

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 Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center, Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital, Medstar Harbor Hospital, University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital, University of Maryland Midtown Campus, University of Maryland Saint Joseph Medical Center, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, and the private radiology offices of Advanced Radiology and American Radiology Services.

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 Monday of the last full week of July each year, with all-day classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Clinical rotations start the 2nd day of the program and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. RADT 101 is for 4 weeks, and then the schedule changes for the rest of the program.



6. HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM?

Applicants with a strong educational background, demonstrating superior grades in mathematics and science, are given preference. After a review of transcripts and TEAS test results, top candidates are invited for an interview and required to attend an observation day at a local hospital. The interview and observation day represent an opportunity to get an overall picture of the candidate and to personally discuss the radiography profession. Students must be committed to the entire selection process to be considered a competitive candidate to the program.

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

Students who have not taken the prerequisite courses of BIOL 109, MATH 135, and PHYS 101 and received a C or higher in each by the January 15th deadline are not eligible for admissions consideration and would have to apply the following year. Students still needing to take ALHL 115 may do so during the Winter semester and still apply by January 15th, provided that they earn at least a C. The Spring semester is held for personal interviews and admissions decision-making.

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.

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/hour. With additional training, radiographers may also work in mammography, CT (CAT scan), interventional radiology, and MRI.