

Dan Gunderson Named 2012 SDSRT Student Intern

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Hometown: Kearney, NE

School: 1st year student at Sanford School of Radiologic Technology. I attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney for three years before being accepted into the Sanford program. I will graduate from UNK in May of 2013 with my Bachelor of Science in Radiography and then finish the Sanford program in June of 2013.

Future Plans: After completing Radiography school I plan on furthering my education in Radiation Therapy. I plan on applying to various schools throughout the Midwest and then hope to obtain a position back here in Sioux Falls once completed.

Why I chose Radiology: This field has always been familiar to me due to the numerous exams I have had for broken bones when I was younger. At that age I did not realize how crucial imaging is within the healthcare process. In college I shadowed a Radiologic Technologist and quickly realized that this was the field for me. Imaging is an absolute necessity when it comes to the treatment of each patient. Every individual patient is different and offers unique challenges for the technologist. This challenge combined with the technology used in Radiology is what drew me into this career.

Why I'm involved with the SDSRT: Professional organizations are extremely important to be a part of. They allow people within the same field to stay connected and share ideas. As the student intern I will be able to represent my fellow students in the state society. Along with this, getting to know others with the same enthusiasm for the career will be extremely beneficial. This program will give me an opportunity to meet other students in the area with the same interests and in turn provide them with information to promote the profession.