

BECOMING A CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR AND MAMMOGRAPHER-IN-TRAINING: A CELEBRATION OF FIRSTS



As Onsite University is about to matriculate its first Mammographer-In-Training (MIT), the role of the Clinical Instructor (CI) has never been more important. The CI is pivotal to successfully training and educating a newly graduated radiologic technologist.

Jennifer Herz, Onsite University's first CI, is a dedicated, highly skilled professional with a work ethic that is unparalleled. As part of her preparation to transition into her CI role, Jennifer had to complete six modules from the Clinical Instructor Academy designed by the ASRT for which she received 6 credits in addition to a knowledge base in:

- Transitioning from Staff Technologist to Clinical Instructor
- Are we Participating in Education or Training?
- Role as a Facilitator of Learning
- Assessment of Clinical Performance
- Remediation: An Art and a Science
- Record Keeping, Confidentiality and Legal Responsibilities

Alexa Richey, the first MIT, had previously worked for OWH as a coordinator. She has a strong working knowledge of PINK and PR. She subsequently attended school to become a RT so she could continue her education and training with OWH to become a mammographer.

Jennifer worked with Alexa to reinforce the structured educational requirements of the ARRT by teaching anatomy, pathology, physiology, the workings of the GE machine, QC, patient care and interaction management, positioning, image acquisition and quality assurance, special needs based on body habitus, how to traverse the practice, routing service issues, radiologist interplay, and Compliance requirements; eventually integrating the responsibilities of the coordinator's and mammographer's roles into one. Since that time, Alexa has been 100% in compliance for four straight months.

"I can not emphasize enough how gratifying it is to watch these two individuals grow, adapt, change and accommodate to the daily ups and downs in the life of a Mammographer-In-Training and Clinical Instructor," says Alison Boland Manager, Clinical Support and Education. "After all, is that not what we do as committed mammography technologists daily? We must successfully navigate coworkers, equipment, practice staff, practice administrators, supervisors, managers, directors, radiologists, field engineers and the never-ending wild card... the patient. For it is her we are ultimately here to serve."

CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR

What it means

Duties

Portfolio expansion

Personal
qualities

Effective
instruction

Reflect
on self

Congratulations to Alexa and Jennifer who have both worked very hard for the duration of this program!

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