

Health Science and Medical Technology

Job Title: X-Ray Technician

Career Pathway: Patient Care

Industry Sector: Health Science and Medical Technology

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CBEDS Title: Healthcare Occupations

CBEDS No.: 4257

76-45-86

X-Ray Technology/2

Credits: 40

Hours: 480

Course Description:

This competency-based course is the second in a sequence of three designed for x-ray technology. It provides students with project-based experiences according to the California State certification examination requirements in the limited category of chest. Didactic and clinical instruction includes parts two of anatomy and physiology (including chest pathologies), radiographic positioning, film critiques, principles of exposure and image guality, and clinical assistant procedures. Emphasis is also placed on radiologic physics, radiobiology, and radiation safety. Students are given more hours for clinical experience in health care facilities supervised by the instructor and staff personnel in order to perform as safe, competent, and professional X-Ray Technicians. The passing of the state examination allows graduates to work as X-Ray Technicians under a supervising licentiate. The competencies in this course are aligned with the California High School Academic Content Standards and the California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards.

Prerequisites:

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Enrollment requires successful completion of the X-Ray Technology/1 (76-45-83) course.

NOTE: For Perkins purposes this course has been designated as a **concentrator** course.

This course cannot be repeated once a student receives a Certificate of Completion.

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COURSE OUTLINE COMPETENCY-BASED COMPONENTS

A course outline reflects the essential intent and content of the course described. Acceptable course outlines have six components. (Education Code Section 52506). Course outlines for all apportionment classes, including those in jails, state hospitals, and convalescent hospitals, contain the six required elements:

(EC 52504; 5CCR 10508 [b]; Adult Education Handbook for California [1977], Section 100)

COURSE OUTLINE COMPONENTS

GOALS AND PURPOSES

The educational goals or purposes of every course are clearly stated and the class periods are devoted to instruction. The course should be broad enough in scope and should have sufficient educational worth to justify the expenditure of public funds.

The goals and purpose of a course are stated in the COURSE DESCRIPTION. Course descriptions state the major emphasis and content of a course, and are written to be understandable by a prospective student.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES OR COMPETENCIES

Objectives should be delineated and described in terms of measurable results for the student and include the possible ways in which the objectives contribute to the student's acquisition of skills and competencies.

Performance Objectives are sequentially listed in the COMPETENCY-BASED COMPONENTS section of the course outline. Competency Areas are units of instruction based on related competencies. Competency Statements are competency area goals that together define the framework and purpose of a course. Competencies fall on a continuum between goals and performance objectives and denote the outcome of instruction.

Competency-based instruction tells a student before instruction what skills or knowledge they will demonstrate after instruction. Competency-based education provides instruction which enables each student to attain individual goals as measured against pre-stated standards.

Competency-based instruction provides immediate and continual repetition and In competency-based education the curriculum, instruction, and assessment share common characteristics based on clearly stated competencies. Curriculum, instruction and assessment in competency-based education are: explicit, known, agreed upon, integrated, performance oriented, and adaptive.

LOCATION

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COURSE OUTLINE COMPETENCY-BASED COMPONENTS (continued)

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INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES	p. 24
Instructional techniques or methods could include laboratory techniques, lecture method, small-group discussion, grouping plans, and other strategies used in the classroom.	
Instructional strategies for this course are listed in the TEACHING STRATEGIES AND EVALUATION section of the course outline. Instructional strategies and activities for a course should be selected so that the overall teaching approach takes into account the instructional standards of a particular program, i.e., English as a Second Language, Programs for Adults with Disabilities.	
UNITS OF STUDY, WITH APPROXIMATE HOURS ALLOTTED FOR EACH UNIT	Cover
The approximate time devoted to each instructional unit within the course, as well as the total hours for the course, is indicated. The time in class is consistent with the needs of the student, and the length of the class should be that it ensures the student will learn at an optimum level.	pp. 7-21
Units of study, with approximate hours allotted for each unit are listed in the COMPETENCY AREA STATEMENT(S) of the course outline. The total hours of the course, including work-based learning hours (community classroom and cooperative vocational education) is listed on the cover of every CBE course outline. Each Competency Area listed within a CBE outline is assigned hours of instruction per unit.	
EVALUATION PROCEDURES	pp. 24
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The evaluation describes measurable evaluation criteria clearly within the reach of the student. The evaluation indicates anticipated improvement in performances as well as anticipated skills and competencies to be achieved.

Evaluation procedures are detailed in the TEACHING STRATEGIES AND EVALUATION section of the course outline. Instructors monitor students' progress on a continuing basis, assessing students on attainment of objectives identified in the course outline through a variety of formal and informal tests (applied performance procedures, observations, and simulations), paper and pencil exams, and standardized tests.

REPETITION POLICY THAT PREVENTS PERPETUATION OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT

After a student has completed all the objectives of the course, he or she should not be allowed to reenroll in the course. There is, therefore, a need for a statement about the conditions for possible repetition of a course to prevent perpetuation of students in a particular program for an indefinite period of time.

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CALIFORNIA CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION MODEL CURRICULUM STANDARDS Health Science and Medical Technology Industry Sector Knowledge and Performance Anchor Standards

1.0 Academics

Analyze and apply appropriate academic standards required for successful industry sector pathway completion leading to postsecondary education and employment. Refer to the Health Science and Medical Technology academic alignment matrix for identification of standards.

2.0 Communications

Acquire and accurately use Health Science and Medical Technology sector terminology and protocols at the career and college readiness level for communicating effectively in oral, written, and multimedia formats.

3.0 Career Planning and Management

Integrate multiple sources of career information from diverse formats to make informed career decisions, solve problems, and manage personal career plans.

4.0 Technology

Use existing and emerging technology to investigate, research, and produce products and services, including new information, as required in the Health Science and Medical Technology sector workplace environment.

5.0 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking

Conduct short, as well as more sustained, research to create alternative solutions to answer a question or solve a problem unique to the Health Science and Medical Technology sector using critical and creative thinking, logical reasoning, analysis, inquiry, and problem-solving techniques.

6.0 Health and Safety

Demonstrate health and safety procedures, regulations, and personal health practices and determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and domain-specific words and phrases as related to the Health Science and Medical Technology sector workplace environment.

7.0 Responsibility and Flexibility

Initiate, and participate in, a range of collaborations demonstrating behaviors that reflect personal and professional responsibility, flexibility, and respect in the Health Science and Medical Technology sector workplace environment and community settings.

8.0 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities

Practice professional, ethical, and legal behavior, responding thoughtfully to diverse perspectives and resolving contradictions when possible, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and organizational norms.

9.0 Leadership and Teamwork

Work with peers to promote divergent and creative perspectives, effective leadership, group dynamics, team and individual decision making, benefits of workforce diversity, and conflict resolution as practiced in the Cal-HOSA career technical student organization.

10.0 Technical Knowledge and Skills

Apply essential technical knowledge and skills common to all pathways in the Health Science and Medical Technology sector, following procedures when carrying out experiments or performing technical tasks.

11.0 Demonstration and Application

Demonstrate and apply the knowledge and skills contained in the Health Science and Medical Technology anchor standards, pathway standards, and performance indicators in classroom, laboratory, and workplace settings and through the Cal-HOSA career technical student organization.

Health Science and Medical Technology Pathway Standards

B. Patient Care Pathway

The standards for the Patient Care pathway apply to occupations or functions involved in the prevention, treatment, and management of illness and the preservation of mental and physical well-being through the services offered by the medical and allied health professions. The standards specify the knowledge and skills needed by professional-and technical personnel pursuing careers in this pathway.

Sample occupations associated with this pathway:

- Kinesiotherapist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Respiratory Therapist
- Radiologic Technician
- Dental Hygienist
- B1.0 Recognize the integrated systems approach to health care delivery services: prevention, diagnosis, pathology, and treatment
- B2.0 Understand the basic structure and function of the human body and relate normal function to common disorders.
- B3.0 Know how to apply mathematical computations used in health care delivery system.
- B4.0 Recognize and practice components of an intake assessment relevant to patient care.
- B5.0 Know the definition, spelling, pronunciation, and use of appropriate terminology in the health care setting.
- B6.0 Communicate procedures and goals to patients using various communication strategies to respond to questions and concerns.
- B7.0 Apply observation techniques to detect changes in the health status of patients.
- B8.0 Demonstrate the principles of body mechanics as they apply to the positioning, transferring, and transporting of patients.
- B9.0 Implement wellness strategies for the prevention of injury and disease behaviors that prevent injury and illness
- B10.0 Comply with protocols and preventative health practices necessary to maintain a safe
- B11.0 Comply with hazardous waste disposal policies and procedures, including documentation, to ensure that regulated waste is handled, packaged, stored, and disposed of in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.
- B12.0 Adhere to the roles and responsibilities, within the scope of practice, that contribute to the design and implementation of treatment planning
- B13.0 Research factors that define cultural differences between and among different ethnic, racial, and cultural groups and special populations.

CBE

Competency-Based Education

COMPETENCY-BASED COMPONENTS for the X-Ray Technology/2 Course

	COMPETENCY AREAS AND STATEMENTS		MINIMAL COMPETENCIES	STANDARDS
A.		1. 2. 3.	MINIMAL COMPETENCIES Review the definitions of the following: a. bone marrow b. ossification c. facet d. tuberosity e. process f. spine g. crest h. foramen i. meatus j. sinus k. fossa l. suture Review the following: a. functions of the skeletal system b. composition of the bone c. differences between red and yellow marrow d. ossification process e. two divisions of the skeletal system f. primary and secondary bone formation centers g. main groups of bones in each division h. classification of bones i. examples of bones in each classification j. classifications of joints based on the type of motion allowed k. examples of joint classification identify and describe the following: a. main body cavities b. main organs located in each body cavity	STANDARDS Career Ready Practice: 1, 2 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.4, 2.7. 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.4, 5.6 CTE Pathway: B2.1, B2.2, B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.4, B5.5, B5.6, B5.7
			 c. major systems of the human body and name associated organs for each system d. features of the cervical and thoracic spines that distinguish them from other aspects of the vertebral column e. location, classification, and type of movement for specific joints of the cervical and thoracic spine f. topographical landmarks that can be palpated to locate specific thoracic and cervical vertebra g. structures that best demonstrate each position of the cervical and thoracic spine h. structure and functions of the lumbar spine, sacrum, and coccyx i. anatomy that is seen with the "Scotty Dog" 	

COMPETENCY AREAS AND STATEMENTS	MINIMAL COMPETENCIES	STANDARDS
	j. classification of the joints found in the lumbar spine	
	k. topographical landmarks that can be palpated to locate	
	specific aspects of the lumbar spine, sacrum, and coccyx	
	I. diseases affecting the vertebral column	
	m. classification of ribs: true, false, or floating	
	n. structures that are best seen with specific projections of the	
	ribs and sternum	
	o. functions of the spinal cord	
	p. layers, chambers, valves, and major blood vessels	
	 q. differences between systole and diastole by explaining what bappen in the boart during each phase 	
	happen in the heart during each phase r. types of blood vessels and the action of each	
	r. types of blood vessels and the action of eachs. types of blood cells by describing the function of each	
	t. three diseases of the circulatory system	
	u. five pathologies associated with the chest	
	4. Define and demonstrate the following:	
	a. labeling the layers, chambers, valves, and major blood vessels	
	on a diagram of the heart	
	b. flow of blood as it enters the heart and goes to the body cells,	
	naming each chamber and valve in the heart	
	5. Define and describe the functions and structures of the following:	
	a. bony thorax	
	b. larynx	
	c. pharynx	
	d. trachea	
	e. bronchi/bronchioles	
	f. alveolar sacs	
	g. hilum	
	h. lungs	
	i. mediastinum	
	6. Describe the following:	
	a. functions of the nasal cavity	
	 skeletal landmarks associated with organs of the respiratory system 	
	c. three sections of the pharynx	
	 d. exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the alveoli 	
	e. path of an oxygen molecule entering the nasal/oral cavity	
	through the respiratory system into a tissue cell	
	 f. function of the epiglottis and how it prevents food from entering the trachea 	
	g. processes of inspiration and expiration, including muscle	
	action that occurs during each phase	
	h. differences between internal and external respiration	
	i. diseases of the respiratory system	
	j. joint function of the circulatory and respiratory systems	
	k. influence of the pituitary gland on various body functions	
	7. Describe and demonstrate the following:	
	a. labeling a diagram of the respiratory system	
	b. tracing on a drawing the path through which oxygen travels	
	and labeling the structures it passes through from the nose	
	and mouth to the terminal aspects of the lungs	

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(Theory: 30 hours)	 c. locating the following anatomic structures and landmarks on drawings, dry skeleton, and radiographs: i. chest and upper airway ii. vertebral column 	
(Theory: 30 hours) B. RADIOLOGIC PHYSICS Understand, apply and evaluate the basics of Radiologic Physics.		Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.4 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 Health and Safety: 6.3, 6.4, 6.6 Responsibility and Flexibility: 7.4 Technical Knowledge and Skills: 10.1 Demonstration and Application: 11.1 CTE Pathway: B2.1, B2.2, B2.3, B3.1, B3.2, B5.2, B8.1, B8.2, B8.3, B8.4, B8.5, B9.1, B12.1
	 4. Demonstrate the following: a. parts and functions of x-ray equipment b. features of a typical x-ray room c. features of the x-ray machine's control panel d. purposes of the control booth and the transformer cabinet e. general components and function of the primary, secondary 	

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	and filament circuits	
	f. application of automatic exposure control (AEC) devices	
	g. construction of the glass envelope and the protective tube	
	housing	
	5. Demonstrate the safe changing of positions of the radiographic	
	table and the x-ray tube.	
	6. Define the following:	
	a. radiation types	
	i. primary radiation	
	ii. scattered radiation	
	iii. remnant radiation	
	iv. leakage radiation	
	v. useful radiation	
	vi. non=useful radiation	
	b. radiation field	
	c. central ray	
	d. thermionic emission	
	e. dual focus tube	
	7. Describe the following:	
	a. differences between primary radiation, scatter radiation, and	
	remnant radiation, leakage radiation, useful radiation, and	
	non-useful radiation	
	b. effects of scattered radiation	
	c. purpose of the collimator	
	d. parts and function of the collimator	
	e. concept of half-value layer and its calculation	
	f. differences between single phase, three phase, high	
	frequency and falling load generators in terms of radiation	
	production and efficiency	
	g. classification and identify properties of x-rays	
	 h. requirements for the production of x-rays a process of thermionic omission 	
	i. process of thermionic emission	
	j. production of bremsstrahlung and characteristic radiation	
	k. factors that determine the wavelengths of bremsstrahlungl. conversion of electron energy to x-ray energy in the x-ray	
	tube	
	m. x-ray emission spectra	
	n. factors affecting the x-ray emission spectra	
	o. clinical significance of the photoelectric, Compton and	
	modified scattering interactions in diagnostic imaging	
	p. features and function of the basic parts of the x-ray tube	
	q. advantages of a dual focus tube	
	r. effective focal spot and its significance	
	s. rotating anode	
	t. function of a rotating anode	
	u. effect of changes in mA and kVp on the resulting x-ray beam	
	v. production of the anode heel effect and how it can assist	
	radiographers	
	w. differences between an autotransformer, step-up	
	transformer, and a step-down transformer	
	x. describe the respective location of an autotransformer, step-	

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(Theory: 30 hours)	 up transformer, and a step-down transformer within the equipment's circuitry 8. Describe and demonstrate the following: a. drawing a basic x-ray tube diagram b. labeling the parts of an x-ray tube diagram c. locating and identifying each part of an actual x-ray tube d. labeling the parts of a given unlabeled x-ray circuit diagram e. drawing a simple diagram of a step-up transformer and a step-down transformer 9. Define the following: a. unrectified wave b. half-wave rectification c. full-wave rectification 10. Describe and demonstrate: a. drawing the current waveform for each of the following: unrectified, half-wave rectification, full-wave rectification, three-phase rectified, and high frequency b. differentiating single phase, three phase, and high generators relative to x-ray production and efficiency c. identifying possible causes of tube failure and describe methods to prevent each d. applying the formula for measurement of heat units e. calculating safe exposures when provided with a tube rating chart and anode cooling chart 	
C. RADIOBIOLOGY AND RADIATION SAFETY Understand, apply, and evaluate the rules and regulations affecting radiation exposure and radiation protection.	 Define the following: a. cellular biology b. molecule c. ionizing biology d. radiation exposure e. radiation dose f. maximum permissible dose equivalent g. dose graph h. Compton scattering i. photoelectric effect j. pair production k. coherent scattering l. radiation intensity m. radiosensitivity Identify and describe the following: a. general principles of cellular biology b. characteristics of a molecule c. nature of ionizing radiation d. sources of ionizing radiation i. principal sources ii. natural sources iii. man-made sources f. units used to measure radiation: i. radiation intensity 	Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 Health and Safety: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 Responsibility and Flexibility: 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.7 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 Leadership and Teamwork: 9.6

COMPETENCY AREAS AND STATEMENTS

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	 q. relationship between x-ray interactions and technical factor selections r. effects of "scatter', relative to patient and radiographer s. types of potential biological effects of ionizing radiation t. significance of radiation effects on the total body u. risk estimates for radiation-induced malignancies v. risks of exposure of low doses of ionizing radiation as compared to other health risks w. significance of the As Low as Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) concept x. relationship of beam-limiting devices to patient radiation protection y. how beam-limiting apparatus limit patient's exposure to radiation z. purpose of x-ray filtration in radiography 6. Define the following: a. dosimetry reports b. filtration i. inherent ii. added iii. total filtration 7. Describe the following: a. differences between added and inherent filtration in terms of the effect on patient dosage b. varieties of shields employed c. reasons for using gonad shielding during radiographic exams e. relationship of exposure factors to patient dosage f. rationale for decreasing the number of repeat radiographis g. differences between high dose techniques and low dose techniques h. possible risks of radiation exposure during pregnancy and ways to reduce them i. students own monthly dosimeter reports 8. Demonstrate the following: a. placement of the gonadal shield b. effect of high speed film-screen combinations on radiographic exposure to patients c. radiation-safety precautions for the radiographers, patients, & others 9. Review the definitions of the following radiation units of measurement: a. roentgen b. rad c. readiation exposure (HVL). 11. Identify and describe the following: a. relationship between HVL and shielding design 	

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	b. inverse square law	
	c. identification and appropriate use of garments that can be	
	worn to reduce radiation exposure	
	d. people and methods that can help with patient	
	immobilization during an x-ray exposure	
	e. objectives of a radiation protection program	
	f. differences between controlled and non-controlled areas and	
	their acceptable exposure levels	
	g. "Radiation Area" signs and their appropriate placement sites	
	h. procedures used to verify performance standards for	
	equipment	
	 indicate potential consequences of performance standards failure 	
	j. quality assurance relative to the radiographic equipment	
	k. differences between quality improvement/ management,	
	quality assurance and quality control	
	 benefits of a quality management program to the patient and to the department 	
	m. compliance with the legal and ethical radiation protection	
	guidelines for radiation workers	
	n. California Code of Regulations (CCR) -Title 17 as it applies to	
	the public, radiation workers, and the environment	
	o. current National Council on Radiation Protection and	
	Measurements (NCRP) reports regarding radiation safety	
	12. Describe and demonstrate the following:	
	a. radiation protection methods	
	b. identifying the legal and ethical radiation protection	
	responsibilities of the radiographer	
	c. personnel monitoring methods for radiation workers	
	 identifying the dose limits for occupational and non- occupational exposure 	
	 e. using instruments for monitoring personnel exposures to radiation 	
	f. interpreting dosimetry reports	
	g. determining values for dose equivalent limits for occupational	
	radiation exposures (annual and lifetime)	
	h. calculating the dose-limiting recommendations for radiology	
	personnel i. determining dose equivalent limits for the embryo and fetus	
	in occupationally exposed women	
	 understanding of structural shielding construction and items that influence this construction 	
	k. using primary and secondary radiation barriers	
	I. operating various x-ray and ancillary equipment to ensure	
	radiation safety	
	 manipulating time, distance, and shielding to decrease the radiation exposure 	
	n. calculating exposure with varying time, distance and shielding	
	o. Radiologic Health Branch (RHB) required lab techniques to	
(Theory: 50 hours, Lab: 20 hours)	illustrate methods of reducing exposure to patients,	
	personnel, and to the general public	

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D. RADIOGRAPHIC POSITION II Understand, apply, and evaluate the basic radiographic positioning exams involving the che state of the state of the	 a. radiologic positioning b. anatomic position c. body planes d. radiographic view or 2. Review and describe the following:	Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.4, 5.6 Health and Safety: 6.4 Responsibility and Flexibility: 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.7 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 Leadership and Teamwork: 9.6 Technical Knowledge and Skills: 10.1, 10.2 Demonstration and Application: 11.1 CTE Pathway: B2.1, B2.3, B2.4, B3.1, B5.1, B5.7, B6.1, B6.2, B6.3, B6.4, B7.2, B7.3, B7.4, B8.2, B8.3, B8.4, B8.5, B9.6, B12.1, B12.2, B12.3, B12.4

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(Theory: 20 hours)	 e. positioning the basic and special projections of the ribs and sternum on phantom and/or human models f. evaluating positioning and technical factors on given radiographs g. making procedural modifications for atypical or impaired patients to better demonstrate the anatomic area of interest 	
E. FILM CRITQUE II Review, apply, and evaluate the procedures used to produce quality radiographic products.	 Review the following: radiographic detail image sharpness radiographic density contrast short-scale contrast image long-scale contrast image radiographic distortion gcollimation Review and describe: role of the radiographer in image analysis elements of a diagnostic image conditions that must be present in a radiographic image that would indicate acceptable visibility of image details controlling factors for radiograph geometric factors that influence image sharpness ways of controlling involuntary and voluntary motion parameters for evaluating visibility of detail on the image controlling factors for radiographic distortions criteria for evaluating radiographic distortions criteria for evaluating radiographic distortions criteria for evaluating radiographic distortions criteria for adequate level of penetration has been applied to produce the desired level of contrast techniques for adequate density, contrast, recorded detail and acceptable limits of distortion of a radiographic image cidentifying short scale contrast and long scale contrast images evaluating image distortion Review and describe the following: criteria for evaluating radiographs of the extremities for positioning accuracy and overall image quality importance of collimation, anatomic side markers, and proper radiograph identification general criteria for repeating a radiograph el	Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5, 8, 12 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 Health and Safety: 6.2 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: 8.1, 8.2 Technical Knowledge and Skills: 10.1, 10.2 Demonstration and Application: 11.1 CTE Pathway: B2.1, B2.2, B2.3, B2.4, B3.1, B3.2, B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.4, B5.5, B5.6, B5.7, B12.1, B12.2, B12.3, B12.4

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(Theory: 15 hours)	 a. analyzing sample radiographs in the following categories: chest and upper airway upper limb and shoulder girdle lower limb and pelvic girdle vertebral column b. recommending modifications for improvement c. discriminating acceptable radiographs from the unacceptable ones based on the following criteria: exposure factors motion collimation positioning errors 	
F. PRINCIPLES OF EXPOSURE AND IMAGE QUALITY II Understand, apply, and evaluate the techniques for radiographic calculations and exposure to produce quality radiographs.	 Review the following: prime factors of exposure reciprocity law radiographic effect caused by changes in each of the four prime factors of exposure Review and demonstrate the following: calculating mAs when given mA and exposure time calculating exposure time when given mAs and exposure time calculating the relationships between mA, exposure time, mAs and quantity of x-rays produced assessing radiographic density on radiographic images recognizing changes in radiographic density and determining the exposure factors used to control radiographic density identifying high, low, and optimum contrast on a radiograph and determining the exposure factor that primarily controls radiographic contrast differentiating between short-scale contrast and long-scale contrast differentiating between acceptable and unacceptable levels of density and comtrast based on given radiographs Review the following: application of the 15% rule calculation of the new kVp needed to maintain density when changes are made in mAs, using the 15% rule calculation of the inverse square law calculation of mR when the SID is changed calculation of needed mAs to maintain density when changes are made in SID 	Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 5.6 Responsibility and Flexibility: 7.2 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: 8.1, 8.3 Technical Knowledge and Skills: 10.1, 10.2 Demonstration and Application: 11.1 CTE Pathway: B2.1, B2.2, B2.3, B2.4, B3.1, B3.2, B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.4, B5.5, B5.6, B5.7, B7.1, B12.3
	a. differences between magnification and shape distortionb. film and screen factors that influence radiographic definition	

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	 c. geometric factors that affect radiographic definition d. effects of magnification on radiographic definition e. recorded image f. effect of pathology on radiation absorption g. pathologic conditions that result in increased attenuation of the x-ray beam h. pathologic conditions that result in decreased attenuation of the x-ray beam 6. Review and demonstrate the following: a. methods for minimizing motion blur on radiographs b. assessing radiographs for optimum quality c. reading an x-ray technique chart d. creating an x-ray technique chart d. creating an x-ray technique charts f. distinguishing fixed KVp technique charts from variable kVp technique charts g. determining the value of an optimum kVp h. selecting an appropriate mA, time, and KVp for a given set of circumstances i. taking appropriate steps when technique charts fail to provide an appropriate exposure j. calculating exposure adjustments for changes in patient/part size k. estimating the technique changes for lengthening or shortening the scale of contrast m. calculating technique changes required when radiographs are too dark or too light l. suggesting appropriate technique changes for lengthening or shortening the scale of contrast m. calculating technique changes required for changes in the speed of the image receptor system p. developing a technique chart for personal use during internship q. performing State required experiments to illustrate effects of kVp, mA, SID, heel effect, and scattered radiation on image quality 7. Define the following: a. grid b. grid radius e. grid radiu	

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(Theory: 15 hours) (Laboratory: 5 hours)	 interactions and technical factor selections d. problems caused by scattered radiation in radiography e. factors that affect the amount of scattered radiation reaching a radiograph f. techniques for identifying scattered radiation on a radiograph g. measures that can be taken to reduce the quantity of scattered radiation h. purpose of the grid i. differences between a bucky and a stationary grid j. criteria for determining whether a grid is to be used k. common grid ratios and their appropriate applications l. grid cutoff on a radiograph m. causes of grid cutoff 9. Define the following: a. construction of a grid, grid ratio, grid frequency, and grid radius b. techniques for analyzing the relationships between grid selection, patient dose, radiographic density, and absorption of scatter c. calculation of changes in technical factors to compensate in grid selection 	
G. CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROCEDURES II Review, apply, and evaluate the basic clinical procedures necessary to assist in the health care facility and to maintain patient safety.	 Review the following: a. common vital signs and their role in assessing patient condition 	Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 Health and Safety: 6.1 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: 8.4, 8.5 Leadership and Teamwork: 9.3 Demonstration and Application: 11.1 CTE Pathway B2.1, B2.2, B2.3, B2.4, B4.1, B4.2, B4.3, B4.4, B4.5,

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(Theory: 15 hours)	 iii. taking blood pressure iv. identifying normal temperature values for the oral and rectal routes of measurement v. identifying the normal values for blood pressure for males and females m. applying departmental procedures for infection control n. preventing and controlling infections o. protecting the patient, yourself, and others from contagious diseases p. transporting and transferring the patient with a communicable disease q. protecting proper body mechanics in moving and transferring patients s. reassuring and comforting, within the limits of your training, the anxious and fearful patient t. applying necessary considerations when performing radiographic exams on a geriatric patient vs. a child or infant u. assisting the patient with a walker and/or cane w. transferring the patient in a wheelchair x. transferring the patient between radiographic table and wheelchair y. preparing the patient for the radiographic exam z. preventing injury to a patient during a radiographic examination aa. requiring clinical information when radiographic service is requested 	B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.4, B5.5, B5.6, B5.7, B7.1, B10.1, B10.2, B10.3, B10.4, B10.5, B10.6, B10.7, B11.1, B11.2, B11.3, B11.4, B12.1, B13.1, B13.2
H. CLINICAL EXPERIENCE Understand, apply, and evaluate clinical and radiographic procedures in a health care facility.	 Review and demonstrate the following: a. knowledge of selected medical and radiological terminology; the effects of and regulations for radiation exposure b. understanding of the parts, appropriate use, and care of the radiographic machine; the principles involved in the function of the radiographic machine c. professional and ethical standards for safe practice as an x-ray technician d. occupational safety standards, including usage of effective body mechanics and avoidance of physical hazards e. effective hand washing techniques f. effective patient transfer and ambulation techniques g. accurate interpretation of radiographic calculations and exposure conditions affecting the quality of radiographs h. steps necessary to develop radiographs i. knowledge of medical and radiologic terminology when documenting on a patient's chart j. obtaining radial pulse, counting respirations, obtaining temperature and blood pressure k. documenting vital signs on patient records according to clinics' policy 	Career Ready Practice: 1, 2, 5 6, 9, 10 CTE Anchor: Communications: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 Health and Safety: 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 Leadership and Teamwork: 9.2 Technical Knowledge and Skills: 10.1, 10.2

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	 evaluating the diagnostic and radiographic quality of radiographs, making modifications as needed combining basic clinical procedures skills and radiographic skills in a health care facility Review and demonstrate effective care for a patient with a musculoskeletal system disorder including the following: traumatic disorder inflammatory disorder arthroplasty amputation scoliosis arthritic conditions osteoporosis in cast with orthopedic aids crutch/cane walker 	CTE Pathway: B2.1, B2.2, B2.3, B2.4, B2.5, B2.6, B2.7, B2.8, B3.1, B4.3, B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.4, B5.5, B5.6, B5.7, B6.1, B6.2, B6.3, B6.4, B6.5, B6.6, B6.7, B7.1, B8.1, B8.2, B8.3, B8.4, B8.5, B12.1, B12.2, B12.3 B12.4
	 iii. sling/immobilizer iv. brace 3. Describe and demonstrate effective care for the patient with a cardiovascular disorder including the following: a. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) b. infectious disease c. allergic reactions 	
	 d. traumatic injuries 4. Describe and demonstrate the following radiographic standards for the chest category: a. effective and accurate positioning of the patient b. effective and accurate central ray location c. familiarity with the examination, so that it is completed in a timely manner d. optimum radiographic diagnostic quality e. optimum radiation protection for the patient, clinical personnel, and self f. well-organized critique skills g. attentiveness to the factors that affect radiographic quality h. effective interpretation of radiographic calculations and exposure conditions affecting the quality of radiographs i. responding appropriately to patient emergencies, as well as clinical emergencies 	
280 hours)	 clinical emergencies 5. Describe and demonstrate: a. proper imaging procedures under the appropriate level of supervision b. completion of 100 actual patient chest exams required by the State within the mandated time period of 12 consecutive months c. completion of 200 actual patient torsoskeletal exams required by the State within the mandated time period of 12 consecutive months 	

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS and OTHER RESOURCES

TEXTBOOKS

Bontrager, Kenneth L. and John Lampignano. <u>Textbook of Radiographic Positioning and Related Anatomy</u>, 7th <u>Edition</u>. Elsevier Health Science, 2009.

Bushong, Stewart C. <u>Radiologic Science for Technologists: Physics, Biology, and Protection, 9th Edition</u>. Elsevier Health Sciences, 2008.

Campeau, Frances E. and Jeana Fleitz. <u>Limited Radiography</u>, 2nd Edition. Cengage Learning, 1999.

Carlton, Richard R. and Arlene M. Adler. <u>Principles of Radiographic Imagining: An Art and a Science, 4th Edition</u>. Cengage Learning, 2005.

Durand, Kathryn S. Critical Thinking: Developing Skills in Radiography. F.A. Davis Company, 1999.

Edge, Raymond S. and John R. Groves. <u>The Ethics of Health Care: A Guide for Clinical Practice</u>, 3rd Edition. Cengage Learning, 2005.

Forshier, Steve. Essentials of Radiation, Biology and Protection, 2nd Edition. Cengage Learning, 2008.

Gurley, Laverne T. and William J. Callaway. <u>Introduction to Radiologic Technology</u>, 6th Edition. Elsevier Health Science, 2006.

Kowalczyk, Nina and Kathleen Donnett. Integrated Patient Care For the Imaging Professional. Elsevier Health Sciences, 1996.

Statkiewicz-Sherer, Mary Alice, E. Russell Ritenour, and Paula j. Visconti. <u>Radiation Protection in Medical</u> <u>Radiography, 6th Edition</u>. Elsevier Health Sciences, 2010.

Thibodeau, Gary A. and Kevin T. Patton. <u>Structure and Function of the Body, 13th Edition</u>. Elsevier Health Sciences, 2007.

ASRT Scanner. Monthly News Magazine of American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

RESOURCES

Teacher prepared slides, films, transparencies, and instructional packages.

Employer Advisory Board members

Foundation Standards http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/sf/documents/ctestandards.pdf http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/ctestandards.doc

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), 1255 Northland Dr., St. Paul, MN 55120-1155. Phone: (651) 687-0048.

American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), 15000 Central Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123-3917. Phone: (800) 444-2778. Fax: (505) 298-5063.

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), 20 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60606-2901. Phone: (312) 704-5300. Fax: (312) 704-5304.

COMPETENCY CHECKLIST

TEACHING STRATEGIES and EVALUATION

METHODS AND PROCEDURES

- A. Teacher and student guided:
 - 1. Lecture
 - 2. Discussion
 - 3. Role play
 - 4. Problem-solving
 - 5. Demonstration/practice/return demonstration
 - 6. Home assignment, patient case studies
- B. Field trips
- C. Multi-sensory presentations
 - 1. Films, videos
 - 2. PowerPoint presentations
 - 3. Mock-ups
 - 4. Audio-visuals, CD-ROMs
 - 5. Radiographs
- D. Clinical activities

EVALUATION

SECTION A – Anatomy and Physiology II – Pass all assignments and exams on anatomy and physiology II with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION B – Radiologic Physics – Pass all assignments and exams on radiologic physics with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION C – Radiobiology and Radiation Safety – Pass all assignments and exams on radiobiology and radiation safety with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION D – Radiographic Positioning II – Pass all assignments and exams on radiographic positioning II with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION E – Film Critique II – Pass all assignments and exams on film critique II with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION F – Principles of Exposure and Image Quality II – Pass all assignments and exams on principles of exposure and image quality II with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION G – Clinical Assistant Procedures II – Pass all assignments and exams on clinical assistant procedures II with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

SECTION H – Clinical Experience – Pass all assignments and exams on employability skills review with a minimum score of 80% or higher.

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