

Cypress College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
Advisory Committee Meeting- Limited
May 4, 2022, 2:00 pm –3:00 pm Zoom Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Hollinghurst – Chairperson, Parkview Hospital
Dr. Michael Dawson- Medical Director, Centinela Hospital
Nancy Ward- Saddleback Memorial Hospital
Kim Powers- CHLA
Lynn Zeilenga, - UCI
Rick Maxon – Centinela Hospital

COLLEGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Stephen Schoonmaker – Health Science Dean
Kelly Carter – Health Science Counselor
Lynn Mitts – DMS Program Director
Nancy Corrales – DMS Instructor/Clinical Coordinator

1. Welcome:

Julie Hollinghurst, Clinical Instructor from Parkview Hospital and Cypress College Adjunct Faculty chaired the Zoom Conference meeting. She began the meeting by having everyone in attendance consent for the meeting to be recorded. She then asked everyone to introduce themselves. The meeting minutes were reviewed from last year and approved.

2. Lynn Mitts announced that this Advisory Meeting was a limited meeting just to inform every one of the JRC-DMS findings from the Site Visit that occurred on April 27th and 28th, 2022.

There were several areas that related to clinical training:

A. There is an inequity among students with OB (2nd/3rd trimester). Some students have low numbers compared to others. Lynn and Nancy requested that the hospitals start allowing students to scan OB sooner in their training rather than later, so they have more time to experience these types of exams. Additionally, the OB competency will be required at the end of the last semester (Spring) rather than the previous Fall semester, so students have more time to gain experience. All CIs need to make sure the students scan as many OB patients as possible. Lynn asked if the members have any contacts for other OB training sites to please contact her. Lynn Zeilenga from UCI is going to check with one of UCI

affiliates in Riverside to see if they will take students. Rick Maxson said he might know someone at Harbor City who he will contact.

- B. There were some issues with competency exams. All competencies need to be completed on one patient and not based on overall performance of the student during the semester. So, if the student and CI determine the student is ready for a competency exam in OB, for example, then the next OB patient that comes in is the patient the student will be evaluated on. Lynn is to make a policy about this and disseminate it to all committee members, so they are aware of how to perform competency exams.
- C. There were some competency exams that were evaluated and signed by CIs who did not have those credentials. So, Lynn is to make sure everyone is aware of who is signing evaluations. Trajecsys now has a signature line for evaluations and a place for CIs to put their credentials.
- D. There will be some new competency evaluations: Extremity Non-Vascular and a complete Abdomen competency. The OB competency evaluation will be broken up into several competency evaluations that cover different fetal systems.

3. Curriculum Update

DMS 160 Introduction to Sonography is now a course that can be taken only one time. There are many students who are accepted to the program, take the course, and drop it just to see what it is like. Then re-apply and take it again. They are not invested and are not motivated to do well. The Selection Committee approved the request by the faculty to have this course as a non-repeatable course. Re-application may be allowed by the DMS staff if they deem a student has extenuating circumstances.

Lynn announced that the JRC-DMS site visitors felt there are not enough faculty resources to manage the program. That it has been extended to 21 months and the curriculum has increased and the new JRC-DMS Standards are too much for 1.3 faculty. Lynn will request a new full time faculty position, again, in Fall 2022.

4. EQUIPMENT

Lynn informed the Advisory Committee members that two new Philips EPIQ ultrasound machines have been purchased with Strong Workforce Project money from the 2021 grant. Lynn also applied for a vascular ultrasound machine with the SWP money for Fall 2022. Nancy and Lynn have been helping students by tutoring with Perkins funding this semester. Lynn will talk to Kendra about using some of this money for a lab tutor for Fall 2022. The JRC-DMS site visitors felt that more on-campus lab scanning is needed.

5. Outcome Surveys

ARDMS Pass Rates: 100% passed in all 3 categories for the class of 2022.

6. New Students- Class of 2021-2023

Kelly Carter, HS Counselor, announced that we had another record number of applicants for the program, over 200 eligible applications. Currently the program can accept 16 students this year. Initially, 14 students were accepted with 18 alternates, however, this will increase to 16 once all hospital student confirmations are made. Orientation date for the new students, accepted and alternates, will be May 18th at 5:30 pm in person. Kelly stated that by 2023 all program prerequisites will have to be completed by the time of application. This will greatly reduce the efforts of the application specialist and Kelly in evaluating transcripts and applications.

7. CONCLUSION

Lynn concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Due to poor attendance, Lynn will email the Zoom link of the recording for the meeting along with a synopsis of the meeting and the meeting minutes. Lynn stated that a complete Advisory Committee meeting will be held in Fall 2022, in person on campus with all Outcome Assessment results, etc. in the Spring of 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Mitts, Program Director, May 2022