

Vernon College

Assessment Activity/Report Communication Form 2012-2013

Title: Surgical Technology

Date of completion: June 26, 2013

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Assessment Activity

Report

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Highlights of data:

Annual Report to Accreditation Review Council on Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) filed May 2, 2013.

Report for programmatic accreditation is required annually and specific program outcomes must be reported. The report includes program data from 8/1/2011 to 7/31/2012. The reporting dates required by ARC/STSA and the report cover two (2) years of graduate data. All five program outcomes are reported for each class but over a two-year period.

Retention: 16 students enrolled and 14 completed for a 88% completion rate. This exceeds the programmatic standard of 70%.

CST Exam Pass Rate: 14 students tested and 9 passed for a pass rate of 64%. This fell below the programmatic standard of 70%.

Graduate Placement Rate: Job placement rate for reporting year was 20 graduates with 19 employed for a placement rate of 95%. This exceeds the programmatic standard of 85% placed within six months of graduation.

The outcomes listed below cover 8/1/2010 to 7/31/2011 as employer surveys are sent out 9 months post graduation and graduate surveys are sent out 6 months after graduation.

Employer Survey Return and Satisfaction Rate: The employer survey return rate was 58% with a 73% satisfaction rate. Programmatic standard is 50% return rate with 85% satisfaction rate. Program exceeded standard for return rate but did not meet the satisfaction rate.

Graduate Survey Return and Satisfaction Rate: The graduate survey return rate was 80% with a 100% satisfaction rate. Programmatic standard is the same as an employer survey and graduate survey results exceeds programmatic standard.

Use of data:

Data is used by program coordinator, college administration, and the program advisory committee to develop a plan of action to improve outcomes.

Retention rate has remained well above 70% standard since the implementation of pre-requisite courses and no changes were recommended or implemented for retention outcomes.

CST Exam Pass Rate: The program coordinator implemented a new exam review process to include the use of classroom clickers and taking online practice examinations twice during the last semester of the program. The most recent class had an 87% pass rate so the plan of action has improved the pass rate outcome for the most recent graduating class which is not reported to ARC/STSA until May 2014.

Graduate Placement Rate: Placement rate has historically remained above programmatic standard and no changes were recommended or implemented for placement rate outcomes.

Employer Survey Return and Satisfaction Rate: The employer satisfaction rate was addressed with employers on the advisory committee. Some employers were rating graduates low due to poor work habits that the program has no control over once the graduate becomes employed. Employer satisfaction rate has improved with the most recent class having a 100% satisfaction rate from employers. No changes were recommended or implemented for employer satisfaction rates.

Graduate Survey Return and Satisfaction Rate: No changes were recommended or implemented as graduate satisfaction rate has remained at 90% or higher for the past five years.

How associated to Student Success?

The use of measurable outcomes ensures the program adheres to the standard

curriculum and delivery of skill sets needed to become employed as a surgical technologist.

The outcomes are reviewed for trends and avenues to improve student success in completing the program, passing the CST exam, and becoming employed within six months of graduation.

Where the report can be found:

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