ST. KATE'S RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM IS UNIQUE

- St. Kate's Radiography Program (AAS) is distinguished by solid liberal arts and sciences courses that serve as the program's foundation. Graduates benefit from the program's highly regarded reputation within the medical community, its rich tradition in education, a practice-ready curriculum and commitment to inter-professional awareness, expert faculty and strong clinical partnerships.
- The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) pass rate for 2017 was 92% with the program's 5-year pass rate at 92% for student passing their first attempt. Job placement in 2016 was 100%.
- Service, learning and leadership opportunities are made available as students are actively involved in their local affiliate and national professional organizations. Students become members and are mentored to become actively involved with the Minnesota Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).
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- Students serve in student leadership roles including executive board participation, leadership development programs and knowledge bowls. They have opportunities to prepare and present scientific essay and exhibits at affiliate annual educational symposium and business meetings.
- St. Kate's faculty are involved in MSRT including roles of Treasurer, Board Chair, President, President Elect, Education Chair, conference planners and presenters. Faculty serve as affiliate and alternate delegates for ASRT and ASRT House of Delegates.
- Radiology faculty are committed to scholarship through research, professional presentations and collaboration and outreach within the community.
- Students learn from highly-qualified faculty who offer expertise in radiography along with integrating their unique backgrounds in athletic training, imaging software, radiographic pathology, radiation biology and holistic health.
- Students develop extensive experience using a wide variety of current technical equipment including an on-campus PACS system. These experiences will prepare them for employment in a number of settings.
- Students will complete over 1200 hours of clinical experience that is integrated into their didactic coursework.

Radiography Program Mission

The mission of the radiography program is to educate diverse learners to become highly skilled, compassionate, health care professionals. Students acquire skills and knowledge through a careful blend of liberal arts courses, professional courses and clinical education in a learning environment that is structured to promote student development and success.

Goals:
1. Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills
2. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills
3. Students will graduate from the program with the skills needed to be a competent radiographer.
4. Students will demonstrate professional behavior
5. The program will provide the community with radiographers
Material and skill acquisition are presented and sequenced through didactic presentation; lab demonstration and simulation, clinical application, clinical demonstration to skill competency, lab proficiency assessment, and clinical mastery of entry level skills.

Students benefit from rich and diverse clinical settings including hospital, clinic and orthopedics settings among 20+ clinical partnerships within the Twin Cities metro. Clinical sites are coordinated by the University.

Radiography students benefit from small cohorts and close supportive relationship with faculty; the program boasts rich diversity among its students.

ACADEMIC AND ADVISING CONNECTIONS
- Meet with Paul Haugen, Academic Advisor, (x7743) if you are starting your first year in the Pre-professional program to plan your liberal arts and sciences courses and to discuss your Mapworks Survey results.
- Review the Radiography Program Requirements document that can be found on the Radiography website, from St. Kate's homepage; click on “academic programs.” Make sure you are prepared for the intense nature of this program including summer and January course commitments. Follow the prescribed course requirements for fall or spring-term admission as indicated in this document.
- Discuss your radiography research interests with your advisor. Inquire into the opportunities to present a paper or research at a professional conference.
- Strengthen writing and math skills in the Learning Center.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
Learn about St. Kate’s mission of social justice
- Listen and participate in engaging discussions on topics of diversity and inclusion by attending the Cornbread and Chili events offered by Multi-cultural and International Programs and Services (MIPS). Chili dinner is always free! Stop in anytime to learn about events happening in MIPS. Contact MIPS staff at x7866 for the schedule.

LEADERSHIP AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Apply for on-campus student employment. New students should contact Kathy Czech, Assistant Director of Financial Literacy and Student Employment for assistance at studentemployment@stkate.edu.
- Ask your advisor about opportunities to participate in the Minnesota Association of Radiography Students (MARS) one-day educational events in the fall and spring.
- Talk to your advisor about the Minnesota Society of Radiography Technologists (MSRT) and the American Society of Radiology Technologists (ASRT) leadership opportunities. Consider a student membership in MSRT/ASRT. Keep up with reading journal articles.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT
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Merry Richards, Clinical Coordinator, Assistant Professor

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Suggestions for making connections to your developing career goals.

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Alan Bode, MA, R.T. (R), (QM), Department Chair and Associate Professor

ACADEMIC AND ADVISING CONNECTIONS

- In the fall, meet with your academic advisor to review coursework progress and learn what to register for to strengthen your professional skills.
- Review the highlighted box Professional Skills/Competencies Expected of Radiography Students. Discuss with your advisor and identify ways to develop competency areas in which you are challenged.
- Maintain a solid GPA (2.5 or better) to be considered for the Jenny Schugel Memorial Scholarship. Faculty recommend students for this scholarship who demonstrate good character, positive attitude, possess strong interpersonal communication skills, and demonstrate passion for the field of radiography. This scholarship is awarded to one student during the second year of the program.
- Consider continuing your education in Radiation Therapy. Talk with the Program Director Patricia Fountinelle, pfountinelle005@stkate.edu
- Discuss with your advisor opportunities to participate in local and national conferences including welcoming and introducing speakers, assisting with conference organization, contacting speakers, etc. These occasions offer great opportunities to network and get involved with professional organizations.
- Identify faculty and staff members from whom you will request letters of recommendation. Discuss with your advisor which clinical supervisors will be best for your job search. Begin this process early to provide your reference writers with adequate time. Questions? Contact staff in Career Development (365 Education Building) at x8121.
- Review the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists website (arrt.org) to become familiar with the national certification exam process and how to prepare for the exam following graduation.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Attend MAB; build your résumé by taking on a leadership position to develop important skills in program planning, organization and communication.
- Consider attending MSRT or ASRT conferences. Consult with the Office of Student Life for funding available to support your attendance.
- Attend the Honors and Awards celebration in the spring; acknowledge your peers’ scholarship, research, and other academic achievements at this annual event.
- As you prepare for graduation, celebrate connections to the University, including mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, and lifelong friendships with classmates.
- Before graduation, meet with the Minneapolis Financial Aid Team, x7805, Old Main 231, to review your loans and discuss the process for loan consolidation. Make sure you understand the loan repayment process and the amount of your payments. Also discuss loan deferment if you plan to continue your education.
- Become oriented to Alumnae/i Relations, and learn how to be an active and supportive alumna of the University.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

- Attend the Chili and Cornbread events offered in MIPS to discuss engaging topics on diversity and inclusion.
- Consider serving as a student leader in Campus Ministry and build an inclusive community of faith on campus. Be a voice for justice and peace by participating in a Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) working group or through service as a Volunteers in Action (VIA) leader. (Contact Campus Ministry for more information.)

Education Ladders Opportunities at St. Kate’s

Consider continuing your education by earning a bachelor’s degree in Radiation Therapy. St. Catherine University offers the only baccalaureate Radiation Therapy degree program in Minnesota. Students with this degree will be eligible to sit for the ARRT national certification exam. For more information, Contact Patricia Fountinelle, Program Director and Assistant Professor. 651-690-7888; pfountinelle005@stkate.edu.

Contact Susan Herrmann, Assistant Director of Financial Aid to explore Financial Aid options for pursuing a baccalaureate degree in the College for Adults. 651-690-8749; sdherrmann@stkate.edu

St. Kate’s Resources for Financial Information:

The following support systems are in place to address students’ questions regarding financing college, budgeting, living expenses, credit card management, loans, insurance, credit scores and more. Check out these resources as soon as possible.

Minneapolis Financial Aid Team: staff will help you look into options for financing college. Make an appointment with Kendra Reynolds, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, x7804 or Financial Aid Counselor, x7805, Old Main 231.

Peer Money Mentors and the St. Kate’s Money Management Program: This program provides a variety of financial literacy education and counseling. Contact the Office of Financial Literacy and Student Employment, x8685, St. Paul campus, CDC Room 210.

Confidential financial counseling: For individual counseling on credit card management, improving credit scores, insurance, loan repayment, budgeting, identity theft and much more, contact St. Kate’s certified financial counselor for an appointment, 1.888.577-2227. Indicate that you are a St. Kate’s student for preferred scheduling on-campus.
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Consider serving as a Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant or Program Collaborator within the department. Explore Assistantship Mentoring Program (AMP) opportunities with faculty in the Associate of Arts program. Expand your degree and your résumé by participating in this unique program.
- Discuss with your advisor opportunities to participate in “Knowledge Bowl” — a competition between Radiography students from accredited Radiologic Technology Programs within Minnesota. The questions are based on the content of the national registry exam. Commonly held in the spring, this gathering of students and faculty offers the opportunity for learning and networking.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Attend the annual Career Opportunities Fair on the St. Paul campus in October, open to current students and alumnae. Visit with employers for information and possible employment. Prior to the fair, visit with staff in Career Development to review your résumé and practice your interviewing skills. (EDUC 365, x8121)
- Create a LinkedIn account for job search activities. Contact Career Development for more information.
- Meet with Career Development staff before graduation to ensure you have developed a job search plan; finalize your résumé and practice interviewing and networking skills. Identify employers you plan to contact. If your plan is to continue your education, discuss plans with your academic advisor.

Professional Skills/Competencies Radiography Graduates

The following list identifies the professional skills as noted by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Review and discuss these with your advisor and explore ways to develop skill areas that are challenging:

- A focus on providing optimum patient care in a society that is becoming increasingly diverse and experiencing generational, cultural and ethnic shifts.
- The ability to work with others in a team relationship.
- An understanding of the intricacies associated with providing direct patient care in today’s health care setting.
- The skill to use modern technologies to research and retrieve information, weigh and discriminate between good and poor sources of information, and take action based upon the acquisition of new information and knowledge.
- Stewardship over the security and confidentiality associated with patient medical information.
- Skills that promote career-long learning, where the radiographer assumes the role of student and that of teacher.
- An eagerness to collaborate with others in the medical imaging community to promote standards of excellence in the medical imaging sciences.
- A willingness to contribute to the education and clinical skills development of radiologic science students.

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Get Involved in Your Profession

Gain valuable professional and leadership skills: talk with your professor about opportunities to present a paper or research at a state or national conference. Contact the Office of Student Life to seek University funding to support your attendance.

**American Society of Radiology Technologists (ASRT)** is the premier professional association for radiologic science professionals. Members enjoy access to high-quality continuing education, peer-reviewed journals, a magazine just for R.T.s and discounts on many products and services. Students enrolled in primary radiologic science programs can join for a very reasonable annual fee. Visit their website at asrt.org.

Also be sure to visit the Student News section of this website to learn about ASRT Student Leadership Development Program: asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-program.

**Minnesota Society of Radiography Technologists (MSRT) and the Minnesota Association of Radiography Students (MARS)**

The purpose of the MSRT is to advance the professions of radiation and imaging specialties, to assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of education and training, to elevate the quality of patient care, and to improve the welfare and socio-economics of radiologic technologists. Talk to your faculty advisor about opportunities to attend a state or national conference. University funds may be available to help reduce costs for attending the conference.

Keep current in the field: subscribe to any of the following Journals or retrieve from the St. Kate’s Minneapolis library:

**ASRT Scanner** covers news about the society and the radiologic technology profession, plus feature stories on issues of interest to radiologic technologists. This bimonthly magazine is exclusively for ASRT members.

**Radiologic Technology** features peer-reviewed research, continuing education articles and a variety of columns of interest to professionals. This award-winning, bimonthly journal covers all disciplines and specialties in the radiologic sciences.

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