Code # NHP18 (2014)

**New/Special Course Proposal-Bulletin Change Transmittal Form**

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| **New Course or**  **Special Course (Check one box)**  *Please complete the following and attach a copy of the catalogue page(s) showing what changes are necessary.* |

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date… **Department Curriculum Committee Chair** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…  **COPE Chair (if applicable)** |
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1. Proposed Course Prefix and Number (For variable credit courses, indicate variable range.)

RAD 3213

2. Course Title – if title is more than 30 characters (including spaces), provide short title to be used on transcripts. Title cannot have any symbols (e.g. slash, colon, semi-colon, apostrophe, dash, and parenthesis). Please indicate if this course will have variable titles (e.g. independent study, thesis, special topics).

Image Acquisition and Evaluation I

3. Will this course be lecture only, lab only, lecture and lab, activity, dissertation, experiential learning, independent study, internship, performance, practicum, recitation, seminar, special problems, special topics, studio problems, student exchange, occupational learning credit, or course for fee purpose only (e.g. an exam)? Please choose one.

Lecture only

4. What is the grade type (i.e. standard letter, credit/no credit, pass/fail, no grade, developmental)?

Standard letter

5. Is this course dual listed (undergraduate/graduate)?

No

6. Is this course cross listed? (If it is, all course entries must be identical including course descriptions. It is important to check the course description of an existing course when adding a new cross listed course.)

No

7. Brief course description (40 words or fewer) as it should appear in the bulletin.

Details the image acquisition for digital and screen-film image receptors, the Image quality evaluation process, image quality factors, and image quality analysis. An emphasis is on application of skills and suggested corrective actions.

8. Indicate all prerequisites and if this course is restricted to a specific major, which major. (If a student does not have the prerequisites or does not have the appropriate major, the student will not be allowed to register).

a. Are there any prerequisites?

Formal admittance into the Radiologic Science Program and successful completion of all previous RAD courses.

b. Why?

It is an entry level course for the professional program

9. Course frequency(e.g. Fall, Spring, Summer). Not applicable to Graduate courses.

Fall

10. Contact Person (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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11. Proposed Starting Term/Year

Fall 2015

12. Is this course in support of a new program? No

If yes, what program?

Enter text...

13. Does this course replace a course being deleted? Yes

If yes, what course?

RT 2122

Has this course number been used in the past? No

*Submit Course Deletion Proposal-Bulletin Change Transmittal Form.*

14. Does this course affect another program? No

If yes, provide contact information from the Dean, Department Head, and/or Program Director whose area this affects.

Enter text...

15. Justification should include:

a. Academic rationale and goals for the course (skills or level of knowledge students can be expected to attain)

The medical imaging professional must be able to understand the image acquisition process for every type of image receptor. The process of image evaluation for quality is an integral part of the daily duties of a medical imaging professional. Additionally, causes and corrective actions for sub-optimal images must also be understood and practiced.

Course Goals:

1. 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.
2. Discuss the clinical significance of the photoelectric and scattering interactions in diagnostic imaging.
3. Discuss practical considerations in setting standards for acceptable image quality.
4. Assess radiographic exposure on radiographic images.
5. Analyze the relationships of factors that control and affect image exposure.
6. Describe an effective image analysis method.
7. Apply a problem-solving process used for image analysis.
8. Critique images for appropriate technical, procedural and pathologic factors.
9. Categorize cause of sub-optimal images.
10. Explain corrective actions for sub-optimal images.

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b. How does the course fit with the mission established by the department for the curriculum? If course is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive.

This course is mandated by the current American Society of Radiologic Technologists Radiography Educational Curriculum stipulated by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. It is a foundational course which leads to preparing students for entry level practice of radiologic technology.

c. Student population served.

Students formally admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences program

d. Rationale for the level of the course (lower, upper, or graduate).

This is an upper division class required upon entry to the professional curriculum.

16. Outline (The course outline should be topical by weeks and should be sufficient in detail to allow for judgment of the content of the course.)

Week1: Image evaluation processes

Week 2: Image quality standards and characteristics

Week 3: Interactions of x-ray photons with matter

Week 4: Relationship of exposure factors and image quality

Week 5 Review and assessment:

Week 6: Digital image acquisition

Week 7: Digital image quality factors

Week 8: Analysis of digital image quality

Week 9: Corrective actions for sub-optimal digital images

Week 10: Review and assessment

Week 11: Screen-film image acquisition

Week 12: Screen-film image quality factors

Week 13: Analysis of screen-film images

Week 14: Corrective actions for sub-optimal screen-film images

Week 15: Comprehensive review and comprehensive assessment

17. Course requirements (e.g. research papers, projects, interviews, tests, etc.)

Pre-lecture preparation assignments, three formative exams, one comprehensive exam.

18. Special features (e.g. labs, exhibits, site visitations, etc.)

This will be a web-enhanced class. There will be supplemental internet research and activities, as well as required pre-class videos and assignments. An additional lab-based course will reinforce concepts the didactic content of this course..

19. Department staffing and classroom/lab resources (Will this require additional faculty, supplies, etc.?)

No additional resources will be required.

20. What is the primary intended learning goal for students enrolled in this course?

The primary learning goal for students in this course is to develop a working knowledge of the image acquisition process and a systematic image evaluation process.

21. Reading and writing requirements:

a. Name of book, author, edition, company and year

Radiologic Sciences for Technologists by Stuart Bushong, 10th edition, Elsevier, 2013 and Radiographic Imaging and Exposure by Terri Fauber, 4th edition, Elsevier, 2013.

b. Number of pages of reading required per week: 30

c. Number of pages of writing required over the course of the semester: 2

22. High-Impact Activities (Check all that apply)

Collaborative assignments

Research with a faculty member

Diversity/Global learning experience

Service learning or community learning

Study abroad

Internship

Capstone or senior culminating experience

Other Explain: Internet-based image analysis practice

23. Considering the indicated primary goal (in Box #20), provide up to three outcomes that you expect of students after completion of this course.

**Outcome #1:** (For example, what will students who meet this goal know or be able to do as a result of this course?)

The student will be able to explain the image acquisition process.

Learning Activity:(For example, what instructional processes do you plan to use to help students reach this outcome?)

The learning activities in this course will be lectures, interactive discussions, videos, course readings and internet research.

Assessment Tool: (For example, what will students demonstrate, represent, or produce to provide evidence of their learning?)

Students will demonstrate their learning through group discussion and problem-based assignments, and written examinations.

*(Repeat if needed for additional outcomes 2 and 3)*

**Outcome #2:**

Students will develop systematic image evaluation skills...

Learning Activity:

The learning activities that will provide the opportunity for students to practice, improve and apply this course outcome are lectures, internet-based image evaluation practice, and group discussions and critical thinking exercises.

Assessment Tool:

Assessment of the student’s image evaluation skills will be through group discussions, problem-solving assignments and written exams.

**Outcome #3**:

Students will be able to explain the interactions of x-rays with human tissues.

Learning Activity:

The learning activities in this course will be lectures, interactive discussions, videos, course readings and internet research.

Assessment Tool:

Assessment of the student’s understanding of the interactions of x-rays with human tissues will primarily occur through written examinations.

24. Please indicate the extent to which this course addresses university-level student learning outcomes:

* 1. Global Awareness

Minimally  
Indirectly  
Directly

* 1. Thinking Critically

Minimally  
Indirectly  
Directly

* 1. Using Technology

Minimally  
Indirectly  
Directly

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