

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE MAJOR

Bachelor of Science

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Radiologic Science Bachelor of Science Program Mission Statement

The primary mission/purpose of the Radiological Science Program is to provide challenging academic and clinical education for the development of the student as a compassionate, responsible, and multicompetent radiology professional. The faculty is committed to: 1) educating students, in a liberal learning environment, for a life of productive work as a practicing radiographer; 2) guiding students on their journey to becoming life-long learners by modeling continued education, and; 3) demonstrating the importance of service to the greater Charleston community.

Program Description

The Radiologic Science program offers a Bachelor of Science in Radiology. Our program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Graduates completing this program are eligible to apply to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) registry exam. Upon successful exam completion, students will be recognized as a registered radiologic technologist.

Students can choose from a 3 or 4-year track. The curriculum is the same for both tracks. Students that choose the 3-year track should expect to incorporate the general education classes and pre-requisite courses throughout the three years they are in the program. On occasion, a student on this track may need to take additional classes over the summer. In addition, the 3-year track requires that the student have a 3.5 GPA. Student athletes are not advised to choose the 3-year track. The 4-year track allows students to complete many of the general education and pre-requisite courses in the first year. Students in the 4-year track must complete a minimum of 90% of the first-year courses of the Radiologic Science Program.

There are two activated radiology laboratories on site which gives students many opportunities to practice radiology procedures. Students will attend various clinical rotations, including a Level I trauma center, a cardiac center, a pediatric hospital, outpatient imaging centers, and orthopedic offices. Students also have an opportunity to take courses in specialized imaging modalities such as computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, cardiac interventional, vascular interventional and mammography. In addition, we offer an AS to BS track which offers an advanced degree option for radiographers with an associate degree.

From the Faculty

“Radiologic Science is the health profession involved in the direct administration of ionizing radiation for disease diagnosis and injury assessment. Since their accidental discovery in 1895, x-rays have been recognized as an essential tool designed to assist physicians in medical diagnosis. Technological advances and the addition of new imaging modalities now place radiologic sciences among the most dynamic and high- demand fields in clinical medicine.”

Accreditation

The Radiological Science Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiological Technology (JRCERT). Contact information on the JRCERT is available at:

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Licensure

Radiologic Science Program graduates meet the academic and clinical requirements to be eligible to apply to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) examination. Graduates who pass the ARRT examination are eligible to apply for the West Virginia state license to practice radiology. Application for licensure can be made at the West Virginia Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy Technology Board in Charleston, WV. Other states may have different criteria for licensure eligibility.

Please Note: Applicants should investigate his or her eligibility to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist Examination [ARRT - phone (651) 687- 0048] or website <http://www.arrt.org> before enrolling in the Radiologic Science program, or see the RADI Program Chair if they answer yes to the following questions:

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or similar offense in a military court martial?

Have you had any professional license, permit, registration, or certification denied, revoked, suspended, placed on probation, under consent agreement or consent order, voluntarily surrendered, or subjected to any conditions or disciplinary actions by a regulatory authority or certification board (other than ARRT)?

Have you ever been suspended, dismissed, or expelled from an educational program that you attended in order to meet ARRT certification requirements? The ARRT supports 23 ethical rules for RTs that are found on the website.

Admission

All students must gain admission to the University of Charleston before applying to the program. To be considered for admission to the program, the following requirements must be met:

1) Completion of a program application (after student has been accepted into the University). A visit to campus to meet with Admissions personnel and program faculty is strongly encouraged. The program accepts a new cohort of students once per year in the fall semester. Applications are due on or before May 1 and will receive full consideration. Prospective students applying by the May 1 deadline will be notified of acceptance or denial by May 30th. Applications received after that date will be reviewed first come, first served until the cohort is full.

- 2) 2.7 GPA or higher; 3.5 GPA for the 3-year track.

Four-year track applicants to the BS Radiologic Science Program must complete a minimum of 90% (34 credits) of the freshman year courses of the Radiologic Science Program (see curriculum). Students must achieve a grade of “C” or higher in RADI 101, Introduction to Radiologic Science and RADI 102 Radiation Physics. If a transfer student is accepted into the program, they must complete RADI 101 & RADI 102 with a “C” or higher. Failure to receive a “C” or higher in either course as a transfer or sophomore student will result in termination from the program. Students are admitted to the Radiologic Science Program in the fall semester of the SOPHOMORE YEAR after completing the required 30-37 credits. Admission may be based on a competitive point scale if there are more applicants than open slots.

Three-year track students must have a 3.5 GPA and have completed at least 4 dual credit high school courses. Students interested in the 3-year track should speak with the program director before opting for this track.

- 3) Each applicant is required to submit a satisfactory physical examination including select laboratory blood work, PPD documentation, proof of immunizations and titers following the Center for Disease Control guidelines for vaccinations for health care workers. A current list of required vaccines may be found at the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html>. Students who fail to submit or meet the minimum standards of the health examination may not be admitted to the radiologic science program.
- 4) Applicants must have a current American Heart Association CPR certification at the time of admission to the clinical component of the program and must maintain CPR throughout their time in the program.
- 5) Applicants must pass a criminal background check and drug screen. Please note that clinical agencies may deny access to students who have a criminal background. Students who do not pass a background check may not be admitted to the radiologic science program.
- 6) Students requesting to transfer into the Radiologic Science Program from other JRCERT accredited radiography programs (collegiate or certificate) will have all transcripts evaluated and advanced placement may be awarded. Additional departmental testing may be required to determine the student’s retention level and placement. The Radiologic Science faculty will assess competency levels for advanced placement in the program. Contact the Department Chair for questions or more detailed information.

Applicants to the Radiologic Science Program are evaluated utilizing a point scale. Points are awarded for GPA score (minimum 2.7), college credits completed, and for hours completed at the University of Charleston. Additional point consideration will be awarded to students who have completed an Associate or Baccalaureate degree.

All candidates who meet the program requirements will be reviewed by the admissions committee of the Radiologic Science Program and ranked based on the point scale.

The point scale is implemented if at the end of the first year, the qualified student population exceeds the number of clinical openings available. Students are encouraged to strive for high academic achievement and professionalism to help secure their acceptance into the clinical radiography component. The number of clinical openings scheduled to begin the sophomore year will vary with each class; however, the target number will be about 15 students. Please contact Kristi Barnett, (304) 357- 4971, E- mail: kristibarnett@ucwv.edu - Chair of Radiologic Science Department, or the University of Charleston, Office of Admissions for additional program information.

Successful completion of science courses in high school and or college such as mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, and human anatomy and physiology help academically prepare the student for the radiologic science curriculum.

Applicants who read, write, and speak English as a second language must demonstrate proficiency in English skills. Additional testing of the applicant may be required before admission to the Radiologic Science Program.

A personal interview with the Department of Radiologic Science Chair is recommended for all applicants to ensure that applicants fully understand the program and its requirements.

Female applicants are required to review the radiography student pregnancy policy before entering the program.

Applicants to the Radiologic Science Program are encouraged to review the student Radiologic Science Handbook before entering the program. Contact the Program Chair for details about receiving a copy. The Radiologic Science handbook will be reviewed in RADI 101.

Students accepted into the Radiologic Science Program will be expected to attend clinical rotations during the shifts of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Students will not be scheduled on weekends or holidays observed by clinical facilities.

Students will be expected to pay any fees associated with clinical readiness obligations such as criminal background checks and lab fees. Any costs associated with uniforms, CPR certification, parking, and textbooks are the student's responsibility.

Admission Criteria and Technical Standards

5. A Radiologic Science student works directly with sick patients and is frequently exposed to communicable diseases and infections; therefore, the applicant should be in good physical condition and free of communicable disease.
6. A Radiologic Science student must be capable of lifting patients, manipulating heavy equipment, including portable x-ray machines, and handling radiography accessories; therefore, the applicant must have

full use of all four limbs and be able to grasp with at least one hand.

7. A Radiologic Science student must have the ability to remain mentally and physically alert to equipment malfunction, and safety hazard warning techniques such as, flashing lights, buzzers, fire alarm, smoke, emergency intercom, pages, monitoring the vital signs and assessing the patient; therefore, the applicant must have the ability to feel, see, hear, and smell.
8. A Radiologic Science student must be capable of extended periods of concentration in selecting correct techniques, equipment, and safety devices to assure maximum care and safety of the patient; therefore, the applicant should be able to exercise independent judgments under routine circumstances and stressful conditions.
9. Radiologic Science students will be exposed to minimal amounts of ionizing radiation. This may not cause biological changes in the individual but can harm the gestation of a human fetus. Radiographers should take care not to expose the unborn to radiation while pregnant. (See pregnancy policy). A person who is pregnant may not meet the above criteria; however, a pregnant woman may apply and be accepted into the Radiologic Science Program.

Program Learning Outcomes

To measure Radiologic Science Program effectiveness, the graduate will:

4. Demonstrate competence as an entry level radiographer.
5. Demonstrate effective communication skills.
6. Employ critical thinking skills in professional practice.
7. Model professionalism.

Program Data Benchmarks for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology

Minimum quantitative outcomes are as follows:

1. Graduates will earn degrees within four (4) years or less from date of program entrance.
2. Five-year average credentialing examination (ARRT) pass rate must be 75% or higher.
3. Five-year average job placement rate must be 75% or higher within 12 months of graduation.
4. Program completion rate must be 60% or higher.
5. Employer and graduate surveys will indicate 85% or higher satisfaction.

ASRT(R) to BSRT(R) Concentration

This concentration is designed to allow Registered Radiographers to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science degree. The curriculum is contingent upon the academic background of the individual.

Admission to the ASRT(R) to BSRT(R) Track

The applicant must be eligible for admission to the University; hold a current American Registry in Radiologic Technology; earned a minimum GPA of 2.7 in previous college coursework; current CPR certification; show evidence of passing health care requirements; complete a criminal background check; and document practical work experience.

AS-BS Radiologic Science Required Courses		
MATH 120	Intermediate Algebra	3 credits
HSCI 201 &201L	Health Care Assessment (unless work experiences substitutes)	3 credits
HSCI 312	Statistics for Evidence Based Practice (or equivalent)	3 credits
RADI 302	Cross Section Anatomy (unless work experiences substitutes)	1 credit
RADI 320-323L	Professional Specialization/Lab (unless specialty reg.)	3 credits
HSCI 401	Health Leadership & Mgmt. (unless work experience substitute)	3 credits
HSCI 302	Health Ethics & Policy	3 credits
HSCI 402	Research I	3 credits
RADI 420-423L	Specialization Clinical Lab (unless work specialty reg.)	3 credits
RADI 498	Modality Internship	2-6 credits
Total		28-31 Credits
General Education and Electives as determined by the student's individual program evaluation		28+/-credits
Prior Credit for Associate Degree/Diploma – Decision of Program Chair*		Approx. 60 credits
		Total Credits: 120 credits

All other graduation requirements will be mandatory including the 30 credits of upper division coursework and resident coursework.

What You Will Study

The Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science degree consists of 125 credits, including 72 credits of Radiologic Science, 15 credits of Health Science core, 11 credits of Science and Mathematics, and 27 additional credits. Students will also complete approximately 1200 hours of clinical experiences. Coursework is based on a structure of 1 contact hour per credit hour for lecture courses. Clinical experiences are part-time experiences directly associated with didactic material of a course. The student receives one credit for every three hours of actual experience per week during a 15-week semester.

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Radiologic Science Required Courses		
Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
RADI 101	Introduction to Radiologic	2
RADI 102	Radiation Physics	3
RADI 201	Radiographic Positioning I	3
RADI 201L	Clinic Lab I	3
RADI 202	Osteology	3
RADI 211	Radiographic Positioning II	3
RADI 211L	Clinic Lab II	3
RADI 212	Radiographic Exposure	3
RADI 301	Radiographic Positioning III	3
RADI 301L	Clinical Lab III	6
RADI 302	Cross Sectional Anatomy	1
RADI 304	Imaging Equipment	3
RADI 311	Radiographic Pathology	2
RADI 311L	Clinical Lab IV/Pharmacology	6
RADI 320- RADI 325	Professional Specialization	2
RADI320L- RADI 325L	Professional Specialization Lab	2
RADI 401L	Clinical Lab V	5
RADI 405	Radiation Biology	3
RADI 407	Digital Processing and Quality Management	3
RADI 410	Radiologic Science Senior Seminar	3
RADI 411L	Clinical Lab VI	5
RADI 420L- 425L	Specialization Lab	3
RADI 498	Clinical Internship	3
	Required Credit Hours in Major	73

Health Science Required Courses

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
HSCI 201/201L	Health Care Assessment and Lab	3
HSCI 302	Health Ethics and Policy	3
HSCI 312	Statistics for Evidence Based Practice	3
HSCI 401	Health Management and Leadership	3
HSCI 402	Research	3
HSCI Required Credit Hours		15

Radiologic Science- Required Courses Outside the Major

HUMN 1XX	Humanities Elective-2 Experiences	6
PSYC 101 Or PSYC 212	Intro to Psychology Life Span and Development	3
SSCI 1XX	Social Science Elective	3
BIOL 251 /251L	Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 252/252/	Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
MATH 120	Intermediate Algebra	3
Total Required Credit Hours Outside Major		23

*The curriculum is subject to change.

Grand total credits for graduation —126 credits. Total clinical hours – Approximately 1200 hours

Additional Requirements

Comprehensive Examination/Graduate Competencies

All students who plan to receive a baccalaureate degree must pass a comprehensive examination during the final semester of the year of expected graduation. The examination for the Radiologic Science major will be prepared and administered by the professor of the Radiologic Science Senior Seminar course. Additional examinations will be provided for students who do not pass the first examination with 85% or higher. Students must also complete all graduate level clinical competencies with 85% or higher. Students will not receive a diploma until this requirement has been achieved. Details of the written and practical examinations are available from the department chair.

Policy for Professional Specializations

Students will be required for graduation eligibility to select one major area of specialization, i.e., computed tomography (CT); magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); cardiovascular interventional radiography (CI/ VI); sonography (US or Mammography (M)). The student may select mammography, in addition to one of the major areas listed above. Students will be enrolled in both didactic and clinical rotations courses as part of their other

professional specialization. The Radiologic Science Department **CANNOT** guarantee the offering of each modality listed above if a full-time RADI faculty member resigns from his/her position and a faculty member with the appropriate credentials is not available to teach the special modality.

The Radiologic Science faculty will try to grant students' requests for specialization selections. Due to limited availability of clinical facilities, the student is **NOT** guaranteed his or her first choice in specialized modalities. Selections may be determined by the student's overall University grade point average.

Competency requirements will vary depending on the specialized area selected. Additional classes and clinical education may be required after graduation from the bachelor's degree program at the University of Charleston to be job market prepared, state licensed, or eligible for certification in all specialized areas.

RADI Program Grading Scale:

A	92-100
B	85-91
C	84-84
D	75-79
F	< 75

Policies for Progression and Graduation

Radiography students must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in all radiologic science (RADI) courses to enroll in the next course in the sequence or to be eligible for graduation. In any radiologic science course (RADI) in which the student earns less than a "C" the entire course, lecture and laboratory must be repeated to achieve a passing grade. **NOTE: All students must complete the entire Radiologic Science Program within four years (48 months) from the time of the first enrollment in the curriculum's clinical component.** Candidates for the Radiologic Science degree who do not complete all requirements within a four-year period will be dismissed from the program.

At the conclusion of all semesters, except the semester immediately preceding graduation, radiography students with a grade point average below 2.0 will not be permitted to register for the next radiologic science course. Students with a grade point average between 2.0-2.2 will be placed on academic probation.

Policies for Holding Students

Students enrolled in the University who have completed portions of the clinical component of the Radiologic Science Program, but are currently not enrolled in radiologic science courses may be readmitted to the radiography clinical component under the following conditions:

- 1) The student must be academically admissible.
- 2) The student must take all radiologic science courses in the sequence published in the Catalog.

- 3) The student must have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- 4) The student must have completed all deficiencies with a “C” or higher.
- 5) The student must otherwise meet all the conditions for any other student in the University.

Policies Governing Repeat of Radiologic Science Courses

Students requesting to repeat a radiologic science course must have a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 before being re- admitted to a radiologic science course.

Students may repeat the same radiologic science course one time only.

Students must state in writing their request to repeat any radiologic science course to the director of the Radiologic Science Program.

Students must complete the Radiologic Science Program within four years (48 months) after admission to the clinical component of the Radiologic Science Program.

Students may only repeat two (2) radiologic science courses because of academic failure. After the third failure, (“D” or “F”) in a radiologic science course, the student is dismissed from the Radiologic Science Program.

Uniforms

Students must purchase uniforms as designated by the Department of Radiologic Science. Information will be sent to students accepted into the clinical component and will be presented during student orientation. Addition information and dress code policies are contained within the RADI Student Handbook.

Insurance

For protection of the radiography student, all students enrolling in the radiologic science clinical component will be required to carry medical malpractice insurance for the entire period they are enrolled in the clinical courses. This insurance will be provided by a group policy written for the University. All arrangements are made by the administration. The student pays the allocated premium, which the University will collect.

Radiography students enrolled in the clinical component of the Radiologic Science Program are strongly encouraged to carry personal health and accident insurance.

Transportation

The Radiologic Science sophomore, junior, and senior students must provide their own transportation to and from all clinical education settings (hospitals). In addition, students should expect to pay for parking at the hospitals.

Other Expenses

Students in the Radiologic Science Program may incur expenses related to participation in state and national conferences, provided the program decides to participate; however, opportunities for fund raisers may be available to help offset the costs.