Admissions

Incoming Cohort
While we received less program applications this year (as well as several incomplete applications), fortunately we have 27 incoming students for the 2022 cohort. Certainly, these class sizes will help fill the workforce demand. However, be assured that we maintained a rigorous admissions process during the review of applications.

Internship Sites
With each admissions process, the number of internship sites change. We also have new sites periodically throughout the year, as well as sites that become ‘inactive’. We also have sites that we choose to disaffiliate with periodically. For all current JRCERT approved internship sites, please refer to our clinical internship site website. Keep in mind, not all sites are active for the upcoming cohort.

Interviews Spring 2022
Anne Marie will reach out to all internship sites in the fall of 2021 to determine who will be interviewing in the upcoming admissions process. Why so early? Refer to the admissions process on the clinical preceptor website.

Program Committees

Assessment Committee
The program assessment committee will be meeting in August to review final data collection on old plans, review current updates, and establish a new plan for the incoming 2022 cohort.

AAMD Annual Meeting: Students!!

Writing Competition
UWL students (recent graduates) placed 2nd in the AAMD Writing Competition for 2021.

2nd Place: Limiting Dose to the Lumbosacral Plexus for Pelvic-Paraaortic Cases with VMAT
Authors: Elizabeth McGinnis, Thomas Sutherland, Michael Wheatley, Nishele Lenards, Ashley Hunzeker, Karen Lang, Ashley Fellows, Sabrina Zeiler
Institution: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Quiz Bowl Competition
The AAMD student quiz bowl took place during the student meeting. There were 73 individual students who participated from all dosimetry programs. UWL had 4 current students who placed in the Top 10!! Quite an accomplishment considering our students were not even half-way through the program yet!

1st: Mabel Lim – MD Anderson
2nd: Ottmar Lezama – MD Anderson
3rd: Robert Hayward - Grand Valley State University
4th: Spencer Day – University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
5th: Collin Nappi - University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
6th: Jon-Isaac Cumberland – MD Anderson
7th: Anh Tran – MD Anderson
8th: Jina Lee - University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
9th: Ben Harrington – Suffolk University
10th: Christian Czmielewski – University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
Clinical News You Can Use

Prepping for incoming 2022 Cohort

Current or ‘active’ sites for the incoming cohort will be contacted by Anne Marie in late November to early December. She will provide updates to Typhon, policies, clinical preceptor website, etc. NEW internship sites will not gain access to the Typhon clinical management system until mid to late December as we have to archive the current cohort before we can create a new cohort in the system.

Typhon System: Clinical Instructors

Please review your clinical instructor evaluations completed by students in Typhon. If one is available you should have received a link; otherwise you can find it under “my evaluations”, “view history”, “taken about me”.

In addition, view the program resources within Typhon for helpful tips. The clinical preceptor website also has much of the internship information you need for incoming cohort students.

Competencies

Regarding competencies, the policy is a maximum of 2 attempts (same anatomic site). Students are required to complete all competencies on the master competency list. Therefore, if a student fails the same competency 2 times, this would result in an automatic dismissal. Why? It is highly unusual for a student to even fail 1 time. Therefore, a student who has failed 2 times on the same anatomic site will most likely be having clinical difficulties.

If a student fails a handful of various competencies, this is still a red flag and will most likely go before the program advisory committee for review and consideration of a remedial plan or dismissal.

Clinical Adjunct Faculty Appointments

Reminder!! Any medical physicist or dosimetrist at our clinical internship affiliate sites can apply for clinical adjunct faculty appointments at UW-La Crosse. Why would you want to do this? For some individuals, this is important to add to their CV or resume but you also have some benefits at UW-L (particularly the library). We have the information listed on the Clinical Preceptor Website welcome page. You will see a link for Clinical Adjunct Faculty Appointments. Contact Nishele if you are interested.

JRCERT

The program successfully received the maximum 8 year accreditation award as a result of the most recent accreditation renewal process. Thank you to all the clinical staff and students for your contributions during the site visit.

Note: The JRCERT has many resources for clinical instructors on their website. Recently, they provided a resume template link for individuals to use, especially when they are submitting paperwork to become a clinical preceptor (supervisor). If you are interested, please feel free to review this template and contact Anne Marie for more information.

Social Media

Follow our Facebook and LinkedIn page. On our Facebook page, we post updates regularly while also posting job openings for current students and/or alumni. If you have a job opening or something you would like to share on our program FB page, contact Nishele.
Recent Publications
Featuring recent publications from our students & staff.


Scholarship Winners
There were 2 UWL students who received Varian scholarships from the AAMD Education & Research Foundation this year. April Hardman also received a RayStation Training Grant!! Congrats to these current students!

2021 Varian Student Scholarship Winners

- Karina Dean
- Carlos Galindo
- Stephanie Hanna
- Whitnee Haliford
- April Hardman
- Dari Harlow
- Destiny Holder
- Kimberly Kelly
- Jina Lee
- Reyes Nino III
- Candace Ray
- Enoch Sarkodee
- Carrie Tam
- Kathlina Teague
- Fiorella Venuto
- Alexis Woodin