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# RADIOGRAPHY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. WHAT DO THE RADIOGRAPHY (RADT) COURSES INVOLVE?

The Radiography courses include classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences. These are rigorous courses which require a substantial commitment from the student in order to be successful.

## 2. WHERE DO STUDENTS COMPLETE CLINICAL EDUCATION?

Clinical sites for the Radiography program include Ascension Saint Agnes Hospital, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center, Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital, Medstar Harbor Hospital, Medstar Orthopaedic Institute, Medstar Union Memorial Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, University of Maryland Downtown Campus, University of Maryland Midtown Campus, University of Maryland Saint Joseph Medical Center, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, the outpatient offices of Advanced Radiology and Mercy Personal Physicians, and the urgent care centers of Patient First.

## 3. WHAT TIMES ARE CLINICAL HOURS COMPLETED?

The majority of clinical duty is scheduled during daytime hours from Monday through Friday. It is important that prospective students understand that they need to be present when radiographic examinations are performed in the clinical sites.

Students need to be available at different times depending on the clinical assignment and clinical objectives for that radiography course. Weekend, evening, and night clinical assignments are scheduled throughout the radiography courses.

## 4. WHY ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR?

Due to the limitation in clinical facilities to place the students, the Radiography program can accept only enough students to fill the availability. The accrediting agency (JRCERT) also limits the number of students that can be accepted. Radiography program faculty is also aware of the job market for radiographers and does not want to flood the market with graduates who may have difficulty finding a job.

## 5. WHEN DOES THE RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM START?

The Radiography program starts on the first Monday of the traditional fall semester each year, with classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Clinical rotations start in the 3rd week of the program and continue Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## 6. HOW ARE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR THE RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM?

Applicants with strong educational backgrounds, demonstrating superior grades in mathematics and science, are given preference. Applicants must also pass the Test of Academic Skills (TEAS) exam, with a score of proficient or better. During the RADT101 prerequisite course, applicants will receive information about a mandatory observation session at a local hospital. Students must be committed to the entire selection process to be considered a competitive candidate for the program.

## 7. CAN STUDENTS APPLY IF PREREQUISITE CLASSES ARE NOT COMPLETED BY THE APRIL 15TH DEADLINE?

Yes, students may apply by the April 15th deadline and still be in progress in final prerequisite classes during the spring semester. Students who do not earn a C or higher in those prerequisite classes, or in any prerequisite course, are not eligible for admissions consideration and would have to apply the following year.

## 8. CAN THE PROGRAM BE PURSUED ON A PART-TIME BASIS?

Because of the clinical experiences required to fulfill radiography course requirements, the Radiography program can only be pursued on a full-time basis. Students can expect 40 hours per week of program activities.

## 9. ARE EVENING CLASSES AVAILABLE?

The radiography (RADT) courses are only offered during the day. Many of the examinations performed in a radiology department are only done during daytime hours; therefore, the majority of the clinical experience must be completed during the daytime hours.

## 10. CAN AN APPLICANT BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST FOR NEXT YEAR?

Applicants are not carried over from year to year. They would need to re-apply each year and be considered with the pool of applicants for that year. Therefore, an applicant may be accepted one year with a GPA of 2.5, but the next year that may not be good enough for acceptance if the quality of the applicant pool increases.

## 11. WHAT IS THE EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK FOR RADIOGRAPHERS?

There is a need for radiographers in hospitals, private radiology offices, urgent care centers, and ambulatory surgical centers. Full-time, part-time, and per diem positions are available with salaries starting around $27-30/hour. With additional training, radiographers may also work in mammography, CT (CAT scan), interventional radiology, and MRI.

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## 12. I STARTED A RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM IN ANOTHER STATE OR GRADUATED FROM A PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF THE US. ARE THERE ANY ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTIONS?

No, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) has eliminated all advanced placement opportunities for Radiography licensing. Furthermore, the ARRT does not acknowledge degrees obtained outside the United States. Consequently, in every scenario, applicants would be required to commence the process anew, adhering to the current admissions requirements from the very beginning.

## 13. CAN I WORK WHILE I ATTEND THE RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM?

Due to the full-time commitment to the program, full-time work is not possible. Students should work part-time (if at all) in a flexible job, but not to where they have less time for studying and preparing for clinical rotations, lab simulations, and tests. The Radiography program does not construct classes or rotations around individual schedules. Many students seek employment in radiology departments as tech aids or transporters as good gateway jobs into the profession.

## 14. IS THE COVID VACCINATION OR FLU SHOT REQUIRED?

CCBC no longer requires the COVID vaccination for its health professions students; however, some hospitals may require it. At the time of this update, there is only one clinical rotation that requires students to be vaccinated against COVID. Students who do not have this requirement will not be scheduled there and can still complete the clinical requirements of the program. All clinical placements require an annual flu shot, so this requirement cannot be exempted.