

PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROGRAM

The Radiography Program at Hagerstown Community College reflects the values of the College. HCC is a state and county supported comprehensive community college. Its central purpose is to offer a diverse array of courses and programs designed to address the curricular functions of university transfer, career entry or advancement, general and continuing education, as well as student and community service.

The Faculty of the Radiography Program believes in and teaches the ideals and values of cultural diversity and a democratic way of life and also seeks to cultivate in its students critical and independent thought, openness to new ideas, a sense of self-direction, moral sensitivity, and the value of continuing education.

The Faculty of the Radiography Program believes that competency-based education facilitates the learning process in the collegiate and clinical settings. The primary roles of instructors are to guide and direct the student to achieve planned behavioral objectives within an environment which is conducive to learning. The student's role is to participate actively and responsibly in the learning process as preparation to function as a medical imager in a health care institution.

Lastly, the faculty believes that the goal of becoming certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists is required for practice in the profession. Continued successful practice necessitates active participation in continuing education to remain current with rapidly expanding technology.

Adopted: 1984

Revised: 2017

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Radiography Program is designed to provide students with the education, experience and skills for successful entry into the practice of radiography.

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the associate degree in radiography, the graduate will:

1. Provide appropriate patient care in the course of radiographic procedures with respect for diverse cultures, values, and beliefs.
2. Competently perform routine imaging procedures.
3. Utilize appropriate radiation protection, safety and standard precautions.
4. Critique images to assure highest quality.
5. Communicate effectively with staff and patients.
6. Solve age-specific, disease- specific and non-routine imaging situations.
7. Make critical decisions appropriate for the medical imager.
8. Perform as an effective team member.
9. Practice within the ethical framework of the profession.
10. Document participation in continuing education activities to stay current in their profession.
11. Begin employment in a healthcare facility within the community.
12. Meet the imaging needs of the community.

Adopted: 2002

CURRICULUM STANDARD

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists' Professional Curriculum for Radiography serves as the standard and guide for Hagerstown Community College's Radiography and Advanced Imaging Programs.