Course Title: Radiologic Technology IV  
Course #: 31487

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Prerequisite: RT 102 Radiologic Technology II,  
RT 206 Radiologic Technology III

Course Schedule: Tuesday 8:30am -10:30am

Credits: 2


*References:

Patient Care in Radiography: With an Introduction to Medical Imaging, Ehrlich, 9th ed.  
Radiologic Science for Technologists, Bushong, Stewart.

*Please note that these references may be referred to in class throughout the semester

Course Description:

This course is a continuation of RT101 and RT206. Advanced radiographic modalities, procedures and equipment. Advanced contrast studies including angiography, interventional studies, arthrography, myelography, venography, genitourinary system studies, and biliary system studied are covered. Identification of pathologies commonly diagnosed by various imaging modalities (computed tomography, MRI, mammography, sonography, nuclear medicine, PET CT, DEXA) is presented. Instruction in cross sectional anatomy and the components of computed tomography imaging are presented. Basic pharmacology concepts as required by
ASRT are discussed. Review of the anatomical structures of the major body systems is included. Review of medicolegal considerations for imaging.

Course Outcomes:

At the completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Review the function of the anatomy and physiology of major body systems.
2. Identify and explain the function of advanced imaging modality principles and their applications. (CT, MRI, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Sonography, PET CT and DEXA).
3. Identify pathologies best visualized in advanced radiographic procedures.
4. Identify and explain contraindications and indications for advanced radiographic procedures and typical physiological functions in the body systems.
5. Recognize purposes, lists component parts, and describe steps necessary in utilizing specialized interventional equipment.
6. Differentiate between the generations of CT scanners.
7. Recognize and identify the components of a CT scanner.
8. Identify anatomy from radiographs and CT and MRI scans.
9. Review artifacts and resolution (spatial and contrast) of a CT scan.
10. Identify/describe data acquisition process and the post processing procedures in advanced modalities.
11. Review and apply medico legal terms as they relate to imaging studies and professional behavior.
12. Review principles of pharmacology and drug administration as they relate to contrast and drugs used for patients in the Radiography department.

Classroom Behavior:

Each and every student is expected to behave in ways which promote a teaching and learning atmosphere. Students have the right to learn; however, they do not have the right to interfere with the freedom of the faculty to teach or the rights of other students to learn. Students will be treated respectfully in return for respectful behavior.
All in-class discussions should be carried out in a way that keeps the classroom environment respectful of the rights of others. This means that, for example, students should not interrupt someone else who is talking regardless of whether that person is the instructor or another student. Students should not monopolize class time by repeatedly interrupting and asking questions in a manner in which hinders the learning process of others. Students are also expected to conduct themselves in ways which create a safe learning and teaching environment that is free from such things as violence, intimidation, and harassment, including sexual harassment. Should a student be disruptive in class, then he/she will be asked to leave. The instructor reserves the right to have the student removed by Security if refusal occurs.

Cell phones and pagers should be kept on vibrate mode and students who must speak on a cell phone, must do so outside of the classroom to prevent disruption to the rest of the class.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND MISCONDUCT:

Students are expected to maintain the integrity of the test taking environment by doing their own work and not allowing others to copy one’s work. Talking and referring to texts are strictly prohibited during an examination. Non-compliance to these standards may result in a failing grade of the examination.

In addition, the program maintains a strict adherence to the student code of conduct which may be accessed through Montgomery College’s Home page at www.montgomerycollege.edu. Once you enter the home page, click on the Current Student tab on the top of the screen. Click on the Quick Link entitled Codes and Policies. This will direct you to the Student Code of Conduct which is a word document.

HOUSEKEEPING:

All students are responsible for putting equipment away, keeping equipment clean and in order at the end of each class session. Students are expected to report unsafe and/or broken equipment to the instructor.
Course Methodologies:

The course material will be presented in an interactive lecture manner. Students are encouraged to be active learners by participating in the presentation of course objectives through lecture, small group activities and hands-on activities. Students should review material to be covered and check their blackboard course and print a copy of the power point presentations and materials needed for class. Some audio-visuals and radiographs will be utilized as well as demonstrations. If a student requires any special resources to be more successful in the course, please let the instructor know so that the College can make accommodations.

Delayed Opening or Closing of the College

Because of inclement weather or utility failure or for other reasons, it may be necessary to delay opening or suspend all operations of the College or an individual campus.

Montgomery College will always operate on its regular schedule unless otherwise announced. Depending on the nature of the incident, notifications of emergencies and changes to the College’s operational status will be communicated through one or more of the following means:

- College emergency responders: Security Officers, Campus Response and/or Support Teams
- Montgomery College ALERT. Registered users receive text and e-mail messages. Registration information at www.montgomerycollege.edu/emergency
- Montgomery College Emergency Desktop Notification. Scrolling messages are broadcast on College computers
- Montgomery College Web at www.montgomerycollege.edu

MyMC Website
https://mymcprod.montgomerycollege.edu.cp/home/display login.

- MyMC student e-mail system
- Montgomery College employee voice mail. From off-site, dial 240-567-1701
- Montgomery College employee e-mail. From off-site, http://mcmail.montgomerycollege.edu
- Montgomery College main phone number at 240-567-5000
• Montgomery College cable channel 10 in Montgomery County
• Commercial radio and TV stations including:
  Television
  Channel 5 WTTG
  Channel 7 WJLA
  Channel 9 WUSA
  News Channel 8

  Radio
  WFRE (99.5 FM) – Frederick
  WAMU (88.5 FM)
  WFMD (930 AM) – Frederick
  WMAL (630 AM)

All inquiries from the news media regarding an emergency event should be directed to the College’s Office of Communications.

How Closing and Delays Impact Classes

If a class can meet for 50% or more of its regularly scheduled meeting time OR if the class can meet for 50 minutes or more, it will meet. Montgomery College will always operate on its regular schedule unless otherwise announced. Depending on the nature of the incident, notifications of emergencies and changes to the College’s operational status will be communicated through one or more communication methods including the College’s website www.montgomerycollege.edu. For the most up-to-date information regarding College openings, closings, or emergencies, all students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to sign up for email and text alerts via Montgomery College ALERT. Registration information is available at www.montgomerycollege.edu/emergency.

Students with Disabilities:

Any student who may need an accommodation due to a disability, please make an appointment to see Cathy Wilson (240-567-1475) during her office hours. A letter from Disability Support Services (R-CB122; G-SA175; or TP-ST120) authorizing your accommodations will be needed. Any student who may need assistance in the event of an emergency evacuation must identify to the Disability Support Services Office; guidelines for emergency
evacuations for individuals with disabilities are found at: www.montgomerycollege.edu/dss/evacprocedures.htm.

Attendance:
The attendance policy is stated in the Montgomery College Catalog. The student is urged to review the last sentence relative to the "Administrative Drop" for unexcused absences. Punctuality is stressed and any unexcused lateness will be factored into the final grade. (Ten points per tardy arrival/unexcused absence).

Grading:

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A student receiving a grade below a “C” in this course must satisfactorily repeat it before progressing to the next course.

Grades will be determined by:
1. Unit Exams* (approximately 3) 55%
2. Comprehensive Final 25%
3. Critical Thinking Assignment 5%
4. Pathology Research Paper or Modality Project 10%
5. Attendance/Affective Policy 5%

Total: 100%

*There are no make-up exams! If a unit exam is missed, it must be made up on the same day as the final, following the final exam.

Examinations (55%)

Approximately 3 examinations will be given to assess student comprehension of presented materials. The dates and objectives covered in examination form are noted in the class schedule in this syllabus. Examinations will include multiple choice questions and may include matching, sequencing, and true or false, fill in the blank, film identification and/or short essay questions. The point value is indicated on the examination. Multiple choice, true or false, matching questions are worth one point. Grades are calculated based on the number of points earned
divided by greatest possible points. For example, if the

test has a total of 89 points and a student earns 79
possible points (79/89) the student’s score would be 88.7% 
which will be rounded up to an 89%. All examinations are 
reviewed in class after graded and open for discussion of 
content only. Concerns about calculation of grade or 
possible mistakes in grading may be addressed individually 
with the instructor after class. Tests are kept in the 
student file. Students are not given the test to keep.

**Comprehensive Final Examination (25%)**

The final examination is given on the date as dictated by 
the college wide final exam schedule found in each 
semester’s Montgomery College Credit Course Schedule and 
noted in the class schedule. The examination covers all 
material reviewed in the semester. Questions are primarily 
designed in multiple choice type fashion although some 
other forms of questions may be designed.

**The Value of Critical Thinking Assignments:**

The ability to critically think is essential for the successful 
completion of the Radiologic Technology program. Critical 
thinking concepts such as self assessment, evaluation, problem 
solving, deductive reasoning are but a few strategies employed 
in the diagnostic imaging environment. Use of these and other 
critical thinking strategies assist in the application of the 
book knowledge to the clinical setting. To this end throughout 
the two years in the program students will be required to 
complete specific didactic and clinical assignments used to 
assess critical thinking in the classroom and in the clinical 
rotations. In addition to critical thinking questions imbedded 
into each didactic exam, a percentage of the final grade for 
each class (including the clinical courses) will include the 
grade(s) from each critical thinking assignment.

**Critical Thinking (Reflective Paper) (5%)**

Students will complete a critical thinking assignment 
on their reflection of the two years in the program. 
The questions for this assignment are posted in 
Blackboard and a copy is attached to the back of this 
syllabus. The purpose of this assignment is to help 
the student reflect on their past in the Radiology 
program and to consider their possibilities awaiting 
them in the future.
Pathology Paper or Modality Research Assignment (10%)

Students will be required to research one pathology or advanced modality procedure or the modality itself that they would like to develop into a paper or a project.

1. Guidelines for a Research Pathology Paper is as follows:

   The submitted paper should be 4-8 pages, double spaced, 12 font size plus a reference page. The cover page and reference page do not count as part of the 5-10 pages that are required. The paper should address the following objectives:
   - Name of pathology and why the student chose this pathology
   - Brief description of the pathology, patient symptoms, any conservative treatment options
   - Diagnostic imaging procedures used to identify, monitor and/or possibly treat this pathology. Your pathology should address more than one imaging modality to diagnose and/or treat the pathology.
   - A description of how the procedures are performed, if contrast is used, number and type of images produced.
   - Radiographic findings of the pathology and radiographic findings in terms of resolution of the pathology (if any) once treatment begins or is completed to address the pathology. By resolution of pathology, I mean does the pathology improve.

The pathology, as noted in one of the objectives above, should be one that more than one imaging modality may be used to identify.

Students MUST use at least three literary references. In addition, students are encouraged to interview imaging professionals at their site as part of their research. These professionals are NOT considered one of the three required references but should be recognized in the reference page and given proper recognition in the paper.

APA style (you can find APA style examples on Google or MC library website) for the reference page is

*Due date for this assignment will be April 30, 2019.*
recommended but the following information in the following style is accepted:

Author(s) last name, Name of Book, Article, Year and date, publisher

Suggestions and hints on how to organize your paper. These are not mandatory they are just suggestions for your paper.

- Pick a pathology that interests you. It might be something that you have read about or you may know someone who has been diagnosed with a certain disease.

- Divide your paper into sections (for example):
  
  Introduction
  History of pathology
  Patient symptoms
  Diagnosis
  Treatment
  Follow up

SPELLING AND CORRECT GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE DOES COUNT. If assistance is needed, please contact the instructor or make an appointment with the reading and writing center. An example of a research paper will be provided for your review upon request.

2. If you choose to do a Research Project on a Modality or a Procedure, the guidelines are as follows:

- You can create a poster or a 3D story board about an advanced modality or about a procedure that you found to be interesting.

- Please provide educational information about your project, please use at least 3 literary sources (on-line sources are acceptable)

- Please provide a diagram, picture or some actual materials or equipment that may be used in the procedure or modality you have chosen. (some examples, Pacemaker insertion, HSG, Hip Injection, CT Biopsies, IR procedures).

- I would like this projects to be of educational quality that may be used in
future RADT 207 classes as demonstrations for certain subject matter.


Attendance/ Affective Behavior Policy: (5%)

The attendance policy for this course is the same as that stated in the Montgomery College Catalog. The student is urged to review the last sentence concerning unexcused absences and administrative drop from the course. **If a student cannot make class, it is their responsibility to call the College and relay that message to the faculty.**

Punctuality is stressed and all unexcused lateness will be factored into the final grade (10 points off each tardy arrival). When possible, there will be a 5-10 minute break between lectures and students are expected to be back on time, the second lecture will begin on time. Repeated lateness to second lecture will result in points taken off grade.

College e-mail Accounts:

Student e-mail (Montgomery college.edu) is an official means of communication for the College. It is expected that you check your student e-mail regularly and frequently, as you are responsible for information and announcements that will be sent to you from the College. For this class, student e-mail will be used only for situations where timing is essential. Most information is discussed in class and all assignments will be turned in as hard copy during regular class times. If you contact me through e-mail, you must use your student e-mail account (rather than a yahoo account) so that I can recognize you as a student. If you e-mail me, please follow-up with a voice mail message using the following number: 240-567-5566.
1. Reflect on your two years in the Radiologic Technology program and tell me what type of technologist you hope to become. Without naming any names (positive or negative), tell me one or more positive ways in which a technologist(s) has had an influence on you.

2. Tell me one or more negative things you have witnessed and that you know that you will not repeat. I feel that this one way for you to reflect on the good and the bad of the radiography world and perhaps decide what your legacy to the profession will be in the future.

3. What would you consider to be your best day or time in the program so far?

4. Do you feel that you are prepared to face the world as a radiographer? If not, what areas do you feel that you still need help with? When you begin working as a technologist and you get a request for something that you are not sure of how to position the patient or do the procedure, what can you do to find out what to do?

5. Where do you hope to get a job, in a hospital or office? Why? Do you want to have the opportunity to teach other radiology students?
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<td>Modalities/Project has modality procedure well represented</td>
<td>2 or more modalities addressed with diagnostic, follow up and therapeutic specific examples.</td>
<td>1 or more modalities addressed with weak or missing specific examples.</td>
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<td>Research of Pathology or Modality Project</td>
<td>Clear evidence of research of pathology, symptoms, demographics and risk factors.</td>
<td>Some evidence of research of pathology with 2 factors of symptoms, demographics and risk factors.</td>
<td>Slight evidence of research of pathology with 1 factor of symptoms, demographics and risk factors.</td>
<td>Limited research of pathology without any factors of symptoms, demographics, and risk factors.</td>
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<td>Specialist, Follow-up treatment, Radiographic Findings or Picture, equipment, diagrams included</td>
<td>Clear evidence of detailed research into specialist, follow up and radiographic findings.</td>
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