



Student Perspective of the Aiken Technical College Radiological Protection Technician Program

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Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites

New Career

- August 2008- Decided a career change needed
- Previous Career not conducive to a family
- Newspaper article led to inquiry into program at Aiken Technical College
- Enrolled in Initial Program Classes
- Started classes with hopes of an exciting new career
- Expectations immediately met
- Hit the ground running learning a new field
- Challenging and Fast-paced

Curriculum

- All Classes emphasize an important area of Radiological Protection
- Radiological Fundamentals- Foundation
- Radiation Monitoring- Instrumentation
- Radiation Dosimetry
- Radioactive Materials Handling
- Radiological Safety and Response
- Radiation Protection- Cap Stone

Internship

- May 2009- Started internship at SRNS
- ARW training
- Learning the Ropes
- Many Perspectives from students from all over SRS
- Class and Field, work to strengthen the program
- Internship helped bring it all together

Adjunct Faculty

- August 2009- Able to continue at an accelerated pace
- Brought more perspectives
- In turn more experiences for learning
- Allowed students to finish earlier
- Solidified the program
- All first graduates placed in the workforce

Employment

- December 2009- Began new career at SRNS
- Began training for RPI at SRS
- Aiken Technical College and SRS complete gap analysis
- Basic RPD skills learned at Aiken Technical College help accelerate the pace of SRS training
- Training time cut using gap analysis
- Begin learning the ropes of RPI using skills learned at Aiken Technical College and internship at SRS
- All course work relevant to job

Feedback

- Impressed with relationship from all partners
- All partners completely vested in the program
- Feedback from students used to improve program
- Intro of new course- Reactor Concepts
- Mock-up at Aiken Technical College utilized more
- Nuclear Renaissance- exciting time
- In summary Aiken Technical College and its partners meeting the challenge for a viable work force for years to come