



MU Sound Byte



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Diagnostic Medical Sonography

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Congratulations

Rebecca Welsch, BSDMS, RDMS, class of 2013, graduated in May 2015 with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Lindsey Solovey BS, RDMS has been accepted into the Temple University Fox School of Business to earn a Masters of Business Administration (MBA).

Amanda George, BSDMS, RDMS, RVT a graduate of the certificate and bachelor program joins the department as an adjunct instructor for the Advanced Fetal and Pediatric course. Amanda is a lead sonographer at Children's Medical Center in Washington, D.C and will be presenting in July on Pediatrics at the International Foundation for Sonography Education and Research Education symposium.

Bethany Francis BS, RDMS, RVT and **Sara Scott** RDMS for being elected for President-Elect and Secretary, respectively.

Dates and Reminders

August 10th: Last date to register for fall courses

August 30th: First week of on-line classes

Clinical Advisory meetings

Clinical Instructors and Department Managers are invited to attend.

October 20th: Geisinger Wyoming Valley, Wilkes Barre

October 22nd: Geisinger Medical Center, Danville

October 27th: Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira, NY

Congratulations to the Class of 2015

On March 8, 2015 sixteen students graduated as the eleventh class of Misericordia University's Sonography Program. The celebration was held on campus in Insalaco Hall. University administration, faculty, and clinical instructors, celebrated with the graduates and their families.

This year two students who had nearly identical GPAs received the Academic Achievement Award for academic excellence. They were Erica Dyonda and Noelle Verosky. Congratulations to both students as this is quite an accomplishment knowing the rigor of the program.

All 16 have secured employment either fulltime, part time or per-diem. The reputation of the program has allowed this. All sixteen students passed the physics exam on their first attempt with all of them (100%) earning the RDMS

credential. Sixteen sat for the OB/GYN (94% pass rate) and all sixteen sat for the abdomen exam with a 94 % pass rate.

Thirteen graduates possessed both the Abdomen and OB/GYN specialties within the month after graduation.



Class of 2015

KUDOS!

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Fall Course Offerings

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

Advanced Vascular (3 credits); **Breast Sonography** (2 credits) and **Advanced Fetal and Pediatric** (3 credits)

Reminder: IAC-Vascular accreditation is requiring all personnel performing vascular examinations to be vascular credentialed by January 1, 2017.

If interested in any of these courses, please contact the program at 570-674-6790 no later than August 10th.



Teaching opportunities at MU

The sonography department is recruiting adjunct instructors for the certificate program. The certificate sonography courses are held every other weekend with teaching in 2 to 6 hour blocks of time. Thus, it requires the ability to keep the students engaged and active during class time.

Minimum requirements include, but not limited to:

- ◆ Computer skills to develop PPT lectures; build assessments/exams, develop and grade class

assignments. Also must be proficient in use of email.

- ◆ Education requirements include minimum of a Bachelor degree, RDMS in both abdominal and OB/GYN, and possession of RVT is preferred.
- ◆ Mastery of knowledge in GYN and first trimester OB and/or superficial structures to include providing an introduction to MSK .
- ◆ There is an opportunity for an experienced RVT to develop and/or

teach a dedicated vascular course with lab to include TCD, venous insufficiency and abdominal vascular.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or interested in being considered, please contact Sheryl Goss by August 25th.

Interviews will be conducted in September.

Teaching is a rewarding experience, but it also requires dedication from the instructor to mentor students to success.

Students Participate in Volunteerism

As a program, we are happy to report that the current class of students have been actively involved in various charitable and service opportunities since enrolled in the program. Some current happenings that some of our students have participated in are:

SLP 5 K walk/Run
5 K Mud Run
Relay for Life
St. Gabriel's Angels (collecting plastic bottles)
Autism 5 K

The program is very rigorous and is more of a non traditional format, so it is

especially great to see that they are involved with opportunities affiliated with Misericordia's mission and others in the community.

Beginning with the class of 2017, the students will be required to develop an e-portfolio journaling their experiences in the profession as well as community service activities. Showcasing their talents, involvement, willingness to volunteer for an activity and reflecting on qualities that are desired of an applicant.

A survey was conducted indicating qualities of a sonographer with the results strongly stating the desire of the being a team player and having flexibility. Thus, we will try to educate, mentor and demonstrate these qualities.

within six months of completion of program and national certification pass rates within the first year after program completion. Similar to healthcare facilities having patient satisfaction results available to the public, the Department of Education also feels it is important for the consumer to be given information on educational program outcomes and successes.



SPL 5K Walk Run
Misericordia University
April 2015

The program is very proud of its outcomes which can be found on our website. Of the class of 2014, all 17 graduates earned their RDMS with 15 possessing both abdominal and OB/GYN, three earned the RVT credential and three earned the Breast specialty. All 17 are employed; thus, congratulations on all the successes.

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!



SDMS National Conference - Dallas, Texas

The SDMS annual conference is October 1-4 with pre-conference tutorials on Thursday, September 30th. Location is the Hyatt Regency Dallas. 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



Don't forget your boots!

practiced or hear the latest uses of sonography in your specialty. An abundance of CME's can be earned in these three/four days.

On October 2nd, during the Awards ceremony, Sheryl Goss will be sworn in as President of the SDMS Board of Directors serving until fall 2017.

Sonography Clinical Instructorship Program (SCIP)

The SDMS Foundation is now offering a new program to enhance clinical instructor skills and knowledge specific to working with students. The SCIP online video collection featuring five different presentations focuses on topics related to sonography clinical instructors. To view the SCIP videos, please visit:

<http://www.sdms.org/members/SCIP/SCIP/SCIP.aspx>

In addition, each presentation also lists multiple additional resources that relate to the topic.

In support of the sonography clinical instructor community, anyone can view the SCIP videos free of charge. SDMS CME credit

for the SCIP videos is available exclusively to SDMS members. There is a maximum of 4.25 CMEs available.

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of these videos to validate what you are already doing with our students or if there are areas you would like to be more effective in.