**Discussion GUIDE: Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography & Medical Assisting Careers**

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| **TEACHER DISCUSSION LEADERS:**  1. Lead a class discussion about Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical  Sonography and Medical Assisting (RT, DMS, & MA) careers using the  Proposed Student Discussion Questions and Prompts.  2. Discuss which high school CTE courses help students get ready for a  career in RT, DMS, & MA.  3. Key RT, DMS, & MA introductory concepts include: a) Communication  Skills, b) Compassion and Patientience, and c) Focusing on Details.  4. Find additional Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography,  & Medical Assisting resources on the TREES website at  <https://www.cteintrees.org/career-exploration-resources>. | **STUDENT OPTIONS:**  1. Take the Career Assessment in the *TREES Career Guide for Students*. Then,  review Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography and  Medical Assisting job titles on pages 26 and 27.  2. Take the *True Colors Personality Quiz* at  <https://www.ira.esc14.net/upload/page/0255/True%20Colors.pdf>.  3. Watch the 5-minute *What is Medical Assisting*? video at  <https://youtu.be/ifG-Q_5sdxw> and the 2.5-minute *Radiologic Technologist*  video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNrSruXTRC4>.  4. Do your own research about RT, DMS, & MA careers to learn more.  5. Participate in a class discussion. |

Proposed Student Questions and Prompts

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| Q1a. What do people in Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Medical Assisting careers do? Which RT, DMS, & MA jobs (page 26 of the *Career Guide for Students*) are most interesting to you? Characteristics of RT, DMS, & MA professionals include:  ***Helpers*** offer one’s services or resources to others. ***Doers*** generally ‘hit the ground running,’ rarely procrastinate, and like a challenge.  Q1b. What strengths did *True Colors* identify about you? | **In a Radiologic Technology** or **Diagnostic Medical Sonography career** you may take patient images through x-ray, EKG, MRI, ultrasound, and other tools.  **As a Medical Assistant** you may gather and monitor patient information and take vitals including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, etc.  What skills might you need to improve to be more successful in a RT, DMS, & MA career? Skills are the ability to do something well. |
| Q2. What did you learn from the *Medical Assisting* and *Radiologic*  *Technologist* videos? | What skills do Medical Assistants and Radiologic Technologists need? Which of those skills do you already have? What skills might you need to improve for careers in RT, DMS, and MA? |
| Q3. Do you know someone who works in the RT, DMS, & MA industries,  such as a Medical Assistant, EKG/MRI Tech, RN, Sonographer, etc.? | What do they do at work?  What high school courses would help you in RT, DMS, & MA careers? |
| Q4. What Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and  Medical Assisting employers are in your local area? | *Silver Cross Hospital* is one local RT, DMS, & MA employer. Can you list 3 more employers?  1.  2.  3. |