

# Radiologic Technology



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Radiographers are individuals who are educated about delivering ionizing radiation. Radiographers are responsible for producing and evaluating radiographs, applying radiation safety standards at all times, and administering contrast agents for better imaging. Radiographers also provide patient education and support and must possess a high level of “people skills.” Radiographers are employed by hospitals, clinics, mobile imaging units, urgent care centers, or diagnostic imaging centers.

The Radiologic Technology (RAD) program’s professional/general education curriculum uses courses in biology, mathematics, and sciences to prepare students to enter the workforce as entry-level radiographers. Graduates will earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiologic Technology and are eligible to apply for the National Certification Examination in Radiology through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

## Admission Requirements

### General Requirements and Procedures

- Prospective applicants to the RAD program, should begin by applying for general admission/acceptance status to the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College (Rio Grande), which can be done by completing an application or by logging onto [www.rio.edu](http://www.rio.edu) and completing the online admissions application. There is no admissions fee for applying online.
- Identify your “intended major field of study” as Allied Health – Associate Degree (2 years).
- It is the student’s responsibility to give an official copy of his/her high school and/or college transcript(s), and ACT scores to Rio Grande.
- Students must take the Placement Test once accepted to Rio Grande.
- Students must meet all Rio Grande admission requirements.
- Students must be admitted to Rio Grande by April 1 to be considered for RAD program admission.

### RAD Admission Requirements and Procedures

- Complete and submit the School of Allied Health-Radiologic Technology Program Application, available in the Admissions Office, the School of Allied Health, or online at <https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-RAD-Application.pdf> by April 1 of the year you are seeking fall admission. School of Allied Health’s RAD Application will be accepted from January 1 until April 1.
- Submit a **second set** of official copies of high school transcripts that include grades from 1st grading period of senior year and/or college transcripts, including transcripts from Rio Grande, and ACT scores to the RAD Program Director by April 1 of the year seeking fall admission. If you have attended college for a minimum of 12 credit hours, you are required to submit your college transcripts. Failure to submit your college transcripts will render your application ineligible.
- RAD applications are good for one year only. After students are selected for the next academic year, applications will be discarded. Students not accepted into the program must reapply each year.
- No application will be considered without complete documentation.

### Academic Requirements

- High school or college cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. High school and College Credit Plus seniors may apply without attending a year of college first. All applicants must have completed high school before admission into the program. All other College Credit Plus students are ineligible.
- Students with GEDs must successfully complete 24 credit hours as a full-time student or successfully complete 24 credit hours in consecutive semesters (excluding summers) of general courses required in the RAD program.
- The college cumulative GPA will be used in place of the high school cumulative GPA for all students who have attended college for a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- ACT composite score of 20 or higher.

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