



Radiography Program – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a Radiologic Technologist?

Often called a RAD Tech, radiologic technologists are highly trained healthcare professionals who are essential in creating and producing high quality diagnostic images that assist the radiologist in diagnosing and treating diseases.

Q: What are the responsibilities of a RAD Tech?

A RAD Tech has many responsibilities. Listed below are a few examples, but not limited to, daily expectations:

- Positioning patients correctly for imaging procedures
- Operating and adjusting equipment
- Ensuring patient safety, including minimizing radiation exposure
- Working closely with radiologists, physicians, and healthcare workers
- Maintaining accurate patient information.
- Assisting in procedures such as fluoroscopy or image-guided treatments
- Possess excellent critical thinking and communication skills

Q: Where are RAD Techs employed?

Hospitals, Imaging Centers, Outpatient Clinics, Physician Offices, Specialty Practices (Orthopedics, Cardiology, etc.), and Sports Venues.

Q: How do I apply to the RAD Program?

Students must start by applying to the college (Chatt Tech) and be accepted by Spring Semester of each year. Once accepted to the college, students can then apply to the RAD Program separately by viewing the Program Application Video and then applying to the program with the application link and passcode given in the video. Application Sessions occur in the Spring of each year, and the expected start date for the program is in August (of that same year). Students are only

considered for admission if they have met (or expect to meet) all of the pre-requisites by the published deadlines.

Q: Is it hard to get into the RAD Program?

The RAD Program does have competitive admissions (even though Chatt Tech is Open Enrollment). We accept 24 students each Fall based on a points system. You can see what items are considered for points on our RAD Program Website.

Q: I already have a college degree. Will you accept my transfer credit?

When you apply to the college (Chatt Tech), you can submit your transfer credits for evaluation by our Admissions office. They will determine if your previous course work meets the pre-requisite requirements for the RAD Program. You can find more information about transfer credits on the college's website.

Q: Is the RAD Program offered online?

The RAD Program is only offered in person on the North Metro Campus.

Q: Is the RAD Program offered at night or on the weekends?

RAD Program classes are only offered Monday-Friday during regular business hours.

Q: Can I take RAD classes “part-time,” or take them on my own schedule?

No, the RAD Program is only available as a “full-time” schedule in a closed cohort.

Q: Is the RAD Program offered on any other campuses?

The RAD Program is only available on the North Metro Campus.

Q: How long is the RAD Program?

Students in the RAD Program takes 4 semesters to complete upon acceptance. Students start in the Fall Semester each year (August), and graduate at the end of Fall Semester the following year (December).

Q: What is the schedule like for a RAD student?

Students in the RAD Program should expect to be on-campus, in person 4-5 days/week. Class is usually scheduled between about 8:30am and 4:30pm, but will vary for specific classes and

specific semesters. RAD students are considered “full-time” students.

Q: What is a “Closed Cohort”?

The RAD Program uses a “closed cohort” model. This means that only students in the RAD program may take RAD classes, and students in each cohort will take all their classes together. Students in the RAD program must take their classes in a specific order, and they register for a set of co-requisite courses each semester. Completion of the co-requisite courses during one semester allows them to progress to the next set of co-requisite courses the next semester.

Q: Are “Clinicals” part of the program?

Yes, students must complete 4 clinical courses during the program. Each course will require rotating through different sites each semester. Clinicals are completed at local hospitals and healthcare facilities which are contracted with the college. The location and hours of your clinical rotation will be different each semester. Student assignments to the clinical locations are made by program leadership to ensure each student has the same equitable learning opportunity. Students do not make their clinical schedule.

Q: What are the requirements for “Clinicals”?

Students are required to provide proof of current BLS training which must be valid through program graduation. Students are required by our clinical affiliates to submit to a Background Check & Drug Screen, vaccinations, and other requirements. Requirements for clinicals are reviewed in more detail during the Program Application Video and during the scheduled mandatory orientation once accepted into the RAD Program.

Q: Are the costs for clinicals included in my tuition?

Unfortunately, no. You will need to cover the cost of travel and other clinical requirements. More information about RAD Program cost is reviewed in the Program Application Video.

Q: Can I work while I go through the RAD program?

It is possible to work part-time while in the program, but full-time work is not recommended due to the difficult nature of the program, as well as the variable schedule. If you do choose to work, an evening or weekend schedule is strongly recommended.

Q: What is the salary of a Radiologic Technologist?

The income for RAD Techs can vary. If employed in a hospital setting, you may work days, evenings, nights, or weekends and pay will vary due to shift differential. Many facilities are currently offering sign-on bonuses and providing relocation assistance due to the shortage of technologists. On average, RAD Techs in the United States earn between \$60,000-\$70,000 as entry-level. With a little more education and training, you can add more credentials (Ex: CT, MRI, Mammo, etc..) behind your RT(R), which will increase your overall income.

Q: I still have questions. How can I find out more information about the RAD Program?

The RAD Program website is an excellent source of information. You can also contact our RAD Program Advisor, Stacey Pittard at Stacey.pittard@chattahoocheetech.edu or you can contact the RAD Program Director, Jamie Bailey at Jamie.bailey@chattahoocheetech.edu.

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