

Rad Tech Program Q & A – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am interested in attending the DCH Radiologic Technology Program. What do I need to do to get started?

A: We recommend that you start by reviewing the information on the DCH Radiologic Technology Program page on the DCH Website at www.dchsystem.com or check our Facebook page. The following may be found there:

- ❖ **Application Process** – tells you how to apply to the program and when the deadlines are
- ❖ **Applicant Score Sheet** – gives you the point system on which you may use to better your application
- ❖ **Course Catalog Handbook** – Includes policies, procedures, schedules, dress code information, etc.
- ❖ **Program Effectiveness** – Graduates pass rate, employment rates, etc.

Q: How many students are accepted each year?

A: The program accepts 20 students per year. Enrollment is based on combined clinical education center capacities and accreditation policies.

Q: Can I pay with my Pell grant or is financial aid available?

A: At this time, the program does not have the school code that is required for Pell grants and we do not have any financial aid available.

Q: Are students able to work while enrolled in the program?

A: The short answer is yes. The long answer is although the program requires full time attendance on a daily basis; we do have students who work during their enrollment, but not necessarily in Radiology. Clinical schedules are set at the beginning of each quarter which allows students to adjust their work schedules in advance. Students will be scheduled for one (1) week of evening clinicals for each quarter, which usually equals to three (3) evening shifts. Students will be scheduled for one weekend shift each quarter, but will have a day off before and after to ensure that each student does not attend clinic more than 40 hours per week. Student schedules will NOT be altered to meet employment needs.

Q: Are there part-time or evening options for program completion?

A: No. At this time, the program is only offered full-time with didactic classes scheduled during the day and clinical classes during the day with the exception of scheduled evening and weekend shifts.

Q: What is the typical student schedule while enrolled in the program?

A: Typically, a student will be in the classroom for two (2) days, the hospital for three (3); making a 5-day week. Due to varying clinical sites and times, it is best to say that an average day is considered an “8-hour day”. For instance, class may be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., but the hospital times may vary. Due to these assigned times; the program is considered a “full-time” professional training program.

Q: Does the program offer Advanced Placement?

A: No, not at this time.

Q: If I take the required courses, will I automatically be accepted? How are students selected for admission?

A: Please refer to the application process on our website or Facebook page. The School agent reviews your application and other documentation to determine eligibility for admission. If the application meets all of the requirements, a candidate is considered eligible. A program interview is conducted by the Advisory Committee and an applicant is chosen for acceptance based on their grade point score, interview, and pending the outcome of background checks, drug screening, immunization requirements and a physical exam.

Q: How will I know I have been accepted?

A: Pending the outcome of the items mentioned above, applicants can expect to be notified of acceptance by the end of July for a September start date.

Q: Are there physical or health requirements for the program?

A: Yes, there are physical, health and immunization requirements for being admitted into the radiologic technology program. Additionally, students must clear a background check and drug screen. Kim Wiggins, School Agent and/or DCH Employee Health Services will notify you of these requirements and how they may assist you in meeting them.