WVNCC Radiography Program Advisory Committee Meeting

July 31, 2023 at 1:00PM-2:30PM via Zoom

Present: Misty Kahl, Missy Stephens, Miranda Schrack, Tonya Trigg, Molly Dutton, Dr. Debra Tervala, Karen Mihalic, Bonnie Peterman, Dr. Angela Hawk, Lisa Soly, Kyle Johnson, Breydi Shenton).

Attachments: WVNCC Radiography Program Mission Statement, WVNCC Radiography Program Effectiveness Data (PED) 2018-2022, WVNCC Radiography Program Projected PED (2019-2023), Handout comparing WVNCC RAD Program Admissions Requirements to other RAD Programs in OH & WV, Handout comparing WVNCC RAD Program Admissions Requirements to ARRT Pass Rates.

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| Introduction of new members | Dr. Debra Tervala was introduced. She is the new Vice-President for Learning at WVNCC. |
| Update on Radiography Program Class of 2023 Graduates | Eleven students graduated on May 12, 2023. All 11 have taken their ARRT Registry Exam & 9 passed it on the first attempt within 6 months (82%). The JRCERT 5-year benchmark is 75%, & the WVNCC RAD Program 5-year average is 86%. Currently all are working at various facilities (WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital in Diagnostic, Cath Lab, CT, & MRI; Allegheny General, WVU Medicine – Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Doctors Urgent Care). Students met with personnel at WVU Medicine - Wheeling Hospital & WVU Medicine – Barnesville in their final semester to discuss job opportunities at the facilities. A representative from MedServ also spoke to the students regarding jobs in the field of RAD Sales. Also, representatives from WVU Medicine – Morgantown spoke to the students. The Kettering National Radiography Review Seminar was hosted once again at WVNCC on May 4 & 5, 2023. Students from WVNCC & several other Radiography Programs participated. We already have booked the Kettering dates for the next 2 years. All grads were given access the week before graduation to complete anonymous Course/Instructor evaluations. |
| Update on Radiography Program Class of 2024 | There are currently 11 students in the class. The class plans to attend the WVSRT Annual Conference at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown 11/9/23-11/11/23 with Misty & Missy. They plan to participate in the Student Bowl, Essay Competition, & Exhibit Competitions. They have already done some fundraising to help pay for their trip, but they have been discussing selling t-shirts to increase their funds. |

| | The class president was asked if the class had any issues that they wanted to discuss & she said no. All students were given access the week before graduation to complete anonymous Course/Instructor evaluations. |
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| Update on Radiography Program Class of 2025 | Orientation was held today (7/31/23) at 9:30AM for the new class that will start on Monday, August 28, 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 2024. 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. The WVNCC ACTion Center attended & assisted with registration of the students. Drug screens are now being completed by Labcorp for all WVNCC allied health students. |
| Annual review of Radiography Program Mission Statement | The WVNCC Radiography Program Mission Statement was sent out to all members along with the agenda prior to the meeting for review. It was also read during the meeting. No one suggested any changes to the Mission Statement, so it will remain unchanged. |
| Update on Radiography Program Assessment Plan | Program Assessment Information data for the past 5 years (2018-2022) was distributed to the committee members & discussed. This data will also be posted on the WVNCC Radiography Program webpage & will be included in the JRCERT Annual Report that is due Oct. 6, 2023. The report will be shared with WVNCC Administration prior to submission for review. The projected data for 2019-2023 was also distributed & discussed. *All 5-year JRCERT Benchmarks were met. The RAD Program completes 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. |
| Update on JRCERT Accreditation / WVNCC Accreditation. | Most recent JRCERT Site Visit was 2016. The RAD Program received the maximum 8-year accreditation award (2016-2024). We had to submit an "Interim Report" at the 4-year mark to show progress/current status of the program in Dec. 2020. Based on the findings, the JRCERT maintained the accreditation through 2024. The next Self-Study Report will be due in 2023/2024, so we will begin working on that within the next several months. New JRCERT Standards took effect on 1/1/21. They are similar to the |

| | current ones with a few updates/changes. In addition to the annual program fee that we pay to the JRCERT, there is an "Application Fee for Continuing Accreditation", along with the cost of the Site Visit, so Misty will let Bonnie & Dr. Tervala know about these costs so that we can plan the budget accordingly. Misty has also worked on the RAD Program annual report with Dr. Hawk, as well as reviewing/discussing the JRCERT Assessment Plan that is updated yearly. She has been extremely helpful & has provided lots of useful information for improving assessment methods. |
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| Discuss Admissions Requirements for RAD | Current Admissions/Interview Eligibility Requirements for the RAD Program are: minimum GPA of 2.75 or |
| <u>Program</u> | above on most recent transcripts, ACT minimum composite score of 18 or above OR SAT minimum composite score of 980 or above. A lengthy conversation was held regarding the possibility of |
| | changing/updating these requirements to better align with other RAD Program Admissions Requirements. |
| | Additional discussions & research will be held before a final decision is made. If any changes are made, |
| | they will be posted on the RAD Program webpage. This is a follow up discussion from last year's Advisory |
| Discuss Clinical Education Sites (CES)/Rotation | Committee Meeting. TRAJECSYS – Students are currently enrolled in the TRAJECSYS System. This allows them to "clock in & |
| Areas at Sites. | out" utilizing either the clinical site's computer or their smart phone (if applicable). We will enroll the |
| | new class when they start their clinical rotations in Jan. 2024. |
| | The RAD Program is always looking to add additional clinical education sites to increase the students' clinical experience/skills. Several sites are being considered & the paperwork will be sent out soon. |
| | The Clinical Coordinator & Adjunct Clinical Preceptor have been diligently working on getting additional |
| | OR experience for the students. The ACPs have also been working on new/updated clinical forms, as well as spending a lot of time working with the students at all of the clinical sites to improve their performance. |
| Old, New, Unfinished Business | SURVEYS – recently Graduate & Employer Surveys were sent out to the Class of 2022. They are sent via |
| | email & regular mail. We have also added a QR code option that allows a quick option to complete the survey. The results are sent anonymously to the Program Director's email, & It has worked very well so far. |
| | An energized lab was installed in last year. We plan to hopefully purchase some additional items that will |
| | allow us to further utilize the room for exposure experiments in the Radiography courses. It will help the |
| | students better understand radiographic technique. The room has been great at preparing the students |

| | for the actual equipment that they utilize in the clinical settings. We would also like to some additional equipment, as well. Based on input from one of the Clinical Education Sites, a discussion was held to talk about ways to better improve the educational experience for the students & prepare them to display more confidence/initiative at clinical sites. The CC explained that each RAD Program does not teach their classes/curriculum in exactly the same order. Procedures are taught in an orderly, structured manner, so that everything is eventually covered. The order of material has been rearranged in the past to better allow students to be prepared for clinicals & is continually evaluated for ways to improve. We had really hoped to have more attendees especially since it was via zoom (only 2 clinical sites were in attendance). When the meeting notes are sent out to the committee members, we will ask if additional reminders might help in the future and/or are there any suggestions as to what we can do to make the meeting better attended to allow for more meaningful discussions to improve the student experience. |
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| The meeting was adjourned | |