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Course Number

RADT1113

Course Title

Radiographic Exposure

Course Description

In depth study of the exposure factors influencing radiographic film quality.

College Mission

South Arkansas Community College promotes excellence in learning, teaching, and service; provides lifelong educational opportunities; and serves as a cultural, intellectual, and economic resource for the community.

College Wide Student Learner Outcomes

Critical Thinking

Responsibility

Communication

ACTS Course

Program Course

ACTS Outcomes

Program Outcomes

1. Students will be clinically competent.
2. Students will demonstrate professionalism.
3. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills.
4. Students will use critical thinking skills.
5. The program will graduate entry-level technologists.

Course Outcomes

CLO #	Course Outcomes	Unit Outcomes/ Competencies	Program Outcomes	Critical Thinking	Communication	Responsibility	Assessment
CLO 1	Students will apply proper technical factors. (1-3)		1,4, 5	CT2			Exposure factor worksheets
CLO 2	Students will adhere to attendance policy. (2-1)		2			R5	Document attendance
CLO 3	Students will manipulate technical factors for unconventional examinations. (4-1)	11-13, 15	1,3, 4, 5	CT4		R3	Laboratory competencies
CLO 4	Students will modify routine positioning for Trauma patients. (4-2)	8, 11, 12, 14-15, 17	1, 3, 4, 5	CT4	C4	R2	Laboratory competencies
CLO 5	Students will analyze radiographic images. (4-3)	8-10, 13, 18	1, 3, 4, 5	CT1	C4	R5	Laboratory competencies

Unit Outcomes/ Competencies

Upon completion of this course the student with at least 80% accuracy should through written examination and laboratory performance:

1. Compare the production of bremsstrahlung and characteristic radiations.
2. Describe the conditions necessary to produce x-radiation.
3. Describe the x-ray emission spectra.
4. Identify the factors that affect the x-ray emission spectra.
5. Discuss various photon interactions with matter by describing the interaction, relation to atomic number, photon energy and part density, and their applications in diagnostic radiology.
6. Discuss relationships of wavelength and frequency to beam characteristics.
7. Discuss the clinical significance of the photoelectric and modified scattering interactions in diagnostic imaging.

8. Discuss practical considerations in setting standards for acceptable image quality.
9. Assess radiographic exposure on radiographic images.
10. Analyze the relationships of factors that control and affect image exposure.
11. Critique the radiographic contrast within various radiographic images.
12. Analyze the relationship of factors that control and affect radiographic contrast.
13. Critique recorded detail on various radiographic images.
14. Analyze the relationships of factors that control and affect recorded detail.
15. Differentiate between size and shape distortion.
16. Perform calculations to determine image magnification and percent magnification.
17. Summarize the relationship of factors that control and affect distortion.
18. Summarize the relationship of factors affecting exposure latitude.
19. Explain the rationale for using beam-limiting devices.
20. Describe the operation and applications for different types of beam-limiting devices.
21. Explain how beam filtration affects x-ray beam intensity, beam quality and resultant patient exposure.
22. Describe the change in the half value layer (HVL) when filtration is added or removed in the beam.
23. Summarize the relationship of factors affecting scattered and secondary radiation.
24. Evaluate the effects of scattered radiation on the image.
25. Compare grid types.
26. Select the most appropriate grid for a given clinical situation.
27. Interpret grid efficiency in terms of grid ratio and frequency.
28. Summarize the factors that influence grid cutoff.
29. Evaluate grid artifacts.
30. Explain the use of standardized radiographic technique charts.
31. Explain exposure factor considerations involved in selecting techniques.
32. Compare fixed kilovolt peak (kVp) and variable kVp systems.
33. Apply the reciprocity law to clinical situations.
34. Apply conversion factors for changes in the following areas: distance, grid, image receptors, reciprocity law and 15 percent rule.

Assessment Description(s)

Positioning lab competency sheets, unit exams similar in content to ARRT exam.

Materials and Technological Requirements

Principles of Radiographic Imaging, 5th Edition, R. Carlson, A. Adler Thomson Books ISBN: 9781133803751

Class Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. If a student is absent from a class session, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to complete or make up any work missed. No make-up work for missed classes will be allowed without the approval of the instructor. Students who enroll late must assume all responsibility for work missed. Classes not attended as a result of late enrollment may be counted toward excessive absences. Students not attending the entire class period may be counted absent for that period. An instructor may drop students with a grade of "WE" if students have been absent for an excessive number of days. Warning letters will be sent to the students advising them of the consequences of nonattendance and urging them to contact their instructors immediately. Excessive absences are defined as follows:

Regular Semester

Courses which meet once a week 2 absences
 Courses that meet twice per week 3 absences
 Courses that meet four times per week 5 absences

Summer Session

Courses that meet four times per week in a five week session 3 absences
 Courses which meet two evenings per week in a 10 week session 3 absences

Students enrolled in special programs or individualized instruction should contact their program director/instructor regarding specific attendance requirements for the program/course. Some of the selective-admission, health-science programs have specific criteria regarding attendance. Students are encouraged to refer to program policies in these matters.

Jury Duty/Military/Official School Function

Scheduled absences are those that occur due to college-related activities or as a result of summons to jury duty or military duty. Classes missed as a result of scheduled absences will not be counted as excessive absences if the

instructor is notified and provided documentation prior to the absence(s). Make-up work for scheduled absences will be at the discretion of the instructor.

In all instances, documentation must be provided to the instructor within 24 hours of receipt. Documentation should come from an appropriate party on letterhead or other official stationery with a signature and contact information. Documentation should list the corresponding dates of the leave.

Medical leave

For medical-related absences, documentation must include written notice from the treating medical professional documenting time needed off related to medical reasons and time student may resume classes. The medical reason does not need to be listed on the documentation; the documentation must include only that there is a medical reason, the amount of time the student needs to be absent, and the time the student should be able to return to classes. Students who elect to work at home while on excused leave must meet with their instructors to make arrangements to do so. Working on coursework while on medical leave is not a requirement but can be requested by students. If students request that they be allowed to work at home while on an excused leave, the instructor will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the student is able to do so.

For students who have a medical condition necessitating time off or accommodation:

- 1) They may work at home on assignments if they choose to if on medical leave approved by a medical professional
- 2) Receive appropriate accommodations related to coursework (i.e., excused from labs with potentially harmful chemicals, have a larger desk, etc.)
- 3) Resume their studies where they left off once they return to classes
- 4) Be allowed to make up any missed work related to medical leave
- 5) Receive incompletes on their transcripts until coursework is completed, according to the incomplete grade contract.
- 6) Be given a reasonable time frame in which to complete missed coursework

Academic Honesty Policy

Students enrolled at South Arkansas Community College are expected at all times to uphold standards of integrity. Students are expected to perform honestly and to work in every way possible to eliminate academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes cheating and plagiarism, which are defined as follows:

- Cheating is an attempt to deceive the instructor in his/her effort to evaluate fairly an academic exercise. Cheating includes copying another student's homework, class work, or required project (in whole or in part) and/or presenting another's work as the student's own. Cheating also includes giving, receiving, offering, and/or soliciting information on a quiz, test, or examination.
- Plagiarism is the copying of any published work such as books, magazines, audiovisual programs, electronic media, and films or copying the theme or manuscript of another student. It is plagiarism when one uses direct quotations without proper credit or when one uses the ideas of another without giving proper credit. When three or more consecutive words are borrowed, the borrowing should be recognized by the use of quotation marks and proper parenthetical and bibliographic notations.

If, upon investigation, the instructor determines that the student is guilty of cheating or plagiarism, the following penalties will apply:

- The student will receive a penalty of no less than a zero on the work in question.
- The instructor will submit a written report of the incident to the Vice President for Learning
- The Vice President for Learning will determine whether further disciplinary action will be taken.
- All decisions may be appealed for review through the college's Academic Appeals procedure.

Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Statement

South Arkansas Community College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in making decisions regarding employment, student admission, or other functions, operations, or activities.

Library Services

Library Homepage: <http://southark.libguides.com/homepage> Library Contact: LibraryStaff@southark.edu or 870.864.7115

Procedures to Accommodate Students with Disabilities:

If you need reasonable accommodations because of a disability, please report this to the Vice President of Student Services with proper documentation. . VPSS Contact: 870.875.7262

The Early Alert System

In an effort to ensure student retention and success, South Arkansas Community College employs an Early Alert System to identify and support at-risk students as soon as possible in a given semester. The intent of Early Alert is to provide this assistance while there is still time to address behaviors or issues that have the potential of preventing students from completing their courses and degree plans. Students referred through the Early Alert System will be required to work on a corrective action plan with their student advising coach and to include attendance accountability and mandatory academic tutoring either in the academic division or in the Testing and Learning Center (TLC).

Once the Student Advising Coach has met with the referred student, and again when the student has met the prescribed corrective actions, the coach will update the Early Alert System so that the instructor is kept informed of the progress in resolving issues.

Behavioral Review Team

At South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk), we are committed to proactive leadership in student wellbeing and campus safety. By focusing on prevention and early intervention with campus situations that involve any person experiencing distress or engaging in harmful or disruptive behaviors, the BRT will serve as the coordinating hub of existing resources to develop intervention and support strategies and offer case management. Students, faculty, staff, and campus guests are encouraged to report any person on campus who is a concern. BRT Contact: 870.875.7262 BRT@southark.edu

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