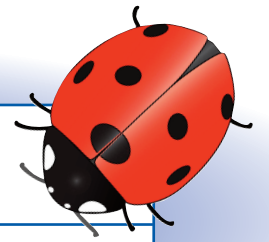


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Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Karen Klimas on earning her Master of Science degree in Instructional Technology. As with our BS graduates, it is such an accomplishment to finally have the diploma in hand, and Karen can't agree more. It is a few years and hours of dedication to each and every course requirement, but all worth it in the end. It is not always about being required to have the degree, but a personal satisfaction and knowing that one has the ability to earn a graduate degree and Karen completed the degree with excellent success.

Instructional Technology provides an education in how to use various technologies for presentations, lectures, and adapting to learning styles which certainly is valuable for any manager or educator.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mary Karsnak class of 2010 as she begins her term as President of NEPASU. Also to Jennifer Windt, class of 2008, who begins her term as President Elect for the 2013-2014 season. It is wonderful to see graduates of sonography programs be provided opportunities to apply and grow their leadership skills.

The program is proud of each and every graduate and their success is attributed to the entire team; the graduate, program faculty, and most of all our dedicated clinical sonographers.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013

On March 15, 2013 eleven students graduated from the ninth class of the Sonography Program. The celebration was held at Misericordia University's Insalaco Hall. University administration, faculty, and clinical instructors, celebrated with the graduates and their families.

The Academic Achievement Award for academic excellence was awarded to Carley Tagge. Congratulations to her for such an impressive accomplishment knowing the rigor of the sonography program.

Currently, seven of the eleven have secured employment either fulltime, part time or per-diem. The reputation of the program has allowed this success in a current tight job market. All eleven students passed the physics exam on first attempt with all 11 of them

currently possessing the RDMS credential. Eight have earned both the abdomen and ob/gyn specialties and three with Ob specialties. So far the pass rates have been strong with 100% for physics and OB/GYN and 80% abdomen for those who have sat for the exams.



Class of 2011-2013

KUDOS!

Fall Course Offerings

The Sonography Department is offering the following courses **on-line**; thus can do all the course work from your home:

Advanced Vascular (3 credits) ; Breast Sonography (2 credits) and Focused Sonography (3 credits)

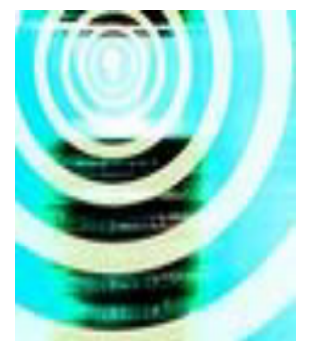
On campus courses include:

Physics with lab (3 credits) and Introduction to Vascular Sonography with lab (3 credits)

If interested in any of these courses, please contact the program at 570-674-6790 by August 10, 2013. Cost is \$350.00 per credit.

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Interprofessional Educational Experience at MU

Interprofessional education is defined as two or more health disciples working together for the benefit of patient outcomes. In today’s realm of healthcare with focus being on efficacy, patient satisfaction, and quality outcomes, educational programs are engaging in interprofessional opportunities to prepare the students for when they enter the workforce. Interprofessional education must begin at a very rudimentary level in which students learn about other healthcare professions, then work together on an

educational project and then a long term goal of working efficiently together as a team in their employment. There is a lot of education and efforts being placed on communication, reduction of medical errors and essentially respect for others’ roles and responsibilities. Surprising, some roles and responsibilities compliment each other and some overlap.

On June 13,2013, three sonography students volunteered to work with 20 Physician Assistant students to learn clinical assessment of an

obstetrical client and the PA students learned about sonography and the responsibility sonographers possess. It was deemed successful.

It is anticipated the incoming students will work with Occupational Therapy students during fall 2013 semester for a project related to prevention of musculoskeletal injuries.



on their wall. It is recognized a degree is not everyone’s goal, but if it is, now is the time to explore your options by contacting Sheryl at sgoss@misericordia.edu

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.
John F. Kennedy

Bachelor’s Graduate

We are proud to announce that another student who enrolled in the Bachelor’s Sonography degree graduated May of 2013. **Kelly Brockway**, a sonographer and educator from Northern Virginia, advanced her education to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree. Congratulations to Kelly on her success!

In December we anticipate having three sonographers achieve their goals and more to come next May. All the sonographers recognize it is more of a personal goal than an employment requirement and ecstatic when they see their diploma with Bachelor of Science Diagnostic Medical Sonography hanging

Clinical Associate Benefit Offerings

With the addition of the Bachelor of Science degree in Sonography and the Advanced Sonography courses being offered online, we hope you will take advantage of Misericordia University’s offering of free tuition for up to six credits per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30th).

The benefit can apply to all undergraduate or graduate level courses and does not need to be sonography related courses. In order to qualify for the benefit, the sonographer must be credentialed (RDMS or RVT) and work with our students on a

regular basis. The management of the credits is at the discretion of the JRCEDMS approved Clinical Instructor and Department Director in event multiple sonographers want to take courses. Contact Karen Klimas at 570-674-8013 with any questions.

Clinical Instruction CMEs

Once again this year, the program will be offering SDMS continuing education credits in appreciation for Clinical Instructorship. The maximum number of credits is six per year. The cycle is from January 1 to December 15th. New forms have been e-mailed out to clinical instructors. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. When submitting, be sure to include the log of time spent with the student(s) and the evaluation form. Be sure the student verifies and signs the form for each block of time spent instructing the

student. Upon receipt of these documents, you will be issued your CME certificate via e-mail. Please note, the ARRT does NOT accept clinical instructorship credits. They are accepted by the ARDMS.

What Constitutes Instruction?

Following SDMS CME policies, instruction is defined as:

1. Observing the student perform the examination or part of the examination and offering technical tips and protocol suggestions.
2. Reviewing the images with the student after the examination and discussing

pathology, pathophysiology, anatomy, differential diagnosis, expected clinical manifestations, technique or laboratory values of certain conditions.

Note: Time spent “in the room” with the student and not providing instruction is not considered educational and is not eligible for CME credit.

Did you know.....If you are a member of the SDMS, your CME activities will automatically be tracked for you. Yet another perk of SDMS membership!

This activity is tracked by



SDMS National Conference- Vegas Baby!

The SDMS annual conference is October 10-13th with pre conference tutorials on Thursday October 9th. Location is the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. This conference offers several specialty tracks in which the attendee can attend any presentation within any specialty. It is a great opportunity to refresh one’s knowledge in the areas

that are less practiced or hear the latest uses of sonography in your specialty. An abundance of CME’s can be earned in these three/four days. New this year is a Pre-conference MSK track.

For those who are attending, please remind Sheryl of your attendance as the date gets closer. Maybe a

social gathering of MU grads and sonographers of NE PA can occur after one of the evening events.



Bachelor of Science and Master’s of Science Degree

The department recently revised the Bachelor of Science degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography to offer three track options. The first track is similar to the degree that has been in place the past five years and is best suited for a sonographer who possesses both the Abdominal and OB/GYN specialty exams. The second option is a specialization in Social Sciences. This is designed for the sonographer who

wishes to learn more about sociology or psychology. This is a sonographer who may desire to pursue a field in patient advocacy. The third and most exiting option is a dual degree; a BS degree and a MS degree in Organizational Management (management track). While enrolled in the BS degree, the sonographer would complete one-third of the graduate degree. Upon completion of the BS degree the

sonographer can apply to complete the MS degree, having 24 credits to take to earn the degree. A 3.0 GPA is required for entrance in the MS degree program.

For more information on the BS degree, contact Sheryl Goss at 570-674-6790.