



*A Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia - Equal Opportunity Institution*

## **Radiography Program Information**

### **Program-specific completion requirements**

In order for the program officials to certify program completion for ARRT eligibility purposes, each student must successfully complete all of the following:

- RADT prefix courses with a final course average of 70% or higher.
- Required clinical rotation hours.
- Published ARRT competency requirements for the Radiography Examinations.
- Terminal competency examinations with a final score of 80% or higher.
- Written terminal examination with a final score of 75% or higher.

### **Program Grading Scale:**

The Radiography Program utilizes the following grading scale for all didactic and clinical courses (RADT prefix). The program grading scale supersedes the TCSG grading scale:

<b>Course final average</b>	<b>Letter Grade:</b>
90 % - 100 %	A
80 % - 89 %	B
70 % - 79 %	C
60% -69%	D (failing grade in program)
Below 60 %	F

- Grades will be issued at the completion of each semester. Students may be advised of their individual course standing / numerical grade prior to the end of semester completion. (instructor courtesy)
- Students must maintain a cumulative course numerical grade average of 70 % or higher in all Radiography Program courses (RADT prefix), as calculated at the end of each semester, to advance in the Radiography Program.
- Students will be awarded the grade of D or F in the Radiography Program for failure to maintain a final numerical course grade average of 70 % in all RADT courses. Students must pass all RADT courses with a "70%" or higher.
- Minimum score of 75% is required on all exams. If 75% is not obtained, the student must remediate and re-test to score 75% or higher. The original grade will be recorded. This process will ensure success on the ARRT national exam.

## Eligibility for ARRT Certification

Every candidate for certification must, according to the governing documents, “be a person of good moral character and must not have engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with ARRT Rules of Ethics,” and they must “agree to comply with the ARRT Rules and Regulations and the ARRT Standard of Ethics.”

- A criminal proceeding where a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld or deferred,
- A proceeding in which the sentence is suspended or stayed
- A criminal proceeding where the individual enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest), or
- A proceeding resulting in a military court martial

ARRT investigates all potential violations in order to determine eligibility. Additional information may be found on the ARRT website at [www.arrt.org](http://www.arrt.org).

## ARRT also investigates violations relating to:

“the student being subjected to a sanction as a result of a violation of an academic honor code, or suspended or dismissed by an educational program that was attended in order to meet ARRT certification requirements” in order to determine eligibility for certification.

## Mandatory Drug Testing and Background Check for Radiography Students

In order to provide competent health care workers and be in compliance with clinical agency contracts, each student will be required to submit to drug screening as well as a criminal background check prior to being admitted into 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)

## Positive Drug Screens

It is unacceptable for students to have illegal drugs in their system, to be under the influence of alcohol, or to have levels of legal drugs which are not disclosed and/or for which no prescription can be produced. Positive findings on a drug screen or refusal to submit to a requested drug screen will result in ineligibility to be admitted to the program. Positive drug findings for students who are currently in the program will result in immediate administrative withdrawal from the program.

## Positive Criminal Background Checks

If a student has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (excluding misdemeanor speeding convictions, unless they are related to alcohol or drug use) they are required to report this to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, which is the Radiography certifying agency. The ARRT may decide to take action in the denial of the student's application for certification.

(See [www.arrt.org](http://www.arrt.org) for the Pre-application Review of Eligibility for Certification.)

The student may also be prohibited from attending the required clinical rotations due to a positive background check, which would prevent the student from completing the Radiography program.

## Clinical Education

Number of Clinical Sites: 11

General Location of the Clinical Sites: Cobb, Paulding, Cherokee, and Douglas Counties

### **Special Requirements of the Clinical Sites**

- Current CPR Certification
- Immunization Records
- TB Test Yearly
- Hepatitis B Vaccination
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) Vaccination
- Varicella Vaccination
- Tdap Vaccination
- Influenza Vaccination Yearly

### **Clinical Education Courses**

The radiologic technology clinical education provides students with an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in Radiology/Imaging Departments and related business environments. Clinical education allows students to become involved in a work situation at a professional level of technical application, and require concentration, practice, and follow through. Students may not receive pay from the clinical site for clinical education hours. Students are evaluated by their designated clinical instructor and by program faculty.

## **Clinical Assignments**

Radiology students will rotate through the clinical affiliates each semester. Clinical assignments are made during the first shift hours, Monday through Friday. Assignments may include second shift and weekend rotations. Clinical schedules will be distributed at the beginning of each semester. Students may not choose which clinical affiliate they wish to attend. The student is required to adhere to their assigned schedule at all times.

Students may be asked to travel over one hour from Chattahoochee Technical College's North Metro Campus for clinical rotations. During clinical rotations, the student will be responsible for all transportation.

Professional Liability coverage is paid for by students every semester (\$3.50 fee per semester), and is provided by Mercer Profitability and Liberty Insurance Underwriters Inc.

## **Program Length**

Radiography occupational courses will be completed in four (4) consecutive semesters.