

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



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Like many others in health care, Kendra Becker was drawn to the field because of her desire to care for others.

“When trying to decide on a career, I knew I wanted to help people, and medical imaging was a field that interested me and allowed me to have a hands-on position caring for people,” she said.

Knowing that, Becker went on to get a bachelor’s degree in medical imaging from Clarkson College and did training at Nebraska Methodist College and the Department of Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System in Omaha.

Then she returned to her hometown to start her career.

Becker is a radiologic technologist and clinical instructor for Southeast Community College, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Clarkson College. She has worked at Columbus Community Hospital since May 2002.

She spends her days performing X-rays, mammograms, and computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging

(MRI) scans, and teaching students how to perform X-rays.

Becker is part of CCH’s Diagnostic Imaging department whose state-of-the-art equipment and highly-skilled technical staff have made it an accredited facility of the American College of Radiology in the areas of CT scans, mammography and MRIs.

Many of the department’s technologists are certified in multiple areas so they can operate more than one piece of diagnostic imaging equipment and the department’s radiologists are available 24/7 for imaging interpretation. The department offers a wide range of diagnostic tests including: CT, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, bone densitometry, X-ray, fluoroscopy, 3D mammography, wide bore MRI and mobile services, including PET/CT and stereotactic breast biopsies.

Working in such a diversified department means Becker’s job provides plenty of variety.

“I don’t have a typical day. Every day varies based on the needed modalities of the incoming patients and the instructions needed for the student,” she said.

Becker had always wanted to be in this sort of position, especially because it allows her to work with students. She is thankful for CCH allowing her to work with students in this way and she also appreciates how the hospital has supported her in her own education.

“My career is very rewarding and to this day I’m still happy I chose this career,” she said.

For more information on Becker or the diagnostic imaging services at Columbus Community Hospital, visit our website at www.columbushosp.org.