

**Sauk Valley Community College
April 22, 2024**

Action Item 4.5

Topic: Faculty Appointment – Sonography

College Health Metric: Human Resources – The College hires qualified employees and provides competitive benefits to attract and retain faculty and staff; departments provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.

Presented By: Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

The administration has been in the process of hiring a Sonography Faculty. The position was advertised online on Sauk Valley Community College’s website, Indeed.com, and LinkedIn. The College received three applications, and two applicants were interviewed. The committee was composed of Kim Cole, Maggie Young, Dianna Brevitt, Dakota Geesey, and Dean Pam Eubanks, Dean, who served as the Chairperson.

Academic background: Ellyn Horn graduated from Sauk Valley Community College with an Associate degree in Radiologic Technology and from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor’s degree in Applied Science. She received a Certificate of Sonography from Carl Sandburg College.

Professional background: Ellyn is an experienced sonographer and clinical instructor having worked with multiple ultrasound programs. She has gained her experience through three years of working at Kewanee Hospital in Kewanee and thirteen years of working at CGH in Sterling.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the appointment of Ellyn Horn as an Assistant Professor II, Sonography Program Coordinator effective August 9, 2024, at an annual base salary of \$55,273.15.

Ellyn Horn



January 2nd, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am excited to be applying for the Sonography Program Coordinator position with Sauk Valley Community College. I have thought for several years that this program would be a great addition to the college as there is a growing need for sonographers in the area. Sauk is where I started my interest and education in imaging. I would not be where I am today without the guidance of this college and am forever grateful for the opportunities my education at this college has provided for me. It would be an incredible honor for me to be able to return to the place where my entire career started. Sauk has not only been a blessing to me, but to all five of my sisters who have graduated from the allied health programs at Sauk. All of which continue to serve the healthcare needs of the community using the knowledge and education they received from your programs. The allied health programs at Sauk hold themselves to the highest standards and I am confident that the sonography program will be no different.

I am a diagnostic medical sonographer who is registered in abdomen/small parts, OB/GYN, breast, and vascular ultrasound. I have extensive sonographic experience working both independently and collaboratively with the radiologists and vascular surgeons. I have knowledge and understanding of ultrasound concepts and techniques, as well as experience working with several different machines. I am compassionate, great at clinical thinking, and very well organized.

I completed my bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University with the goal of being able to teach sonography. As an organized and compassionate leader, I truly enjoy helping students and sharing in their success. I have had the honor of being the clinical instructor at CGH Medical Center for several years and have assisted in teaching multiple students hands on scanning skills. This experience has helped me to develop my leadership and communication skills. I take pride in this profession and value the skills I have provided these students to become successful sonographers. I have found it very rewarding to see my students succeed and provide exceptional care for our community.

I am driven, compassionate, and committed to my profession. Learning has always been a passion of mine and I would truly be grateful to be able to share my knowledge of sonography as well as my love of learning with students. The sonography program will be a great addition to the college and I would love to be a part of it. I would be honored to be considered for this position. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ellyn Horn

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EXPERIENCE

CGH Medical Center, Sterling, IL — Sonographer

May 2011 - Present

General, Vascular, OB, Breast, Special Procedures

Performs abdominal, small parts, OB/GYN, breast, and vascular exams.

Assists radiologist with special procedures including biopsies, thoracentesis, and paracentesis.

Assists vascular surgeons with OR procedures.

Clinical preceptor that assists with training new employees.

Clinical Instructor teaching students from several different sonography programs.

Kewanee Hospital, Kewanee, IL — Sonographer

August 2008 - May 2011

X-ray, CT, and Ultrasound

General, vascular, OB, and breast ultrasounds.

Performed limited CT exams independently.

Performed a variety of x-ray and fluoroscopic exams

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL — Bachelor's Degree

August 2018 - May 2022

Bachelors in Applied Science

Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, IL — Certificate

January 2010 - May 2011

Sonography

Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon, IL — Associate's Degree

August 2004 - May 2008

Radiologic Technology

Professional Summary

Skilled diagnostic medical sonographer with extensive experience.

Knowledge of anatomy, pathology, and ultrasound principles and techniques.

Experience with multiple ultrasound machines including GE, Siemens, and Phillips.

Experienced as a clinical instructor working with multiple ultrasound programs.

Organized critical thinker who prioritizes patient care and satisfaction as well as quality of exams.

Experience with PACs, Cerner, RIS, and VRAD.