

Radiography Spring 2017 Student SLO Report

Spring 2017 - Radiography

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Q3 - What did you like about this program?

The instructors. They are so driven to make us students be the best future radiologic technologists, and this program wouldn't be what it is without them.

I enjoyed how we all got to know each other very well over the course of these two years. That helped form strong friendships through stressful times.

I liked that we had lab time to practice positioning and to be able to visualize how the patient is positioned when first learning the exams. I also really liked having the lab packets for procedures, it really helped to keep the information straight and take down extra notes that would be helpful out at clinical. I like that the imaging lectures generally have a follow up worksheet to really be sure I understood the material and help point out of I need clarification on something I didn't think I needed.

I enjoyed the hands on experience of clinical. The course material was relevant to prepare me for my boards and career. The availability of the lab and instructors was very helpful. It was beneficial to be able to practice on my peers for positioning. The lab activities made things more interesting a visual aide helped me understand the material better.

There was a lot of good information! Everything we needed to know was taught or given to us.

I liked the hands on learning since I personally learn better that way. I like how clinicals were during the same time period as classes so you were learning as you were practicing. I liked have the same professors it made it easier to go to them when I had questions or problems.

I liked that we learned all of our positioning first while we still had clinical at the same time, unlike other programs who do things a little differently. I still think that we are able to get all of the comps that we need in a timely manner even though our curriculum may be a little different, I feel like it works fine.

It is very hands on, and helps get us ready for working in our career and what we should expect in our future.

I liked the clinical experience and different places we got to go.

I like that we went clinicals from the start of the program. It allowed us to get a good feel for what we were going into.

Feel prepared and knowledgeable for the upcoming ARRT boards exam

It was what I was interested in

I liked starting clinicals right away, so once we started learning positioning and anatomy, it helped seeing exams done already to help better understand the material.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

Being able to be at clinical sites for a longer period of time versus going to a ton of different sites of a few days.

Not having to feel put down or stupid for asking questions. Also the workload is not evenly spread out compared to some semesters. I felt like I was doing a lot of busy work for few classes accumulating to only 3 credits as compared to other lectures/labs. I put in more work with a one credit course than some of the ones that were five credits and it just seemed repetitive and time consuming rather than essential.

I really am not sure how but I think it could be helpful for imaging equipment and operations to be set up slightly different. The modules were helpful but then maybe if the powerpoints could have a little more to each slide so they could be used as review at home as well (the slides covered the material but were hard to use at home after the lecture). It may also be helpful to have worksheets to be able to take home even if they are not for a graded assignment.

I feel like there is different standards for going over competencies. I think there should be a set of guidelines so things are consistent.

It would be nice to have a little more time for the classes overall. I sometimes felt like everything was rushed.

I felt some of the projects were unnecessary, although I understand why they are done.

Having more time in surgery would be nice because that is something that takes a while to get comfortable around to comp. Also that is going to be a big help when it comes to getting a job and having that experience and not just one week of it and then you forget a lot.

How we can't use our computers during clinical. First year I understand because there is so much to learn and watch, and most of our homework is done in class or at home. Our second year though, the majority of our classes are online. I don't think having our computers should be a problem, given we don't let it interfere with exams, and work.

I hated the instructors. I always dreaded coming to class because they made me feel stupid. I never felt like a respected student, but someone they liked tearing down. I was a door mat for XXXXX and XXXXX. I will never recommend radiography here at western. XXXXX was wonderful. He was warm and kind, honest and helpful.

I would evaluate if it is worth it to send students to different outreach clinics. Some are so far away and as a student, you only see a handful of exams a day. I feel it would be more valuable for the students to be at a place where they can participate in more exams.

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communication of rules and guidelines for clinicals, these surveys are not completely anonymous

Possibly filling in the days we have off second semester with clinical so students don't have to go to clinical after they graduate.

Q6 - As a result of this program: I have learned effective communication skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
	Total	100%	13

Q7 - Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Through out clinical I learned how to communicate with different ages of people. Being so shy, it's scary to put yourself out there without patients, in each clinical site there were techs who made it less scary and more comfortable.

I have learned how to treat a variety of patients from all walks of life while attending clinical in many different sites.

I liked that we were expected to use correct terminology throughout each course.

It's important to keep open communication with the instructors and ask any questions when you are unsure of something.

To be able to practice effective communication skills with patients helped a lot.

How to talk patients through exams to make them more comfortable.

I learned everything at clinical skill wise. communication skills we were not taught in class.

learned a lot of communication skills throughout clinicals and interacting with patients of all age groups and backgrounds

Q8 - As a result of this program: I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	53.85%	7
5	Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
	Total	100%	13

Q9 - Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

All the equations we learned helped so much in being able to apply techniques.

The math courses that are required to get into the program and graduate are sufficient enough.

It was a nice review of basic math skills.

Mathematical concepts were easy. It seemed like a lot but there wasn't. Just have to be able to understand when to use them.

Q10 - As a result of this program: I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	76.92%	10
5	Strongly Agree	15.38%	2
	Total	100%	13

Q11 - Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

No comments.

The use of technical factors at clinical sights and understanding how xrays are made and exactly how the image is produced and the effects on the patient and workers was relevant.

Q12 - As a result of this program: I learned critical thinking skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	53.85%	7
	Total	100%	13

Q13 - Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Many exams require to think on your feet, and throughout the program I really learned how to handle situations fast on my feet and think critically!

You have to think outside the box because not every patient in the hospital setting is a picture perfect book representation.

During clinical, I have become a better critical thinker when dealing with different patients.

There are so many ways to use critical thinking skills. From talking to patients to positioning patients and and the tube.

How to get images on difficult patients by moving the equipment.

Giving the opportunity to be a Intern at Gundersen really helped with critical thinking skills because you get twice the "clinical" time as everyone else.

going to clinic sties has allowed students to begin developing critical thinking skills - we will continue to develop these skills as we begin our careers.

clinical situations with patients and their abilities to do exams help you gain critical thinking skills and practice them

Q14 - As a result of this program:

Q14_1 - I have learned to use technology effectively.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	53.85%	7
	Total	100%	13

Q15 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

No comments.

The various tools and equipment in the X-ray rooms.

I learned how to use the equipment and control panel effectively.

A little more time using x-ray technology doesn't hurt. So more practice the better I am at it.

Feeling confident in using the equipment.

Q16 - As a result of this program: I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
	Total	100%	13

Q17 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

I've always been able to work ethically with others, but throughout this program I have found my self value and learned how to be confident in my work and what I do.

Q18 - As a result of this program: I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	53.85%	7
5	Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
	Total	100%	13

Q19 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

No comments.

This takes practice. So again, more practice makes it easier.

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: provide quality patient care.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	30.77%	4
5	Strongly Agree	69.23%	9
	Total	100%	13

Q22 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

This program has taught me SO much about providing quality patient care.

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: practice radiation safety principles.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	23.08%	3
5	Strongly Agree	76.92%	10
	Total	100%	13

Q24 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

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ALARA every single exam or patient.

Radiation protection and biology contributed greatly.

The instructors and rad techs always make sure the students are using radiation safety principles.

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: apply critical thinking and problem solving skills in the practice of diagnostic radiography.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	53.85%	7
	Total	100%	13

Q26 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

I wish we could cover more critical thinking skills/scenarios that would help us learn how to position patients that are not physically able to be positioned as normal.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: carry out the production and evaluation of radiographic images.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	61.54%	8
5	Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
	Total	100%	13

Q28 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

It might be helpful to do group presentations every other unit in quality analysis so we could go more in depth and cover/recap on other exams. I like the steps we had to take to presenting the information; however, it took a lot of time.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: apply computer skills in the radiographic clinical setting.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	61.54%	8
5	Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
	Total	100%	13

Q30 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

We got a lot of clinical experience at different facilities which is very nice.

Q31 - As a result of this program, I learned to: model professional and ethical behavior consistent with the A.R.R.T. Code of Ethics.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	38.46%	5
5	Strongly Agree	61.54%	8
	Total	100%	13

Q32 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Q33 - CONCLUSION Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Overall GREAT experience in the Radiography program. I'm so happy I got to go through this program.

I am glad to be graduating soon!

I feel like taking speech class and written communications on top of having big final projects/presentations within the specific program is a bit much. It would be nice to possibly combine written com and speech to reduce the amount of redundancy and time. I feel the Radiography program was a great program to enroll in and was challenging but there were available resources to help.

My overall experience at Western was wonderful. The staff was very helpful with any questions that I had. My instructors for the Radiography program did an exceptional job and are always encouraging us to do our best and be professional.

It was a good experience, just hard. Especially, when I am a person who needs to study a lot!!

Overall a great experience.

The curriculum is very nice I enjoyed it and believe that I have all of the knowledge that I need to advance in a career.

I think there needs to be a huge intervention with the instructors. I am so close to filing a harassment complaint with student dean.

I've enjoyed my experience at Western. I feel that they provide ample resources to help prepare me for my classes and my future.

Keep up the good work the instructors were very professional and despite having a large amount of things to do they still took the time out of their schedules to help assist their students in any way they could

enjoyed getting my generals at western college the resources available at western such as resume building were extremely helpful

I feel this is a good program and the different clinical rotations help show students what different clinical/hospital settings are like. On the other hand being at one place and learning the flow and equipment helps students become comfortable and develop a routine.