

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 21, 2013

300 PM

APL119, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA

Attendees:

Cindy Austin, Department Educator and Quality Control Supervisor, Antelope Valley Hospital
Jeff Crawford, Director of Radiology, Palmdale Regional Medical Center
Maria Kelly, Program Director, Antelope Valley College
Stacey Maloney, Student Radiographer, Antelope Valley College
Mara Ridane, Radiologic Assistant Director, Antelope Valley Hospital
Susan Vradenburg, Radiologic Technologist, Antelope Valley Hospital

Minutes:

Opening Comments: Maria welcomed participants. The contents of the meeting packet and minutes from the October 25, 2012 were reviewed.

Old Business:

Equipment and Educational Materials Needs

CR Reader and PACS Install

Maria informed the group that the CR Reader and PACS equipment that was funded via Perkins IV grant for the 12-13 school year has been installed. The equipment is currently utilized for student learning in positioning and exposures classes this semester and will be utilized throughout the program for other courses. Maria noted that the program's lab is fully equipment at this time.

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) Accreditation Status

Maria reported that the JRCERT has responded to the self-study report with a minor request for more information concerning State Machine Registrations for the clinical affiliated sites. Maria thanked the sites for providing the information needed to complete the self-study report. Maria was also informed that the JRCERT is slightly behind with its review of the self-study and scheduling for the site visit due to implementation issues with their new accreditation portal system. Members of the JRCERT estimated a possible 6-month delay, which would push the site visit back until sometime in the summer or fall sessions. The JRCERT indicated that this delay should not affect the program's current accreditation status.

Program Assessment Plan/ Mission and Goals

Mission and Goals

The group agreed that the program's mission and goals are current and should remain as is.

Program Assessment Plan- Student Learning Outcomes/Program Goals

Maria reported the student learning outcomes for the class of 2012. Overall students met or exceeded benchmarks for each goal/outcome. After continued analysis from faculty and advisory members during the course of the two-year cycle, changes were made to various measurement tools in order to uncover areas for improvement. The group felt that the changes would allow flexibility in instructors providing feedback to students and could potentially identify trends in the data more readily. The group agreed that the forms should stay in place for the next cohort to determine effectiveness.

Program Effectiveness Data- Class of 2012

Maria reported the program effectiveness data for the class of 2012 as follows:

- 100% passed American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) examination

- 100% passed Fluoroscopy examination
- 100% graduates have reported employment within 6 months of graduation.
- Graduate Survey- “Students will be satisfied with their education” -84%(5/6) Strongly Agree, 16%(1/6) Agree.
- Employer Survey- “Employers will be satisfied with graduates’ performance” 100% (1/1) Strongly Agree.

Maria reported that job placement for the program within the last 5 years as 92%. This result was higher than expected. It was assumed that due to the delay in graduates taking the State fluoroscopy permit examination, job placement would be difficult within 6 months. There was a discussion from the group employers about hiring graduates without the fluoroscopy permits on contingencies. Maria addressed a concern that if employers did offer positions to graduates without first obtaining the permit, the graduates would be less likely to take the examination in a timely manner, thus compromising successful passing rates. Maria indicated that only one graduate from the last two cohorts did not find employment within 6 months post-graduation and this was due to other issues not concerning the Fluoroscopy permit. The consensus among the employers was that they would not offer positions to candidates unless they already possessed a fluoroscopy permit, since it becomes difficult to manage when an employee does not obtain the permit within the timeframe needed.

Maria reported 100% ARRT and Fluoroscopy permit pass rates for all cohorts over the last 5 years.

Class of 2014 Status

Maria reported that the class of 2014 is currently progressing with nine students. One student was withdrawn from the program at the end of the Fall semester. The Radiation Physics course occurs during this semester, therefore it is anticipated that some attrition will occur between this and next semester as well.

Mammography Program Request

During the last advisory meeting a request was made to review the feasibility of the college starting a mammography program. Maria investigated the didactic and clinical competency requirements of the State and ARRT and advised that implementation of such a program would result in graduates initially finding employment; but job placement would decline in subsequent years. In addition, the concern remained over availability of clinical education sites in which students could achieve the required number of practices. The group consensus was that a mammography program would not greatly benefit the local community at this time, since there are few sites in the area that perform mammograms.

New Business:

New Faces

Maria reported that Abosede Coker, a program graduate from the class of 2010, and Daniel Titov from Palmdale Regional Medical Center have joined the program as clinical instructors. Abosede has also joined the college faculty as an adjunct instructor. Maria will work with Daniel and Abosede to mentor each in their new roles.

CDPH – New Regulations for Physicians Assistant for Fluoroscopy

The Radiation Health Branch (RHB) has contacted the program to inquire about potentially providing training for PA’s according the regulations. Maria explained the regulations and described the current curriculum for program participants throughout the 2 year RT program. Maria expressed concern that the program did not have sufficient resources at this time to develop a separate curriculum for Physician Assistants and suggested that the program continue to provide fluoroscopy permit education within the confines of the program to program participants (RT students) only. The group agreed.