

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)



WHY ARE APPLICATIONS ONLY ACCEPTED ONCE A YEAR?

Applications are only accepted on a yearly basis because we want to give students the opportunity to complete all prerequisites **before** the application process in mid-January.

IS THERE A WAITING LIST TO GET INTO THE PROGRAM?

No, the Program does not have a waitlist. A Student not accepted into the Program after the application process is required to contact the Radiologic Technology Office to reactive their application the following year. Applications are **only valid for one year** after declination.

CAN I FINISH MY PREREQUISITES WHILE I AM IN THE PROGRAM?

No, we do not allow students to complete prerequisites while in the Program for two reasons:

1. Part of the application process includes taking into account a student's prerequisite GPA score, without completing all courses, we cannot include this score in the ranking process.
2. Taking additional courses with the pre-scribed Radiologic Technology courses can hinder a student's success in the required core courses. Students are enrolled in 12 – 14 credits of academic and clinical courses each semester, by allowing a student to take more classes they would be:
 - a. Disrupting their clinical rotations because the prerequisite courses many interfere with their clinical schedule, and
 - b. Disrupting their focus on academic courses by adding extra study time for classes they should have completed before the Program began.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM EACH YEAR?

The Program accepts up to 20 students each year. Classes begin in the summer, with an intense Clinical Orientation Course, RAD 100, that prepares the student for achieving clinical goals in the following fall semester.

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

It is a 22-month program spanning six continuous semesters beginning with the summer of the application period and ending in the spring.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO A PRESENTATION FOR THE PROGRAM?

Communication skills are very important. Radiologic Technologists must explain all procedures to patients in order to get informed consent to perform exams, to obtain medical histories, to calm and comfort anxious patients and to give vital information to Radiologists, Physicians, and other members of the healthcare team. The presentation process allows your communication skills to be assessed. No applicant will be admitted without completing a presentation that earns an acceptable score. The Radiologic Technology Office will schedule presentations once a student has confirmed their intent to continue with the application process. Students are encouraged to adhere to the assigned topic of the presentation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM NOT ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM? CAN I APPLY AGAIN NEXT YEAR?

If you are not accepted into the Program, you can reactivate/re-apply the following year. The student must contact the Radiologic Technology Office and request that their application be reactivated. Applications can only be reactivated the following application period; if more than one application period has elapsed between the initial application and re-application, a student will need to begin the application process all over again. This includes sitting for the ATI TEAS and participating in the presentation process.

WHY DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT A COPY OF MY FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD?

Our Background Check Policy states that *“Applicants to the College’s Radiologic Technology Program (the “Program”) must present a valid Fingerprint Clearance Card in order to be cleared for clinical placement along with a completed application. The primary clinical affiliate for the Program, Yuma Regional Medical Center, requires all students operating in a clinical setting to be cleared for patient contact using the same criteria as outlined in the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Standard of Ethics, Section B – Rules of Ethics, Subsection 2.”* Requiring students to present a valid Fingerprint Clearance Card before being accepted ensures students will be cleared for clinical placement before classes begin.

WHEN CAN I BEGIN COMPLETING THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS?

Students who are accepted into the Program will be required to attend a “Health Requirements” meeting where they will be instructed on the various requirements as well as deadlines to complete each requirement. It is not recommended that students attempt to complete their health requirements until after they have attended the meeting.

HOW DO I BECOME REGISTERED?

Graduating students will take the National Credentialing Board Examination. This is given by the national credentialing body called the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Passing this examination give you the status of “registered” and will allow you to work across the country. Many states though, may require you to take an additional examination called a “Licensing Examination”. **You must be licensed by the State of Arizona to practice in this state after graduation.** For more information visit:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/special/index.php#mrt>