

# R T 53CL: APPLIED RADIOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY III

## Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
<b>Units:</b>	1
<b>Hours:</b>	3 laboratory per week (36 total per quarter)
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	R T 53BL.
<b>Degree &amp; Credit Status:</b>	Degree-Applicable Credit Course
<b>Foothill GE:</b>	Non-GE
<b>Transferable:</b>	CSU
<b>Grade Type:</b>	Letter Grade Only
<b>Repeatability:</b>	Not Repeatable

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate proper equipment manipulation and positioning criteria for selected radiographic procedures of the spine, ribs and skull, applying appropriate patient care and radiation protection principles in the laboratory setting.
- Perform image evaluation and anatomy identification for selected radiographic procedures of the spine, ribs and skull.

## Description

Third of three courses that include laboratory participation and application of basic positioning, patient care, equipment manipulation, radiation protection, image analysis and technical radiographic experiments. Emphasis on vertebral column, sacrum and coccyx, ribs, skull, trauma, surgical and pediatric, as learned in the companion lecture course, R T 51C. Intended for students in the Radiologic Technology Program; enrollment is limited to students accepted in the program.

## Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

- Demonstrate accuracy in radiation protection for the patient, personnel, and self.
- Exhibit knowledge, understanding, and dexterity in the proper use of radiographic equipment.
- Adhere to the program's standards of attendance, punctuality, and dependability.
- Conduct self in a professional manner with classmates and staff.
- Apply theory to practice by exhibiting ongoing, satisfactory job performance skills.
- Select proper technical factors for radiographic procedures on an average patient.
- Exhibit proper positioning skills for vertebral column, sacrum and coccyx, ribs, skull, trauma, surgical and pediatric.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of various nursing procedures and basic patient care.
- Perform radiographic technical lab experiments.

## Course Content

- Radiation protection

- Closing doors during procedures and exposures
- Shielding all patients
- Collimating to image receptor size and/or part size
- Protecting self and others from irradiation by wearing aprons, gloves, and dosimeter
- Patient pregnancy status

### B. Equipment

- Competency and proficiency with equipment
  - Safety precautions
  - Effective manipulation of control panel
- ### C. Punctuality and dependability
- Punctuality in reporting to the lab on time
  - Minimum loss of time due to absenteeism
  - Communicating whereabouts appropriately
- ### D. Professional conduct

- Being tactful and courteous with staff and others
- Taking the initiative and helping other staff members
- Working as a team with classmates

### E. Accepting constructive criticism

- Conducting oneself in a professional manner
- Communicating effectively and following instructions
- Contributing to a pleasant work environment

### E. Job performance

- Marking all radiographs according to laboratory protocol
- Planning and organizing work efficiently
- Being alert and interested in what is happening in the room and asking pertinent questions

### F. Reading and understanding the requisition and properly identifying the patient

- Maintaining a neat, clean, and well-stocked room
- Communicating effectively
- Following verbal instructions with multiple steps
- Making effective use of free time
- Completing the exam in a reasonable amount of time
- Demonstrating proper ethical behavior

### F. Technical factors

- Setting the control panel accurately for an exposure
- Understanding how various mA, kV, time, and distance factors affect the radiographic image
- Being able to differentiate between phototiming and manual technique
- Checking control panel before exposure

### G. Positioning

- Knowing department routines for exams stated in laboratory objectives
- Knowing specific centering for each part radiographed, including angulation of the x-ray tube and body part
- Positioning the patient carefully and accurately; using proper immobilization

### G. Identifying basic anatomy and critiquing images

- Handling patients gently when positioning, using concise instructions, and watching patient during breathing instructions
- Perform accurate positioning for vertebral column, sacrum and coccyx, ribs, skull, trauma, surgical and pediatric

### H. Patient care and nursing procedures

- Communicating effectively with the patient
- Explaining exam to the patient
- Using a safe approach when transferring patients
- Completing the exam in a reasonable amount of time

### I. Radiographic technical lab experiments

## Lab Content

- Laboratory practice

1. Radiation protection
2. Equipment operation
3. Image production and evaluation
4. Anatomy Identification
5. Radiographic positioning procedures for vertebral column, sacrum and coccyx, ribs and skull, trauma, surgical and pediatric
6. Patient care techniques

## **Special Facilities and/or Equipment**

Energized x-ray units with all basic accessory equipment, CR and DR image receptors, large scale monitors, view boxes, digital image library, pediatric and skull radiographic phantoms, full body positioning phantom with gurney, c-arm and monitor.

## **Method(s) of Evaluation**

Laboratory performance evaluation.

## **Method(s) of Instruction**

Discussion, demonstration, practice sessions.

## **Representative Text(s) and Other Materials**

Foothill College (R T). [Laboratory Manual](#).

This text is updated each year, and the current edition will be used.

## **Types and/or Examples of Required Reading, Writing, and Outside of Class Assignments**

Weekly reading assignments from the laboratory manual.

## **Discipline(s)**

Radiological Technology