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Video Transcript

0:00-0:15 We're preparing students for a career in medical imaging, specifically radiography, so the individuals who take all the X-ray images. They could go on into CT or MRI or other imaging modalities as well.

0:16-0:47 I would say that one of the biggest challenges for us as radiologic technologists and in our field, is related of course, to radiation exposure and radiation protection practices. I focus in my courses, on making sure that students understand that it is our responsibility to really reduce that risk of radiation to patients. We know that there is, of course, a benefit for students.

0:48-1:04 There's a benefit for patients in receiving the proper diagnosis in so that they can have a treatment for whatever disease process they're dealing with. We are the ones responsible for then trying to minimize the risk that's associated with that benefit.

1:05-1:30 Having this lab on campus right here allows me the opportunity to bring the technology into the classroom, while I'm lecturing, walk into the lab that's connected to our classroom and show our students how scatter radiation actually impacts the room, and show the students then, how that scatter radiation is going to impact, for example, an image.

1:31-1:48 Our students rotate through every clinical site that we have, so they may be at Parkview at PRNC for a few weeks and then they will rotate to an out-patient clinic for a couple of weeks, and then they might drive to Kendallville and they might get some experience at some outlying community hospitals. They also rotate through some of the specialty area, so they'll rotate through CT, they'll rotate through MRI, they'll get to go to radiation oncology and get some experience in those areas, and observe and sort of determine if that might be an area they're interested in studying.

1:49-2:00 I am most proud of my students' success. They're very much in demand, we know that they are filling the needs, and we know that our graduates are successful because they are in such high demand.