

### **MRI Admissions Policy**

#### **Policy**

West Virginia University Hospitals, the Center for Advance Imaging at WVU and those responsible for the administration and management of the Radiologic Technology Education Programs consider each applicant for admission without regards to age, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, handicap, or veteran status. The Program accepts **4 students** each academic year. Admission to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program is governed in accordance with the following minimum admission requirements.

#### **Requirements for Admission Consideration**

All of the following criteria are required for admission consideration and documentation must be received on or before February 1st of the year in which the student is applying for admission.

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. High School graduate or equivalent
3. Applicant must be a graduate (or pending graduate) from a JRCERT accredited program in Radiologic Technology.
4. Transcript(s) of all post-secondary education (college, radiography, technical school, etc.)
5. American College Test (ACT) scores **or** Scholastic Aptitude Test scores
  - a. Minimum required composite score: **ACT-19, SAT - 900.**
  - b. Requirement may be waived for applicants possessing a baccalaureate degree.
  - c. ACT School Code - 4549 SAT School code - 3863
6. American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT certification).
  - a. Registry eligible students are accepted on the condition that they successfully pass the ARRT examination in Radiography. Students who do not pass must withdraw from the Program and can only regain admission by entering the applicant pool in subsequent enrollment years.
7. Three personal reference forms
8. Completed and signed Applicant Performance requirements

#### **Academic Evaluation**

Program officials utilize an established, objective screening mechanism to assign academic points to a candidate based on their currently level of academic achievement. The following categories are evaluated in assigning academic points

1. ACT Composite score or SAT (Critical Reading & Math) score.
2. Radiography program grades to include:
  - a. Cumulative GPA/ Weighted Average
  - b. Physics
  - c. Image Production & Characteristics (Exposure)
  - d. Anatomy & Physiology
  - e. Radiographic Procedures & Positioning
  - f. Applied Radiographic Procedures (Clinic)
3. College Level coursework (Non-Radiography program)
  - a. Mathematics (cumulative)
  - b. Science (cumulative)
  - c. Healthcare – other applicable (cumulative)

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4. College / University Credit (based on GPA relative to number of hours completed)
5. College / University degree (BA, BS, MA, etc)
6. Healthcare experience

**Interview Evaluation**

Interviews are granted to the top 12 academic candidates each year; however, the Education Coordinator reserves the right to limit or expand this number based on the quality of the applicant pool. Applicants not receiving an interview will be notified by mail. Interviews will be conducted in March of each year and candidates will be notified of their admission status no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Interviews are conducted by an Admissions committee consisting of a least 3 members selected by the education coordinator and may include faculty members, department managers and /or clinical staff. Using a standardized form, total interview scores from each committee member will be calculated and averaged for each candidate. Candidates must score a minimum average of **24 interview points** (out of a possible 40) to be considered eligible for admission to the program. (See Interview Form).

**Overall Evaluation**

The Education Coordinator will combine the Academic & Interview points into a cumulative score for each candidate and will rank the candidates in descending order. The Admission committee will review the scores and finalize the assessment by assigning up to **8 additional points** to the candidates score based on programmatic / institutional fit, and the candidates projected ability to be successful in the program. All points will be summated and a Total Point score will be assigned.

**Selection**

The Education Coordinator will re-rank the candidates in descending order and will extend offers to the 4 candidates having the highest Total Points scores. The next 2 candidates will be waitlisted in the event one or more of the top 4 candidates do not accept the position. Waitlisted positions expire once a class is filled and do not carry over to the next admission year.

The 4 candidates selected for admission will receive:

- a. Acceptance letter
- b. Copy of the student handbook
- c. Statement of Intent To Enroll (to be signed and returned)
- d. Non-ARRT registered verification form (to be signed and returned)
- e. Invoice for Admission Fee

All other applicants interviewed will receive a written verification of their non-admission or waitlisted status.

**Acceptance**

The 4 selected applicants will be given approximately 10-15 business days to respond to the offer of admission by completing the following prior to the established deadline:

1. Read the Student Handbook
2. Sign and return the Statement of Intent to Enroll form
3. Sign and return the Non-ARRT registered verification form
4. Submit a \$50.00 check to WVUH for the admissions fee.

If an applicant fails to respond to the offer of admission by the established deadline, program officials will consider the offer as null and void, and will proceed by offering the position to a wait-listed applicant.

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Education Manager

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Date