

ADMISSION TO THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Prospective students must be accepted for admission to USI before being considered for admission to the Radiologic Technology Program. The RT program is limited in the number of students that may be accepted each year. USI, in collaboration with the clinical affiliates, reserves the right to determine the number of students enrolled in each beginning class. Total admission can not exceed the maximum number established by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

1. Applicants must have graduated from high school and have completed all RT program prerequisite courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.7 (4.0 scale). The 2.7 GPA is not the cumulative GPA. This GPA is calculated based on the grades received from only the RT program prerequisite courses. Please see the curriculum plan for prerequisite courses. The program's minimum GPA will raise to 3.0 effective for program admissions in Fall 2010.
2. Official university transcripts from all institutions (other than USI) must be submitted to the RT program as part of the admission procedure.
3. RT program application and accompanying required documents and transcripts must be received by **September 15** of the year the student desires admission to the program. Failure to submit all necessary documents by the deadline will make the student ineligible for interviews or program consideration for that year.
4. The admission process follows the university's *Student's Rights and Responsibilities on discrimination*: "Each student has the right to be free from discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in accordance with the applicable federal, state, and local laws." Applicants meeting academic requirements must be in good health, be eligible for ARRT licensure, and be capable of fulfilling program technical standards. Please see RT Program Guide for technical standards.
5. The RT student selection process involves a review of all required documents and an interview by the RT admission committee. This committee consists of the program faculty and clinical instructors from each clinical site. Applicants are informed when to schedule the interview via letter, e-mail or phone call from the RT program director. All interviews are conducted privately and by appointment only. The committee's decision is conveyed by letter approximately two weeks after all interviews are completed.
6. The RT application must be accompanied by a narrative that addresses these questions: Why do you believe you are a good candidate for this program?; What are your career goals?; Do you have any health care experience? If so, explain in what capacity and length of time, and what you gained from the experience.; What have you learned through your volunteer experiences within a radiology department?. Students must submit 2 copies of the narrative. One copy should include the student's name and signature. The student's identification number should replace the student name on the second copy. The second copy should be void of any identification (student name or signature) on or in the narrative. The narrative will be read and scored by the admissions committee.
7. It is strongly recommended that prior to **September 15** applicants observe a minimum of 20 hours in a radiology department to gain understanding of basic radiologic procedures. This is different than the clinical site tours. Observation in a radiology department can be completed at one of USI's clinical affiliates (listed on clinical site tour form) or at a facility of the student's choice. Validated documentation of the observation must be submitted at the time of application. It is highly recommended that students do not wait until the program deadline to complete observations. Clinical affiliates reserve the right to deny observation at their facility when time or space is limited. Please note completing observations may require the student to have a TB screening, HIPAA class, or facility orientation prior to starting any observations. The student assumes all responsibility for any illness or injury acquired during observation. Extra credit towards admissions is given to those students completing a minimum of 20 hours.
8. It is suggested students tour all clinical affiliate sites. The clinical site visit is a tour of the clinical affiliate's radiology department. Students must contact the listed individual on the Clinical Site Tour Form to set up an appointment. Clinical affiliates reserve the right to deny tours based on their schedules. No additional credit towards admissions will be given to students who have completed visitations to all clinical affiliate sites.
9. Credit toward admission into the Radiologic Technology program will be given to applicants with previous health care experience. Students who have had either direct or indirect patient care in a health care facility may be eligible for extra credit towards admissions. Direct patient care involves having contact with patients. Indirect patient care is working in the health care field, but not having contact with patients.
10. Additional credit towards admissions will be given to those students who have shown to be academically prepared. Academic preparedness points are given to those students who have completed all prerequisite courses and completed their second Western Cultures course, Global communities course, and Ethics course. Maximum credit towards admissions for this category can not exceed 4 points.
11. Individuals whose applications are incomplete or unsatisfactory will be notified. In order to be interviewed, all inadequacies must be corrected immediately.