RHODES STATE COLLEGE

Associate Degree
Radiographic Imaging

Information Packet

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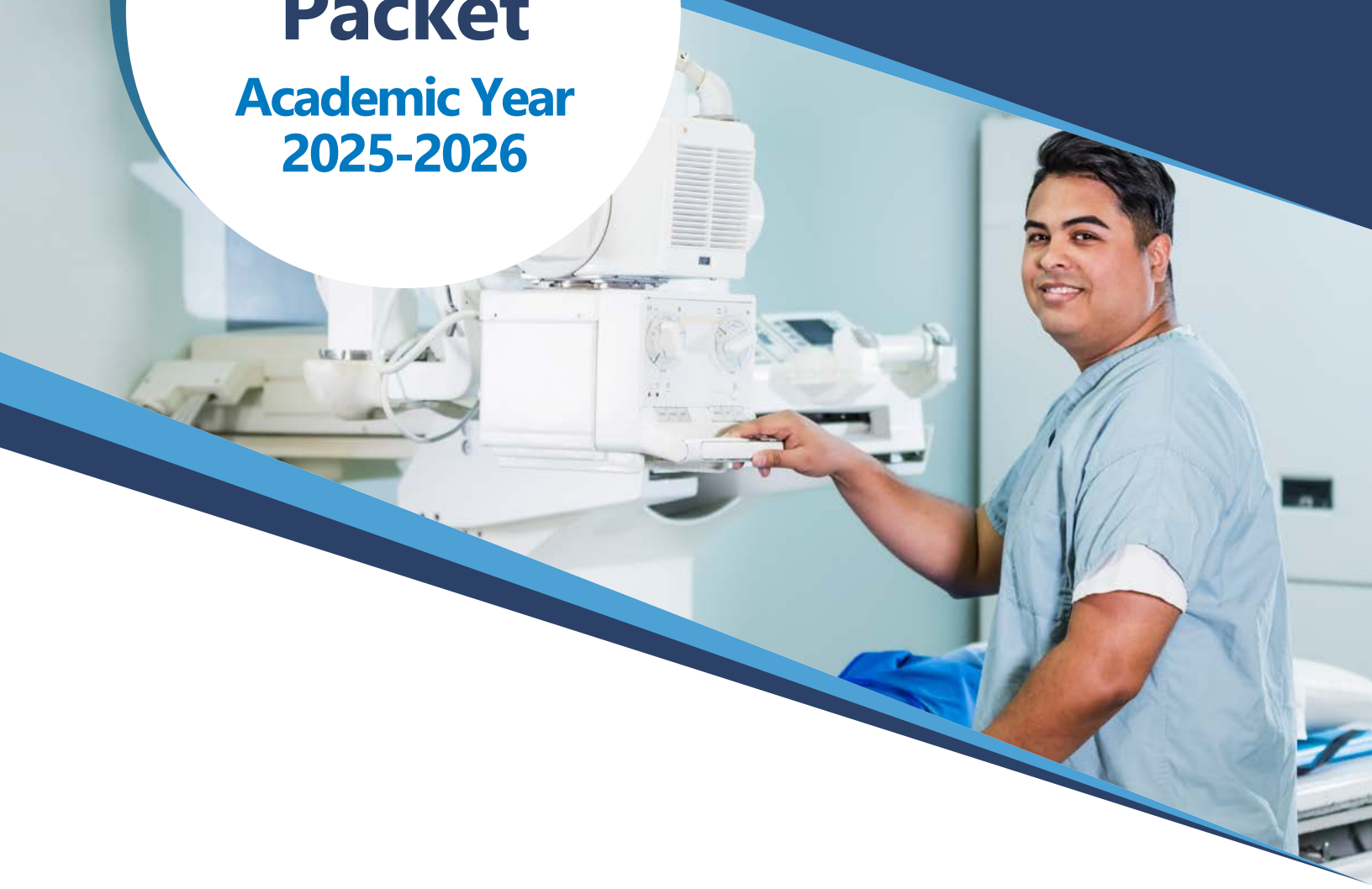

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The Radiographic Imaging Program at Rhodes State College
is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT),
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website: www.jrcert.org.

Radiographic Imaging

Dear Radiographic Imaging Candidate:

This Information Packet explains the qualification requirements and admission processes for the Radiographic Imaging (RAD) Program at Rhodes State College. The standards of the profession are established by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and are regulated by licensure in the state of Ohio. In order to provide a program that promotes student success, it is essential to admit students who meet rigorous curriculum requirements.

To be placed on the RAD program qualification list, students must provide evidence of meeting all qualification requirements outlined in this Information Packet. The RAD program will accept a maximum of 30 students annually, depending on clinical availability, with program courses beginning in the Fall semester.

Rhodes State College advisors are ready to assist you in assessing if this career path aligns with your goals, guiding you through the process of becoming a Rhodes State College student, addressing any inquiries about the qualification procedure, devising a plan to achieve your educational objectives, facilitating the transfer credit evaluation, and aiding in the registration for general education courses. To initiate this process, please contact the Office of Advising via phone, 419-995-8400, or email at Advising@rhodesstate.edu.

Thank you for inquiring about the RAD Program at Rhodes State College. Our program is highly respected for its high educational standards, commitment to professionalism, dedicated faculty, and strong professional certification exam pass rates.

We look forward to helping you reach your career goals.

Sincerely,

Angela Lee, MEd, BSRT, (R)(CT), CPXP
Radiographic Imaging Program Coordinator
lee.a@rhodesstate.edu

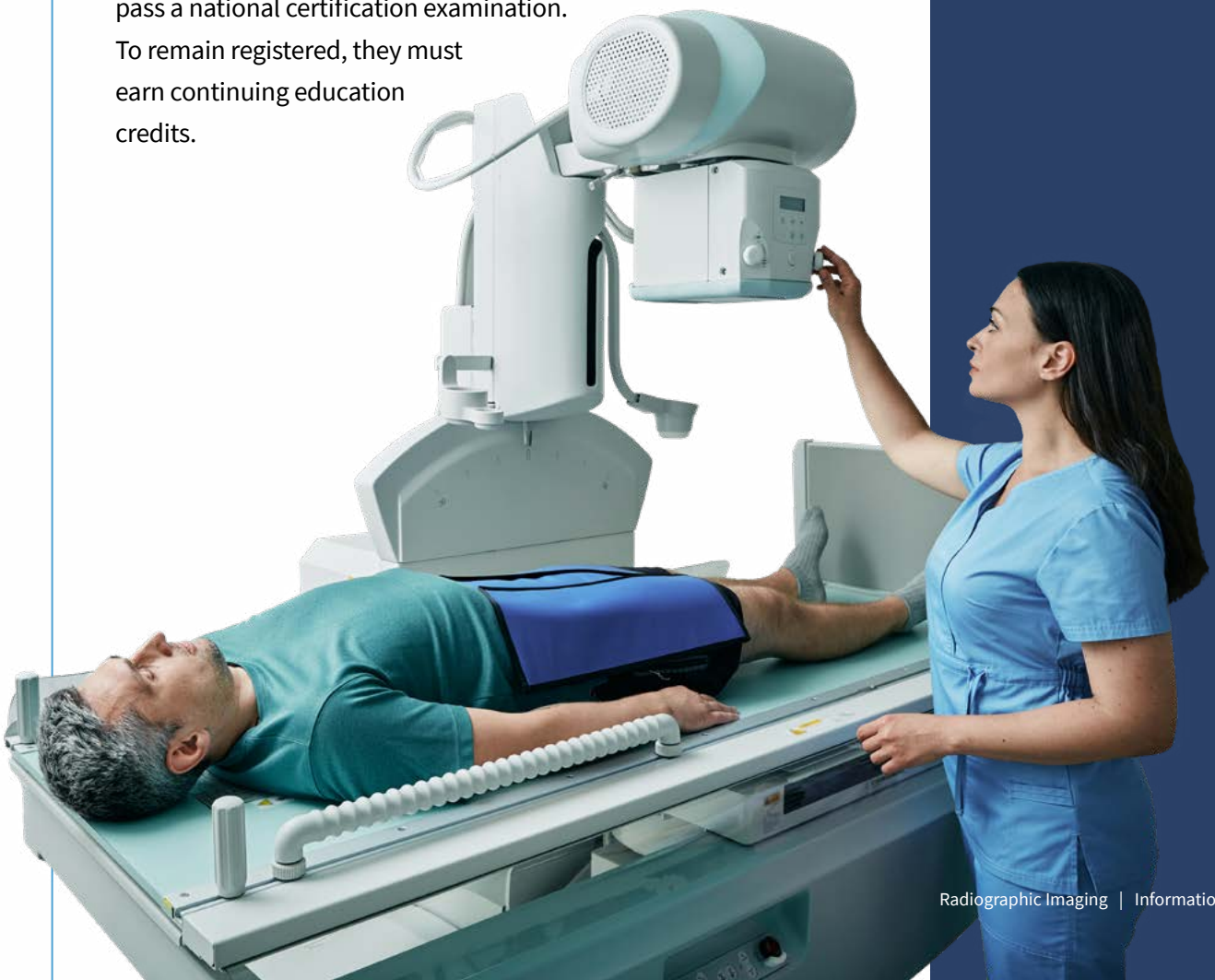
Who are Radiologic Technologists?

Registered radiologic technologists/radiographers are the medical personnel who perform diagnostic radiographic imaging (x-ray) examinations on patients for interpretation by doctors. They are educated in anatomy, patient exam positioning, examination techniques, equipment protocols, radiation safety, radiation protection, and basic patient care. They must use critical thinking and problem-solving skills on a daily basis, and they must also possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills to interact appropriately with patients, families, co-workers, and other healthcare providers.

Registered radiologic technologists — known as "R.T.s" — must complete at minimum of an associate degree in an accredited educational program through an academic institution and must pass a national certification examination. To remain registered, they must earn continuing education credits.

Employment Opportunities

- Hospitals
- Outpatient Clinics
- Physicians' Offices
- Mobile X-ray Companies



Program Mission

The Radiographic Imaging Program prepares competent, professional Radiographers.

Extended Statement of Program Mission

The Radiographic Imaging Program at Rhodes State College exists to provide students with a stimulating environment in which to achieve educational and personal growth while developing a sense of professionalism combined with the technical and interpersonal skills necessary for success as a radiographer/radiologic technologist. In addition, the Northwest Ohio Allied Health Consortium students provides surrounding communities with qualified, professional healthcare specialists.

Radiographic Imaging Program Outcomes

First Attempt Pass Rate

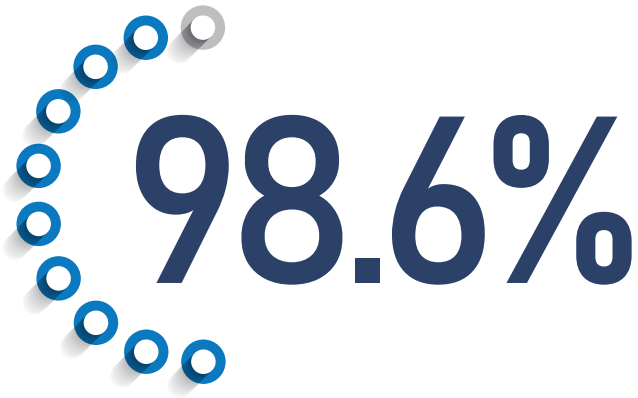
ARRT National Certification Exam

Five-year Average (2020-2024)

Program Completion Rate

(2024)

Program completion rates are calculated based on a defined cohort entry point. Rates do not include students who withdraw for reasons unrelated to academic performance.



Job Placement Rate

Five-Year Average (2020-2024)

Radiographic Imaging Curriculum

Course	Description	Credit Hours
First Year | Pre-requisite Semester (available any semester)		
SDE 1010	First Year Experience	1
MTH 1370	College Algebra	4
BIO 1110	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BHS 1390	Medical Terminology	2
COM 1110	English Composition	3
	Semester Total	**14**
First Year | Fall Semester (15 weeks)		
BIO 1120	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
RAD 1500	Introduction to Radiographic Imaging	3
RAD 1200	Principles of Imaging I	2
RAD 1310	Radiographic Procedures I	3
	Semester Total	**12**
First Year | Spring Semester (15 weeks)		
SOC 1010	Sociology	3
RAD 1510	Clinical Education I - Radiography	3
RAD 1220	Principles of Imaging II	3
RAD 1320	Radiographic Procedures II	3
	Semester Total	**12**
Summer Semester (10 weeks)		
BHS 1160	Medical Law – Ethics Healthcare	2
RAD 1520	Clinical Education II - Radiography	4
	Semester Total	**6**
Second Year | Fall Semester (15 weeks)		
COM 2213	Verbal Judo	3
RAD 2510	Clinical Education III - Radiography	3
RAD 2210	Principles of Imaging III	3
RAD 2310	Radiographic Procedures III	3
	Semester Total	**12**
Second Year | Spring Semester		
RAD 2520	Clinical Education IV - Radiography	3
RAD 2220	Radiation Biology	3
RAD 2320	Radiographic Patient Analysis	2
RAD 2490	Selected Topics in Radiography (Capstone)	1
	Semester Total	**9**
	Total Program Credit Hours	**65**

Program Qualification Requirements: Completion of the pre-requisite semester with 'C' or better in pre-requisite semester courses, with the exception of BHS 1390, which requires a grade of 'B' or higher. SDE 1010 is not a qualification requirement.

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Section ONE

Admission Process

Admission Requirements

The Radiographic Imaging (RAD) program is a limited enrollment program. The RAD program admits thirty (30) qualified students once per year with a fall semester start date.

The following process is used to qualify students into the program. **Each step is mandatory and should be completed as early as possible.** No exceptions will be granted. It is the applicant's responsibility to read and understand this qualification process.

College Application and Transcript Submission

1. Apply to Rhodes State College and declare General Prep RAD as your major.
    - CCP students should contact their CCP advisor, and request to change their declared degree from General Studies to General Prep RAD.
    - Consortium students at Clark State College, Northwest State Community College, and Terra State Community College should complete the Consortium Intent form on the program web page.
2. Submit ***all*** transcripts (high school, college credit plus (CCP), and/or college) to Rhodes State College Registrar's office during the initial college application submission.
    - Certain courses (i.e., BIO and BHS courses) required as part of the RAD curriculum must have been completed within the past five years. This requirement can be waived by the Program Coordinator with submission of proof of employment in a healthcare field. Examples include Medical Terminology, Medical Law and Ethics, and Anatomy & Physiology courses.

Phase 2: Program Qualification Requirements

To become eligible for a program seat, prospective students must complete the following qualification requirements:

#1 _____ Complete 16 hours of observation in a clinical setting under the supervision of a Registered Radiologic Technologist, and submit the designated Observation form upon completion.

#2 _____ Attend a mandatory Radiographic Imaging Program Briefing. Register for a date from the options available through the Program Briefing Registration found on the **Radiographic Imaging webpage** on the Rhodes State College website.

#3 _____ Complete pre-requisite semester courses with the following minimum grade:

- Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 1110) –'C' grade or higher
- College Algebra (MTH 1370) – 'C' grade or higher
- English Composition (COM 1110) - 'C' grade or higher
- Medical Terminology (BHS 1390) – 'B' grade or higher

#4 _____ The student must be at least 18 years of age by the start of the first clinical experience

Submission of Qualification Materials

When all of the qualification requirements have been completed, a prospective student will email the Radiographic Imaging Program Coordinator, Angela Lee, at lee.a@rhodesstate.edu.

- If courses were completed at an institution other than Rhodes State College, the student must submit an official transcript to Rhodes once all 4 pre-requisite courses have been completed with the required minimum grade.

Qualification Verification & Placement

The Program Coordinator will verify that all qualification requirements have been successfully met.

- If requirements are incomplete: The student will receive an email detailing any unmet qualifications.
- If requirements are complete: The student will be placed on the program qualification list and notified via email of their placement and anticipated start date.

Qualification List Guidelines

- Students are arranged on the list by the date all requirements were completed.
- If multiple students complete requirements on the same date, placement will be determined by the date the Program Coordinator received the student's email confirming requirement completion.
- Regardless of placement on the qualification list, the program can accept a maximum of 8 consortium students per year.

Notification of Program Acceptance

Official notification of acceptance will be sent out at the end of February, prior to summer/fall registration, for students beginning the program in August of the same year.

Applicants must respond within 2 weeks with one of the following options:

- Accept - confirm intent to enroll
- Defer - postpone enrollment for one year only
- Decline - withdraw from program consideration

If a response is not received within 2 weeks, the qualified applicant will forfeit their seat and be moved to the bottom of the qualification list.

If a student declines their seat before August 1st, the next qualified student on the list will be offered the vacant seat. This process will continue until all 30 seats are filled.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Pursuant to federal regulations and state law, it is a policy of Rhodes State College that discrimination against any individual for any reasons of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, qualified disability, age (40 or older), or because he/she is a Vietnam-era veteran or a disabled veteran is specifically prohibited. Accordingly, equal opportunity will be extended to all persons. The College's admissions policies, instructional programs, extracurricular activities and employment practices will reflect this Nondiscrimination Policy.

The College has appointed the individual listed below as Title IX and Section 504 compliance officers. Students who believe that they have experienced any form of discrimination, including sexual harassment, should contact:

Andrea Goings, Executive Director, Human Resources, Title IX Coordinator
419-995-8302 | goings.a@RhodesState.edu

Section TWO

Informed Consent

Radiographic Imaging Program Informed Consent Packet

Please read all of the following items as you will be asked to sign that you understand the following consent notifications as part of your acceptance into the program.

I. Program Duration

The RAD Program begins in the Fall semester and is designed to be completed in 70 academic weeks. However, students may take general education courses required for the degree prior to admission. Secondary to the sequencing of the RAD classes, it will take five consecutive semesters to complete the program regardless of the amount of course work that has been completed prior to admission.

II. Clinical Education Expectations

Students enrolled in the RAD program at Rhodes State College must complete clinical education assignments in conjunction with classroom and on-campus laboratory instruction prior to completion of the program. Clinical assignments for students are arranged so that all students can benefit by learning through a variety of clinical experiences. Clinical education typically occurs from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, with the exception of eight total PM shifts that occur in the last rotation of the second year. Clinical education settings extend in an area up to 70 miles from Rhodes State College, but the sites greater than 60 miles away are used mainly for students located near those locations. *Students must be prepared to meet the financial obligations associated with the clinical education assignment (i.e., reliable transportation to the facility, gas, etc.).*

III. Eligibility Qualifications for ARRT Certification

Upon successful completion of the Radiographic Imaging program, the graduate may be eligible to take the Examination in Radiography of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) according to the following eligibility requirements:

Every candidate for certification and registration must, according to ARRT governing documents, "be a person of good moral character and must not have engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with the **ARRT Rules of Ethics**," and they must "agree to comply with the ARRT Rules and Regulations and the ARRT Standards of Ethics. ARRT investigates all potential violations in order to determine eligibility. The Rules of Ethics are standards of minimally acceptable professional conduct for all Registered Technologists and applicants. The Rules of Ethics are intended to promote the protection, safety and comfort of patients. Registered Technologists and applicants engaging in any of the conduct or activities noted in the Rules of

Ethics, or who permit the occurrence of said conduct or activities with respect to them, have violated the Rules of Ethics and are subject to sanctions as described. One issue addressed by the Rules of Ethics includes **convictions, criminal procedures, or military court martials** as described here. These include a felony, a misdemeanor, or any criminal procedures resulting in a plea of guilty or no contest, a verdict of guilty, withheld or deferred adjudication, suspended or stay of sentence, or pre-trial diversion. Juvenile convictions processed in juvenile court and minor traffic citations not involving drugs or alcohol do not need to be reported. Additionally, candidates for certification and registration are required to disclose whether they have ever had any license, registration, or certification subjected to discipline by a regulatory authority or certification board (other than ARRT). Candidates must indicate any honor code violations that may have occurred while they attended school.

Individuals who have violated the Rules of Ethics may request a ***pre-application review*** of the violation in order to obtain a ruling of the impact on their eligibility for ARRT examination. The individual may submit a pre-application form at any time either before or after entry into an approved education program. This pre-application must be requested directly from the ARRT.

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
1255 Northland Drive
St. Paul, MN 55120-1155
(651)687-0048
www.ARRT.org

IV. Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screens

To meet the expanding requirements of our clinical affiliates, both criminal background checks and drug testing will be mandatory prior to clinical experiences for all students in the Radiographic Imaging Program. You are at risk if you have been convicted of a prior felony and/or some misdemeanors. Students with certain felony, mis- demeanor, or drug-related convictions may be ineligible for admission into clinical experiences. A criminal record may also prevent you from obtaining a license or certification in your chosen healthcare profession or to obtain employment post-graduation. **The student is responsible for most of the costs associated with drug testing and background checks.** Positive drug testing results, without the appropriate documentation from a medical provider, will result in dismissal from all clinical courses. Any student who refuses/fails to cooperate, or complete any required drug testing will also be considered "positive" and dismissed from the clinical cours- es. All students requiring drug testing may be subject to additional drug testing for placement at some clinical settings or random drug testing for cause during the program. Any additional testing is an out-of-pocket expense for the student.

V. Physical Examination

Prior to the first clinical rotation, the student will be required to have a physical examination completed by his/her family physician (or other acceptable healthcare provider), completion of required immunizations, and TB testing. **The student is responsible for these costs.**

VI. Technical Standards

All applicants for the Health Sciences programs and certificates must possess the essential skills and abilities necessary to successfully complete the requirements of the curriculum either with or without reasonable accommodations for any disabilities they individual may have. The use of an intermediary that in effect requires a student to rely on someone else's power of observation, communication, and/or decision making will not be permitted.

The essential skills and abilities for the Health Sciences programs and certificates are categorized in the following Technical Standards:

1. **Sensory/Observational Skills: :** The applicant must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand. Observation necessitates the functional use of all the senses.
2. **Communication:** The applicant must be able to speak, to hear, and to observe patients in order to elicit information, describe changes in mood, activity and posture, and perceive nonverbal communications. An applicant must be able to communicate effectively with patients and all members of the health care team. Communication includes, listening, speaking, reading and writing.
3. **Motor Skills:** Applicants must have sufficient motor skills to gain access to clients in a variety of care settings and to manipulate and utilize the equipment central to the assessment, general and emergency treatment of patients receiving health practitioners' care. Such actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movement, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision.
4. **Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities:** These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and evaluation. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of health practitioners, require all of these abilities. In addition, the applicant should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relations of structures.
5. **Behavioral/Social Skills and Professionalism:** An applicant must possess the emotional health required for utilization of his/her intellectual abilities. The exercise of good judgement, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the care of patients, and the development of effective relationships with patients are essential skills for health practitioners. Applicants must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. They must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of the uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients. Concern for others, integrity, interpersonal skills, interest, and motivation are all personal qualities necessary for the health practitioners.
6. **Environmental:** All applicants must interact with diverse patient populations of all ages with a range of acute and chronic medical conditions. Applicants may be exposed to communicable diseases, toxic substances, ionizing radiation, medicinal preparations, hostile individuals, and other conditions common to the health care environment. Applicants must adhere to policies and procedures to minimize exposure to hazards in the environment, including but not limited to the use of personal protective equipment.

VII. Professional Liability Insurance

Rhodes State College provides professional liability insurance for students while engaged in clinical learning activities. The coverage ranges from 0-$6,000,000.00 depending on the incident. Student professional liability insurance is available privately should the student want additional coverage. The college professional liability insurance plan does not cover a student who may work in institutions outside scheduled clinical education time.

VIII. Health Insurance

Due to potential risks, all Health Sciences students are expected to purchase personal health insurance if they are not covered on a family policy. Rhodes State College is not responsible for any accidents or illnesses that result from student negligence during experiences in the campus or clinical laboratories.

IX. Radiographic Imaging Pregnancy Policy

IMPORTANT NOTE: A woman is ultimately responsible for her health and that of her unborn child. The first three months of pregnancy are the most critical time relative to exposure to ionizing radiation.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) regulations on radiation protection require the licensee (i.e., Rhodes State College - Radiographic Imaging Program) to ensure that the dose to an embryo/fetus during the entire pregnancy, due to occupational/educational exposure of a declared pregnant woman, does not exceed 5 mSv. These exposure levels are 10% of the occupational limit of 50 mSv per year. The National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP) recommends a monthly equivalent dose limit of 0.5 mSv to the embryo/fetus once the pregnancy is declared.

In order for a pregnant worker/student to take advantage of the lower exposure limit and dose monitoring provisions, she must declare her pregnancy to the Program Director in writing (i.e., physical letter or email) along with an estimated date of conception so that the estimated dose to the embryo/fetus prior to the declaration of pregnancy can be determined. The written declaration of pregnancy must be in letter form provided to the Program Director. A woman cannot be required to make this declaration of pregnancy and she may withdraw her declaration of pregnancy in writing at any time. The decision to make a declaration of pregnancy and/or to withdraw the declaration of pregnancy is strictly a woman's choice and is entirely voluntary. The lower dose limit for the embryo/fetus will remain in effect until the woman withdraws the declaration in writing or the woman is no longer pregnant. If a declaration of pregnancy is withdrawn, the dose limit for the embryo/fetus would apply only to the time from the estimated date of conception until the time the declaration is withdrawn. If the declaration is not withdrawn, the written declaration may be considered expired one year after submission.

Any woman who is pregnant but elects not to declare pregnancy may continue the program without modification.

Any woman declaring pregnancy will follow these procedures:

1. If the student decides to continue her clinical education, she will be expected to participate in all clinical assignments and/or duties, but may request any or all of the following exceptions in their clinical assignments due to their known large occupational dose production:
    a. fluoroscopy
    b. surgical radiography
    c. mobile radiography
2. The student and the IRRP must initial the dosimetry reports monthly to verify that they have checked the uniform quarterly dose rate and total accumulated exposure dose.
3. Make-up or banking hours will be structured to compensate for loss of clinical experiences during pregnancy. Students are encouraged to bank time in anticipation of missing clinical time during a pregnancy.
4. A student will be allowed to make up any clinical time missed due to pregnancy, or immediate post-partum care.
5. The student may choose to take a leave of absence during the pregnancy or they may continue with their clinical education.

X. Working while in the RAD Program

Some students continue to work while enrolled in the RAD Program, but this is dependent upon work schedule, flexibility, semester schedule, and credit hour load, as well as the student's learning style and other responsibilities. Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, and must be available for the required full-time clinical education experiences.

The RAD Faculty strongly recommend that a student does not work more than 15-20 hours per week while in the program. It is an expectation that a student will spend at least two hours of outside preparation and studying for every contact hour in the classroom and lab per week to pass a course.

Section THREE

Instructions & Information for the Clinical Observation

Observation or volunteer experience in a radiographic imaging (x-ray) setting is an essential requirement for application to the Radiographic Imaging Program. This is your opportunity to judge your interest in the field and learn more about radiography. Radiographers providing this experience will be requested to verify your participation in writing. The form for the observation is included in this packet. *If the observation hours are split between different locations, then copy the observation form so each observation location has a separate form to fill out.* **Sixteen hours of observation of technologists doing x-ray exams in a clinical setting are necessary to meet minimum application criteria.** It is your responsibility to arrange this experience.

1. The observation must be completed in a **hospital or large clinic setting so that you will observe a larger number of patients and more types of x-ray exams.** You are NOT to observe in areas other than the x-ray/radiography rooms in the radiology/medical imaging departments. **NO observations should be done in a radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) or sonography area!**
2. Call ahead to arrange an appointment for observation. Explain your interest in a career in the field. *Note: You may complete observation hours at any facility that is willing to host you so long as you are only observing x-ray/radiography exams.*
3. Expect that it may be one to two weeks before the observation time can be scheduled. Most facilities are quite busy and need to plan ahead for observation experiences. **Do not wait until the last minute to schedule observation hours.**
4. Some clinical settings may have a specific radiographer/technologist designated to coordinate observation experiences; if so, ask to speak to this person.
5. Notify the Radiology/Medical Imaging department if you will be late or absent. Be sure to speak directly with the facility personnel or leave a message with the office staff. Reschedule as soon as possible. Avoid canceling at the last minute.

6. Dress professionally. Even though you are not a part of the program at this time, you are still viewed as a representative of Rhodes State College. Please be neat and clean and wear what is considered "professional and/or business wear" by the general public. This includes neat hair and nails and no jewelry or piercings other than in your ears. Specifically, no jeans (of any color), no shirts with advertising or writing on it, no athletic/workout clothing, no sandals, no hats, and nothing sleeveless. It is common to wear dress pants or khakis, polo type shirts, blouses, sweaters, and clean shoes—athletic shoes are acceptable. All clothing should be modest and fit appropriately.
7. It is absolutely unacceptable to use your cell phone during observation. Plan to leave it in your car or turn it off.
8. Be interested. Research the field of radiography (x-ray) prior to observing. Do your homework but do not be afraid to ask questions to learn. Be sensitive. Some questions may not be appropriate to ask in front of the patient.
9. Be ready to ask questions. However, if the radiographer is involved in a procedure, you may be advised to hold questions until they are completed.
10. Conform to any direction from the facility personnel immediately without question in the clinical setting. You may be asked to leave an exam area if necessary. Wait as directed and ask questions at a later time. Remember that the patient/client is the clinician's first responsibility.
11. Understand that discussing a patient's medical history, present illness, diagnosis, prognosis or treatment with other students, friends, or family is a violation of confidentiality. Uphold the patient's right to privacy. You may be asked to sign a written confidentiality form; take this seriously. It is a legal matter.
12. When observing, be sure to keep interactions related to the scope of radiography/x-ray and the purpose of your visit. Remain professional at all times. If you become involved in a situation that is uncomfortable for you, seek assistance immediately.

Radiographic Imaging Observation Form

Top portion to be completed by Student Applicant

_____ _____

Student Applicant Name (print) Student ID (R#)

_____ _____

Phone Number Email

To be completed by R.T. Evaluator: Thank you for your time in introducing this applicant to the Radiographic Imaging profession. The student is required to observe R.T.(R)s for 16 hours. Upon completion of the student's time in your facility, please complete the form below to verify hours in the facility and professional characteristics.

Observation Dates: _____ /_____ /_____ to _____ /_____ /_____ TOTAL HOURS: _____
(Minimum of 16 total REQUIRED)

Characteristic	Poor	Fair	Good
Personal appearance	Sloppy, too casual, and/or too revealing **1**	One clothing item inappropriate **2**	Complies with dress code **3**
Attitude toward patients	Rude, careless, or disrespectful **1**	Indifferent or overly chatty **2**	Pleasant and appropriate **3**
Attitude toward staff	Rude or sullen **1**	Indifferent or overly friendly **2**	Cooperative and respectful **3**
Communication skills	Poor listener, no attempts to ask questions and/or talks about self only **1**	Unclear questions or random attempts **2**	Thoughtful questions that are on topic **3**
Motivation	Disinterested in patient care **1**	Occasional interest in imaging process **2**	Seeks out learning in appropriate ways **3**

Rate your overall endorsement of the applicant as a future colleague (Select one):

❑ Highly recommended ❑ Recommended ❑ Recommended with reservation ❑ Not recommended

Comments: _____

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Evaluating Radiographer Name (print) _____ Date_____ /_____ /_____

Name of Facility _____ Evaluator's Phone Number _____

Signature (with credentials)_____

Please fax with the facility cover letter or mail in a facility envelope directly to the program:

Radiographic Imaging Program FAX (419) 995-8093
Rhodes State College
4240 Campus Drive, TEL
Lima, Ohio 45804

For office use only	
Program Director signature /date	
Banner entry and date	

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