Radiologic Technology Program

Frequently Asked Questions

*How long is the program?* The professional portion of the program is 21 months long. It begins in the fall of sophomore year and is typically completed at the end of junior year. However, students must complete a number of required courses during freshman year to be eligible for the professional portion of the program. Completion of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree requirements typically occurs by the end of the fourth (senior) year.

*What degree will I earn?* Upon completion of the third (junior) year, most students are eligible for an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Health Science. Although it is not mandatory for students to apply for this degree, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) requires a college degree for credentialing exam eligibility. Students who complete the RAD program didactic and clinical program requirements, and who satisfy the degree requirements for the A.S degree will be eligible to sit for the ARRT credentialing exam in Radiography at the completion of junior year. Most students return for the fourth year of study, during which they specialize in Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Ultrasound or a non-clinical plan of study and satisfy the remaining requirements for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Health Science.

*Can I complete the program as a part-time student?* Our radiologic technology program may only be completed on a full-time basis. In addition to a busy schedule of didactic coursework, our students spend up to three days per week (7:30 am – 4:00 pm) in a clinical setting.

*Where are classes held?* Most of our radiography courses are held in room 215 of Dana Hall on the University of Hartford campus. This classroom is also the site of our energized x-ray lab, used for simulation and experimentation. General education, science, and elective courses are held in various classrooms throughout the University of Hartford campus.

*Where do I do my clinical rotations?* We employ a diverse list of clinical affiliations, ranging from small outpatient imaging centers to large metropolitan hospitals and level I trauma centers. All of our affiliates are within 30-minutes driving distance from campus and students are reminded that they must provide their own transportation. Each semester our Director of Clinical Education assigns students to a different site, assuring that all engage in a wide breadth of clinical experience.

*How many clinical hours are required?* As a competency-based program, students are required to demonstrate their technical proficiency in a broad range of radiographic procedures prior to program completion. During each clinical semester, students are required to complete a minimum number of clinical hours, while demonstrating competence in a number of radiographic procedures appropriate to their level of experience. Students typically complete our program with well over 1,300 total clinical hours.

*How difficult is it to get accepted into the program?* There is growing interest in careers in the health professions. This has resulted in an increase in the number of applicants applying for a limited number of places in our program. Although the total number fluctuates from year to year, we maintain a cap of approximately 25 students on each incoming freshmen class. The number of applicants to the program considerably outnumbers the available placements. The successful applicant will have demonstrated a history of academic success in their high school (and post-secondary) education and will have achieved above-average scores on standardized admissions tests.