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PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Who is eligible to apply for a certificate in Radiation Therapy?

The certificate track is designed for applicants who are currently Radiographers. In addition, it is preferred and recommended that the applicant has taken an equivalency of BIOL 109, MATH 135, and PHYS 101.

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2. What are the program prerequisites?

RTTT 101 (AAS degree requirement only)	MATH 135
BIOL 109	PHYS 101

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3. What are the criteria for admission into the Radiation Therapy program?

Students must achieve a GPA of 2.50 or higher, calculated from courses that are required for completion of the Radiation Therapy program regardless of other college coursework completed. The students' overall CCBC GPA must be a minimum of 2.0.

Note: In order to progress through and graduate from the Radiation Therapy program, students must successfully complete all Science, Math, English 101 and Radiation Therapy courses with a grade of "C" or better.

It is required for eligible candidates to complete all of the program requirements by the end of the spring semester in which you are applying for the program. April 1st is the selective admissions application deadline date. Selected candidates will be invited to participate in an interview process and are required to complete a writing sample during this process.

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4. Which classes do you recommend I complete before entering the Radiation Therapy program?

It is recommended that students complete all of the prerequisites prior to beginning the Radiation Therapy program.

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5. What type of degree will I receive after completing the CCBC Radiation Therapy program?

CCBC's Radiation Therapy program prepares its graduates to sit for the National Registry Examination administered by the American Registry for Radiologic Technologists – ARRT. Degree requirements include a background of pre-clinical courses followed by two years (4 semesters) of clinical Radiation Therapy coursework. At the completion of the program requirements, students receive an Associate of Science degree.

This program is designed to prepare students to enter the Radiation Therapy profession as registered radiation therapists. The curriculum provides theoretical and clinical laboratory study in Radiation Therapy that will enable students to learn to work as members of a health care team.

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SELECTION PROCESS

1. What is the selection process?

Once the application deadline passes:

- a. A folder is created for each applicant that contains the Selective Admissions application, the CCBC transcript (which shows courses you are currently taking as well as completed courses) and transcripts from other institutions.
- b. Selection is based upon the following items:

- Grades in the prerequisite courses which are used to calculate a GPA. The minimum acceptable GPA is 2.50.
 - Overall GPA on the courses required for the Radiation Therapy program (general education requirements).
 - Scores on the required interview and writing sample.
 - Overall CCBC GPA for all courses taken at CCBC must be a minimum of 2.0.
- c. The Office of Selective Admissions reviews all the folders and each student is designated as accepted, not accepted, or placed on a wait list. Students will be sent a letter of notification regarding their status upon process completion.

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2. What can I do if I am currently enrolled in prerequisites at another college?

Applicants should bring to the attention of the Office of Selective Admissions (an official transcript) that they are currently enrolled in a prerequisite course at another institution. Most institutions post grades after the end of a semester. Therefore, official transcripts are not mailed in a timely manner. Applicants should deliver either of the following documents to the Office of Selective Admissions at Essex as soon as possible:

- a. an official transcript or
- b. a letter on institutional letterhead from their instructor indicating their final grade.

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3. If I am accepted into the Radiation Therapy program and decide not to attend that semester, what should I do?

You should immediately contact the Office of Selective Admissions in writing about your decision. It is important for applicants to be aware that the program does not hold your seat for the next semester. You must repeat the application process to be considered.

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AFTER ADMITTANCE

1. Are students required to take a CPR course for the Radiation Therapy program?

Yes, CPR will be provided within one of the Radiation Therapy courses.

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2. How are students assigned to clinical sites?

Random rotations are used, and we try to vary the types of facilities for each student.

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3. What is the estimated cost for books, uniforms, and other equipment?

The following items are approximate costs for the Radiation Therapy program: books (\$800), uniforms (\$160), physical exam (depending on insurance \$10-100), CPR (\$40). During the program, the costs for textbooks vary from course to course.

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4. What is the approximate cost of the criminal background check?

All students in the School of Health Professions are required to participate in a criminal background check through a specified vendor. The fee is approximately \$50.00. Detailed information is available at orientation and in the SHP Student Policy & Procedure Manual.

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5. Do I need health insurance while I am enrolled in the Radiation Therapy program?

Yes, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists – ASRT requires all students to have health insurance coverage.

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6. My health insurer requires that I be enrolled in school full-time. Is the Radiation Therapy program full-time?

Although the Radiation Therapy program alone is not 12 credits each semester, students are required to attend more than twelve hours per week of coursework. If you need this verified, we will give you a letter that states the exact number of credit hours you are enrolled in that semester. Most insurance companies will accept this letter.

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