soly, Tami Alfred, WVNCC RAD Program Class of 2022 President.

Attachments: WVNCC Radiography Program Mission Statement, WVNCC Radiography Program Effectiveness Data (PED) 2016-2020, WVNCC Radiography Program Projected PED (2017-2021)

Topic	Discussion
<u>Introduction of new members</u>	All new members of the Advisory Committee were introduced.
<u>Update on Radiography Program Class of 2021 Graduates</u>	<p>WVNCC held in-person graduation on 5/14/2021. Graduates from 2020 were also invited to participate (since COVID cancelled the in-person ceremony last year), but no 2020 RAD Program grads attended. All 14 have taken their ARRT Registry Exam & 12 passed it on the first attempt (86%). Two are planning to attend MRI schools. Currently 9 are working at various facilities (Trinity, CMX, WVU Med.- Barnesville, Med Express, WVU Med.-Wheeling Hospital, UPMC, Mobile Company, OSU Hospital, EZ Care).</p> <p>The Kettering National Radiography Review Seminar was hosted once again at WVNCC on May 6 & 7, 2021. Students from WVNCC & several other Radiography Programs participated. We already have booked the Kettering dates for the next 2 years.</p> <p>All grads were given access the week before graduation to complete anonymous Course/Instructor evaluations.</p>
<u>Update on Radiography Program Class of 2022</u>	There are currently 11 students in the class. One student is currently on an LOA & plans to return in Spring 2021. Fall 2020 was in person & clinical/in person & Zoom for classes. Spring & Summer 2021 semesters have been all in person for classes, labs, & clinicals. We are planning for in person classes, labs, & clinicals to continue into the Fall 2021 semester, but the WVNCC Coronavirus Task Force continuously monitors the situation & provides updates for everyone. Still have a limited number of students that can be sent to WVU Medicine-Wheeling Hospital facilities due to COVID restrictions but hopefully all sites will be able to take additional students soon.

	<p>The class hopes to attend the WVSRT Annual Conference at Canaan Valley Resort 10/21/21-10/23/21 with their instructors. They plan to participate in the Student Bowl, Essay Competition, & Exhibit Competitions. They have already done some successful fundraising to help pay for their trip, but they have been discussing selling t-shirts to increase their funds.</p> <p>All students were given access the week before graduation to complete anonymous Course/Instructor evaluations.</p>
<u>Update on Radiography Program Class of 2023</u>	<p>Interviewed applicants between 6/15/21-6/22/21. Orientation was held August 2, 2021, for the class of new students that will start on Monday, August 23, 2021. As previously mentioned one student is currently on leave & will return in the Spring 2022 semester to join the class of 2023. All students received general information about the program & WVNCC in general, as well as information regarding the Castle Branch company that is used for tracking of their background check & drug screen. They also received information regarding the required physical exam, immunizations, titers, etc. that must be completed prior to clinical rotations that will begin in January 2022. The immunizations, titers, etc. are based on the clinical education site that has the strictest requirements so that students will be covered at all of the facilities that they rotate through. They were all given a copy of the WVNCC RAD Program Student Handbook. The ACTion Center Director attended & assisted with registration of the students. Drug screenings will be conducted the first week of class.</p>
<u>Annual review of Radiography Program Mission Statement</u>	<p>The WVNCC Radiography Program Mission Statement was sent out to all members along with the agenda prior to the meeting for review. No one suggested any changes to the Mission Statement, so it will remain unchanged (*see attached Mission Statement).</p>
<u>Update on Radiography Program Assessment Plan</u>	<p>Program Assessment Information data for the past 5 years (2016-2020) was distributed to the committee members & discussed. This data is also posted on the WVNCC Radiography Program webpage & will be included in the JRCERT Annual Report that is due Oct. 8, 2021. The projected data for 2017-2021 was also distributed & discussed (*see attached data sheets).</p> <p>The JRCERT established a benchmark for all programs that the 5-year average for the first time pass rate of the ARRT Registry Certification Exam must be at least 75%. When the report was submitted for 2014-2018, the 5-year average ARRT pass rate was 76% = (59/78). When the report was submitted for 2015-2019, the 5-year average was 80% = (55/69). When the report is submitted for this year 2016-2020, the 5-year average will be 84% (61/73), & when the report is submitted for next year (2017-2021), the 5 year average will be 85% (58/68). We have been constantly working to improve the pass rate, & we have seen</p>

	<p>a 9% increase in the first-time pass rate from 2018-2021. We have added Rad Tech Boot Camp, along with Rad Review, Kettering, ASRT Positioning videos, etc. We will continue to develop ways to better prepare the students for the ARRT Exam and their career.</p> <p>The yearly RAD Faculty meeting was held June 22, 2021, after interviews. The consistent increase in the ARRT first-time pass rate was discussed. We also examined the fluctuating “Program Completion Rate” (81%, 79%, 83%, 81% over the past 4 years). COVID limited the marketing/recruiting efforts last year, so hopefully we will be able to get out to more schools & career fairs this year to promote the program & increase the number of applicants, which will hopefully result in an increase in completion rate. It was also suggested that college increase recruiting efforts and presence in the community especially in Belmont County as they are a neighboring county to the college’s main campus. The WVNCC Radiography Program strongly believes they should also be a target area. Students are offered additional assistance, tutoring, etc., & the faculty’s doors are always open to answer any questions that students might have. There were some concerns with potential COVID restrictions if things change due to the increase in cases from the Delta Variant, but as of now, everything will be done in person.</p> <p>We also do a yearly Program Assessment for WVNCC, an ongoing Assessment Plan for JRCERT, & Course Assessments for all WVNCC RAD courses every Fall & Spring Semester. Data is currently being added/evaluated to the Assessment Plan & will be available to the committee once it is updated.</p>
<p><u>Update on JRCERT Accreditation / WVNCC Accreditation.</u></p>	<p>The WVNCC Radiography Program had its most recent JRCERT Site Visit in 2016. We were awarded the maximum 8 year accreditation following the Site Visit (2016-2024). We were required to submit an “Interim Report” at the 4 year mark in Dec. 2020 to show progress/current status of the program. It was based on a limited number of JRCERT Standards. We then had to send some additional clarifying information in March 2021. We are waiting to hear the results from the JRCERT.</p> <p>In the most recent accreditation letter, JRCERT strongly suggested that WVNCC Radiography Program officials attend an Accreditation/Assessment seminar prior to the submission of the Interim Report. Radiography Program Officials attended a JRCERT Webinar in Nov. 2020. It covered the Interim Report, as well as the new JRCERT Standards that went into effect on 1/1/21.</p> <p>JRCERT required all RAD Programs as of 5/1/21 to provide links to the public with current & accurate information regarding program offerings, policies, & procedures. Programs also must use the JRCERT’s template to reflect their PED. Program officials worked with the Provost & Marketing Department to make sure that all links were current. The RAD Program received a letter from JRCERT in July stating that</p>

	they have reviewed the Program’s website & everything is IN COMPLIANCE with Standard One – Obj. 1.1 & 1.6.
<p><u>Discuss Clinical Education Sites (CES)/Rotation Areas at Sites.</u></p>	<p>UTILIZING SITES WITH COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: it has been a great challenge getting to the CES. We did add 3 new CES (Reynolds Rapid Care facilities in Mt. Olivet, Benwood, & Moundsville). It is also extremely challenging to make schedules because we are currently sharing 5 CES with Belmont College. We are constantly looking for new potential CES to expand the educational opportunities for the students. The number of students that can be sent to each site is determined by the JRCERT, & the sites must be “educationally valid”. It is ultimately the facility’s prerogative if they want to be a CES or not. We must always maintain a 1:1 staff-to-student relationship, & there must be an adequate number of exams performed at the facility, as well.</p> <p>A committee member asked how the exams are dispersed between the students, & it was mentioned that all of the students do a great job of communicating & looking out for each other at the sites. They are either assigned to rooms at some facilities, or take turns at others. She also asked when a new schedule would be out & the Clinical Coordinator (CC) stated that it would be sent out after the meeting was over.</p> <p>Another committee member asked if there was a way to get the evals to the college sooner. There is a locked box placed at all CES that is emptied regularly by the WVNCC Adjunct CPs. The CC noted that the evals can be scanned & emailed to her, or sent in the US mail. It was also mentioned that we utilize TRAJESYS as a way for the students to “clock in & out” at the CES (see below). TRAJESYS does have a feature that allows sites to submit evals, etc., on the site. The CC will check into it & said that she would see if there is a single “LOG-IN” that could be used for each facility, rather than having several log-ins for each site. Everyone agreed this might work.</p> <p>TRAJESYS – Students are currently enrolled in the TRAJESYS System. This allows them to “clock in & out” utilizing either the clinical site’s computer or their smart phone (if applicable). Program officials can see the exact times that the student arrived & left the facility. They can also see the exact location where they punched due to a “Geofencing/Geotracking” feature.</p>
<p><u>Old, New, Unfinished Business</u></p>	<p>SURVEYS – recently Graduate & Employer Surveys were sent out to the Class of 2020. So far, a small number of Surveys have been returned. If anyone has any WVNCC 2020 graduates working at their facility they are reminded to please complete & return the Employer Survey. If they need one emailed to them, let the Program Director know & she will do it.</p>

	<p>The RAD Program applied for & received approval to purchase new lab equipment for the RAD Program. An energized lab is currently being installed in the room next door to the current RAD Classroom. The project should be completed by the start of the Fall 2021 semester. We will also notify the state once the room is complete so that they can open the Registration License for the room. The digital unit with PACS will better prepare students for what they work with in the clinical setting.</p> <p>We will also encourage the Marketing Department to reach out to Ohio, as well as WV. Jill mentioned that “Rack Cards” are currently being printed that can be distributed at Career Fairs & schools. We suggested that Bill Boards be considered, along with TV, Radio, & Newspaper ads.</p> <p>CLINICAL STAFF HANDBOOK – this is currently being updated & will be sent out to all clinical sites (with signature sheets that will need returned) as soon as it is done.</p>
<p><u>The meeting was adjourned</u></p>	