

# Community Connections

## Influencing the Future

### Radiology Technologists Get a Good Start at Torrance Memorial

Torrance Memorial Medical Center is one of eight area hospitals affiliated with the El Camino College Radiologic Technology Program, providing a clinical site for up to two students per class for a 25-month program. Students receive hands-on clinical instruction by licensed technologists for 24 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters and 35 hours per week during the summer session. Over the last five years, Torrance Memorial has had 10 graduating students who, upon completing the program, were able to competently perform all routine diagnostic radiologic procedures and confidently take their state exams to become licensed Radiology Technologists.



Torrance Memorial Radiologic Technologist Alicia Hughley (left) explains proper positioning of the X-ray machine to El Camino College Radiologic Technology student Catherine Trippel.

*"It has been a wonderful experience training here at Torrance Memorial. The staff is amazing and always willing to lend a hand. They have been with me every step of the way for more than two years. I also am grateful for the opportunity to train in such a state-of-the-art facility. With the skills I've learned here, I'm confident I will be an asset to any hospital or diagnostic facility, although I'd really love to work here at Torrance Memorial."*

– Catherine Trippel, second year student, El Camino College Radiologic Technology Program

*"I have been a supervisor in radiology for 10 years and I am honored to serve as a clinical instructor. Having Torrance Memorial as a training site for the program and helping to put well-trained radiology technologists to work positively impacts the health of our community. Fortunately, we are able to retain many of the students we train, as well as others from this high quality program."*

– Christine Marin, Radiology supervisor

In 2009, the Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation awarded fifteen high school seniors who were accepted into college with plans for pursuing careers in the healthcare field \$1,000 scholarships to help offset the cost of their studies.

Recipients of this award go on to become RNs, pharmacists, radiology technologists, and many other vital and respected positions in the healthcare field—providing care for our community today—and tomorrow.