



West Virginia University Hospitals Radiologic Technology Education Programs

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Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. When does the Radiography program start?

The Program begins on or near July 1st of each year. Applications are accepted until February 1st of each year. Applications that are not received or are not complete (this includes receipt of all required transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, etc.) by the February 1st deadline **will not be considered** for the enrollment year.

2. How many students apply and how many are accepted into the program each year?

The number of applications submitted varies but generally ranges between 100 to 175 each enrollment year. Each year, the top 60 academic candidates are granted an interview and 15 of those are offered positions. Four (4) additional students are waitlisted in the event that any of the selected 15 students decline the position.

3. When are students notified of their application status?

Candidates are notified in late February regarding whether or not they are granted an interview. Interviews are scheduled throughout the month of March and candidates are notified whether or not they have been accepted by early April.

4. If I'm not accepted this year, do I have to reapply next year?

Yes, you must resubmit a new application and three new reference forms if you wish to reapply for the next year. Application files are kept for one (1) year, so if you reapply **within 1 year**, you **will not** need to resubmit your ACT/SAT scores or your academic transcripts unless you have completed additional course work or retaken the ACT/SAT exam(s) during that time frame. If an applicant does not apply in consecutive years, their complete file will be discarded.

5. If not selected this year, what can I do to improve my chances of admission if I re-apply next year?

Enrollment into the Radiography program is very competitive and obviously, everyone cannot be selected. The following are recommendations that may improve your chances of admission:

- a. Complete college level course work in the following science related areas:
Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics.
- b. Complete college level course work in the following mathematics related areas: College Algebra, Geometry, Computer Science, or any higher-level mathematics course.
- c. Retake and improve your composite score on the ACT or SAT exam
- d. Obtain experience in patient care if the opportunity presents itself, such as volunteer work.
- e. Thoroughly research the profession of Radiologic Technology. Know as much as you can about the imaging sciences and the specifics related to your chosen career. The ASRT website is a good resource (www.asrt.org).

6. Can I pursue an Associates or Bachelor degree while enrolled in or after graduation from the Radiography program at WVUH?

Yes. The following mechanisms are available for students who wish to pursue a college degree in addition to their Radiologic Technology education:

Associates Degree -The Radiography program at WVUH has an agreement with Fairmont State through Pierpont Community & Technical College that allows students to pursue an Associates of Applied Science in Technical Studies. Students who choose this option are required to pay Pierpont tuition and take 20 credit hours at Pierpont in addition to their curriculum at WVUH. Students can complete the Pierpont coursework concurrent with their enrollment or after graduation from the WVUH Radiography Program. Students who choose this option must gain admission to WVUH's Radiography program prior to participating in this program. If eligible, students may utilize the Promise scholarship to cover the costs of this option.

Baccalaureate Degree - In the State of West Virginia, the WV Board of Regents Bachelor of Arts program is available through State operated colleges and universities. This program will credit a WVUH radiography graduate with 55 lower division college credit hours toward this 4-year degree once the graduate successfully passes their national certification exam through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Additional college credit of up to 35 credit hours can be awarded for the completion of the graduate programs in Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, or Radiation Therapy.

7. What are the costs associated with attending the program?

Tuition – The radiography program tuition is \$1000.00 per semester (\$2000.00 per year or \$4000.00 for the full 24-month program). Students are assessed a \$50.00 **nonrefundable** admission fee upon acceptance into the program.

Books & Supplies – The cost of textbooks is estimated at approximately \$600.00 for the two years. This is an estimated value and may be subject to change depending on instructor preference and market prices.

Uniforms – Upon acceptance to the program, students are provided with information on purchasing their uniforms. Students should expect to spend approximately \$200-250 on uniforms for the two years.

Graduation fees – Students are assessed a \$25.00 graduation fee payable two weeks prior to graduation.

Conference attendance – 2nd year students are required to attend an educational conference during their 3rd semester. Expenses include membership fees, registration fees, & travel. Student should expect to spend approximately \$150 - \$200 to attend this conference; however, students generally subsidize this cost by conducting various fund-raising activities.

A.R.R.T Exam Fees – During their final semester, student must make application to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to take the certifying exam in Radiography upon completion of the program. The current fee assessed by the A.R.R.T is \$200.

8. Is student housing available?

WVUH **does not** own or operate a student housing facility; therefore, it is the student's responsibility to obtain and finance housing if they choose to live in the Morgantown area.

9. What types of financial aid are available?

Students enrolled in the Radiography Radiation Therapy, and MRI programs are eligible for Federal financial aid to include Pell Grants and Direct loans. Prospective students may include WVUH on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by listing our school's code (012573) when completing Step Six of the FAFSA; however, financial aid eligibility will not be calculated until the student gains admission to the program. WVUH students do not qualify for the Promise scholarship; however, the Pierpont Associate's degree program may be an option for Promise eligible students.

10. What are the clinical requirements, hours of attendance and the allotted time off?

The normal hours of attendance are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with the exception of 2 to 4 weeks per semester of evening clinical assignments (3:00pm-11:00pm). Evening clinical assignments have proven valuable in providing students with experience in trauma radiography, prioritizing patient care in limited staffing situations, and performing radiographic examinations under indirect supervision. All clinical assignments are conducted within the sponsoring institution's facilities and students are not required to travel to alternate clinical sites. Students **do not** participate in weekend, holiday or midnight clinical rotations.

Consistent with the desired qualities of a medical professional, student are **required** to be on time for their scheduled clinical rotations and miss as little as time as possible over the two-year program. Attendance is monitored closely and students may be dismissed for violation of the attendance policy. Students are allotted 12 personal leave days over the two-year period and are scheduled off on all of the Hospital recognized holidays. In addition, students are granted three weeks of scheduled vacation each year (1 week in June or April & 2 weeks in December).

11. How does this type of education differ from other post-secondary education programs?

Students enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Education programs are expected to be mature, responsible adults that are willing to make a commitment to the Institution and the profession. This commitment is evidenced by demanding high quality academic work, exceptional patient care /clinical skills, and good attendance. The first few months may seem difficult as the program does

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require a lot of the student's time and because all of the information and experiences are new. It may seem like working and going to school because you are required to be in attendance for 8 hours each day and then you will find it necessary to spend additional time completing homework assignments and/or preparing for examinations. Students are responsible for simultaneously completing the didactic (classroom) and clinical components of the program. Therefore, each student will have to dedicate a lot of time to his or her education.

A critical aspect of the student's education is the clinical component. Students are assigned to a clinical rotation the first week of their program; therefore, they will be immediately exposed to certain aspects of health care that may be unpleasant to the untrained individual. Students should expect to experience adult & pediatric patients with a variety of conditions such as broken bones, severe deformities, malignancies, bleeding, and contagious diseases. In addition, students will be required to provide care regardless of the patient's sex, race, socioeconomic status, and/or physical condition. It is imperative that students respond in a mature, reassuring, and professional manner when providing healthcare to the patient population while maintaining strict confidentiality regarding the patient and their condition.

12. What are the post-secondary, general education requirements for admission / graduation?

All students must satisfactorily complete 15 credit hours of post-secondary (college level) coursework in general education studies, which must include at least one course in Mathematics, and one course in Written/ Oral Communications. The balance of the general education coursework requirements can be completed in any of the following disciplines:

- a. Arts & Humanities
- b. Information Systems
- c. Social / Behavioral sciences
- d. Natural Sciences

Post-secondary (college level) coursework can be completed as a prerequisite (before entering the program) or a co-requisite (while enrolled) but must be completed as a requirement for graduation. Student must either document completion of the aforementioned requirement prior to the program start date or complete those requirements through an accredited college or university while enrolled in the program.

13. What are the requirements for candidates that are selected for the program?

The 15 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:

- Read the Student Handbook
- Sign and return a "Statement of Intent to Enroll" form, which acknowledges acceptance of the specified terms.
- Submit the \$50.00 non-refundable admissions fee.

Prior to the July start date; each accepted student will be required to:

- Submit documentation of completed general health physical (forms to be provided)
- Successfully complete the criminal background screening process (information provided upon admission)

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