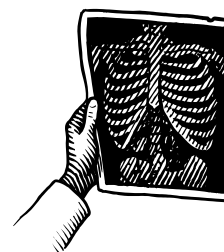




Radiography Program

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: How do I enroll in the program?

The Radiography Program begins a new cohort each Fall Semester. Admission to the program is based on a competitive selection process. The program does not utilize a waiting list. All applicants must formally enroll in Chattahoochee Technical College - (contact the Admissions Department for information at 770-975-4020).

In order to be considered for the program, students should enroll in the Healthcare Science Certificate program. A student may begin their pre-admission coursework during any semester. Students interested in applying for admission into the Radiography Program are encouraged to complete the pre-admission courses as early in the academic year as possible. **Final acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of all published prerequisite courses.**

In addition to completion of required pre-admission courses, you will have to take an allied health aptitude test, which assesses your essential academic skills in four categories (HOBET). The scores on the exam are one of the criteria considered during the selection process.

Students will be selected for an interview based on their total points in certain categories (see "Radiography Admission Points" information). Once selected, students will be notified of dates and times for the interview. All qualified applicants may or may not receive an interview. Finally, the following factors will be considered in making the final selection: GPA in certain pre-admission courses, scores on the HOBET, and the interview.

Students selected for enrollment will be notified by **e-mail** in June/July. Those students not selected for the Radiography Program will also be notified and may elect to re-apply the following year, and will be required to attend an application session and submit a new application each year of re-application.

Q: If I am selected, what happens next?

You will receive a letter informing you that you have been selected to enroll in the program. Accepted students will be required to come to a class meeting in which they will receive acceptance paperwork. You will need documented proof of immunization for measles, mumps, pertussis, influenza (which is recognized each season from October to April), and rubella, have a negative TB test (PPD), documentation of hepatitis vaccination series (or signed waiver) and show proof of current CPR certification. This paperwork will also include details of the uniform requirements and where they may be ordered.

Q: If I am not selected, can I re-apply?

Yes. If you are not selected, you are welcome to re-apply the following year. Acceptance is not guaranteed. All applicants must go through the same selection process, even if they have previously applied. A full application must be turned in (by the applicable deadline) each time an applicant wishes to re-apply.

Q: What will my typical schedule look like once classes begin?

The program is designed as a full-time (day) program of study, as a majority of the competency evaluations required are on procedures performed traditionally during morning and daytime hours. There are no part-time or evening options available. Once classes and clinicals begin, all program activities will be scheduled between the hours of 8:00am – 4:30pm. This schedule WILL NOT be modified to accommodate work schedules or outside commitments. All students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and clinical assignments on a regular basis. The specific policies regarding attendance will be discussed during new student orientation and can also be found in the Student Handbook. At no time will a student's participation in program activities exceed forty hours per week, in accordance with accreditation standards. Clinical rotation schedules are created by program faculty and will not be modified by students. All RADT classes are held at the Chattahoochee Technical College - North Metro Campus, room F219. Clinical rotations are scheduled at various Wellstar Health System hospital affiliate sites, Emory-Adventist Hospital and Pinnacle Orthopedics – Marietta.

Q: Do I have to quit my job if I am accepted into the program?

All students must realize upon enrollment that they are making a twenty-one month, full-time commitment. Given the full-time schedule associated with the program, **students must allow sufficient time to study and prepare for classes above and beyond the actual class and clinical hours.** Although employment is a necessity for some, it is discouraged for students to work a full-time job during the course of the program. All students, regardless of employment status, are required to meet established academic and attendance standards. It is the recommendation of the program faculty that employed students do not work more than 20 hours per week in order to allow sufficient time for study and class preparation.

Q: When will I begin clinical rotation?

Clinical Rotation will begin the first semester of the program. No student will be permitted to begin clinical activities until proof of liability insurance coverage, required vaccinations, a negative TB screen (less than 1 year old) and current CPR certification are submitted to the clinical coordinator. Accepted students should not delay in obtaining the necessary documentation and purchasing the required student clinical uniform.

Q: How are clinical activities scheduled?

Students will spend approximately 4-6 weeks in each assigned clinical rotation area. In order to ensure equitable learning opportunities, each student will rotate through a majority of the program's clinical affiliation sites.

Initial orientation rotations are also scheduled through main areas and transport. First year students will then rotate through the following areas: General Radiology, Fluoroscopy, GU, Outpatient Imaging, Portables, Operating Room and Emergency Room.

In addition to the above areas, second year students rotate through special modalities which may include MRI, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, Special Procedures, and Radiation Therapy with a required rotation through Computed Tomography.

Q: How am I evaluated?

A clinical evaluation will be completed at the end of each scheduled clinical rotation period by the designated site Clinical Instructor. In addition, competency evaluations will be conducted throughout the 21 months of the program on the various procedures required for graduation and to meet eligibility requirements of the national certifying examination.

Q: Is the program accredited?

The program is accredited by The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606, which accredits Radiography educational programs. Upon program completion, once all American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)-published eligibility criteria are met, graduates are eligible to take the Radiography Examination administered by the ARRT.

Chattahoochee Technical College - North Metro Campus is also accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Council on Occupational Education of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS).

Q: When I graduate, will I be eligible to work as a Technologist?

All program graduates will be prepared to work as entry-level technologists. The competency-based evaluation system and specific procedural competency evaluations will further ensure the level of preparation necessary for successful employment as a radiographer.

Q: What type of employment opportunities will I have as a technologist?

Technologists will be able to work in a hospital, physician office, clinic, or diagnostic center facility. Graduates may choose to receive additional training after program completion and learn CT, MRI, or enroll in another training program such as Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, or Radiation Therapy.

Q: What happens if I become pregnant while I am enrolled in the program?

Disclosure of pregnancy is voluntary, in accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guidelines. All female students suspecting they may be pregnant are encouraged to disclose the suspected or confirmed pregnancy to the Program Director so that necessary safety

precautions can be taken. Pregnant students will not be required to withdraw. Instead, their clinical rotations may be modified (if deemed necessary by the Obstetrician), and a second radiation monitor badge will be provided to monitor potential radiation dosage to the developing fetus. If the student's Obstetrician deems that she may continue with clinical activities with unmodified rotation assignments, the recommendation of the physician will always be followed. All declared pregnancies will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The ultimate decision on whether or not a student may continue her studies will be made by her Obstetrician, who will be required to supply documentation as to the student's ability to continue and what restrictions, if any, are required to ensure the health and safety of the unborn child and student.

Any clinical assignments or rotations missed during the pregnancy must be made up in the areas missed following delivery to ensure that all necessary competency evaluations are complete.

Q: Do I have to submit to a drug screen and background check?

In order to provide competent health care workers and be in compliance with clinical agency contracts, each student will be required to submit to a random drug screening as well as a criminal background check prior to beginning the Radiography Program. Cost associated with these screenings will be paid for by the student. The Radiography Program and the various clinical facilities associated with the program may also conduct random drug screenings. (See Student Handbook, copy located in the college library)

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