ENDLESS DOORS, ALL OPEN

The UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program is a continuous, 23-month certificate course of study and accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)*. Our program's mission is to graduate competent entry-level radiologic technologists who will provide quality and compassionate health care with dignity and respect.

The program is affiliated with PennWest University's Medical Imaging Science Program or the applicant must have a minimum of an Associate Degree and meet the program prerequisites. Documentation of the degree is required.

The radiologic technologist plays a very important role on the medical team as technical assistant to the radiologist, a physician who has specialized training in the use of radiographs for diagnosis and treatment. A graduate radiologic technologist is qualified to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists® examination.

Student selection is based on academic records and personal interview with the selection committee and final admission is contingent on a health physical, drug screen and security clearance.

Please read the admission policy found on the UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program's website.

The curriculum comprises, but is not limited to:

- Professional ethics
- Cross-sectional anatomy
- Radiographic positioning
- Medical terminology
- Pathology
- Biology
- Anatomy and physiology
- Patient care
- Radiographic exposure and protection
- Image critique
- Radiation physics
- Equipment and operation

Admission Requirements

- Age 18 or older by July 31st of the starting year
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum of an Associate Degree and meet program prerequisites
- Applicants enrolled in the Medical Imaging Science Program at PennWest University who are enrolled or have completed the prerequisites classes may apply.
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA is required upon application
- Completed application form and non-refundable fee by January 31st of the starting year.

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Program Goals and Outcomes

- *Students will be clinically competent in entry-level radiographic skills*
  Outcomes: Students will provide patient safety, comfort, and quality care while performing radiographic exams, and will demonstrate appropriate radiation protection for self, patients, and personnel.
- *Students will demonstrate written and oral communication effectively*
  Outcomes: Students will provide communication with all age appropriate groups and demonstrate effective written communication skills.
- *Students will utilize critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a dynamic healthcare environment.*
  Outcomes: Students will adapt routine examinations to accommodate patient's needs and evaluate radiographic images for quality positioning.
- *Students will exhibit professionalism and realize the value of life-long learning*
  Outcomes: Students will demonstrate professional behavior in the clinical setting and know the importance of continued, life-long professional development.

The exam program completion rate and job placement rate for five years are 100%. The five year average for exam pass rate is 93%.

Tuition

Tuition is currently set at $5,000 a year.

Fees include:

- Non-refundable application fee of $50.
- Textbooks for the two years estimated at $1,200.
- Computer Clinical Program $150.
- Uniforms/shoes for the two years estimated at $300.
- Attendance at a registry review in the second year of training (cost is contingent on which review course the student selects).
- Criminal history and child abuse clearance: cost estimated at $40-50.
- Student Liability Insurance cost estimated at $60-70.
- Computer & LMS fees estimated around $300.

Tuition and costs are subject to change.

Refund policy

A refund of 50% of the paid up tuition will be made if the student withdraws during the first three months of their starting year. No amount of tuition will be refunded following the end of the third month from the date of entry into the program.

Transfer Credits

If a student with a college degree other than medical imaging wishes to apply for admission, a review of the academic records will be requested from the Program Officials. Upon receipt of the academic forms, a decision will be made at the discretion of the program officials/Admissions Committee to whether the potential student has the requirements to apply to the program. Student may be referred to PennWest University for review also. The UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program currently does not accept transfer students from another radiology program.

Grading System

Students will receive a didactic grade and a clinical grade based on the following grading system:

Quality Point Score	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
4.0	A	96% and higher
3.5	A-	92%–95%
3.0	B	88%–91%
2.5	B-	83%–87%
2.0	C	79%–82%
1.5	C-	75%–78%
0.0	F	74% and lower

A Certificate of Graduation is obtained after a student has:

1. Successfully completed all didactic classes with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.
2. Successfully completed clinical education with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.
3. Accomplished the program's goals and objectives.
4. Completed all the mandatory and elective competencies on exams specified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
5. Paid all fees owed for the program.
6. Completed all time required by the program, including all make-up time.
7. Attended a Review Course for the National Registry.
8. Student and staff will have completed the Terminal Competency Form.
9. A grade of 75% is achieved on the simulated registries given during the months of March through June.

Class Schedule

The UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program starts on the third Monday of July and consists of a two-week orientation and eight terms.

To view formal schedule, please check website by following the link below:

Program website: **UPMC.com/nwrtp**

- Click the "Location" under the For Patients, Families & Visitors tab
- Click "Hospital" and scroll down the page to find UPMC Northwest.
- Once you are on the UPMC Northwest page, go to the left menu bar and click the About Us tab
- Click Radiologic Technology Program to learn more about our program

There are two weeks of vacation, which include Christmas and New Year's Day. At the end of the first year, students are given a week off, which includes July 4. Second-year students receive the week that includes Memorial Day of their senior year. Other observed holidays are Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. In addition to the above breaks, students are given a bank of 50 hours that can be used as necessary.

The weekly schedule is 36-40 hours. All academic instruction takes place at UPMC Northwest's Seneca Place two days a week. Clinical instruction is at UPMC Northwest, Seneca, PA; Grove City Medical Center, Grove City, PA; Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Associates UPMC, Franklin, PA; Titusville Area Hospital, Titusville, PA; and UPMC Hamot, Erie, PA.

Questions?

For additional information on admission policies, tuition and fees, academic calendars, academic policies, transfer credit, and graduation requirements, please contact:

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Nondiscrimination Policy

Applicants to the UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program are selected in accordance with federal and states laws without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, genetics, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, or marital, familial, or disability status or status as a protected Veteran or any other legally protected group status. Disabilities that do not pertain to essential occupational qualifications will not impede the selection of candidates. Further, UPMC will continue to support and promote equal employment opportunity, human dignity and respect, and a welcoming culture for our employees, students, patients and their families.

This policy applies to admissions, visitation, employment, and access to and treatment in UPMC programs and activities.

This commitment is made by UPMC in accordance with federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations.

Accreditation:
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