The radiologic technologist plays a very important role on the medical team as technical assistant to the radiologist, a physician who has specialized training in the use of radiographs for diagnosis and treatment. A registered radiologic technologist is qualified upon graduation to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists® examination.

* The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) is dedicated to excellence in education and to quality and safety of patient care through the accreditation of educational programs in radiation and imaging sciences. The JRCERT is recognized by the United States Department of Education to accredit educational programs in radiography and radiation therapy. The JRCERT awards accreditation to programs demonstrating substantial compliance with these standards.

Accreditation:

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
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Chicago, IL 60606-3182
312-704-5300
www.jrcert.org

UPMC Northwest
The UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program is a continuous, two-year certificate course of study affiliated with the Medical Imaging Sciences Program at Clarion University and accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)*. Upon successful completion of the UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program, the student also will graduate from Clarion University with a bachelor’s degree in medical imaging sciences.

The Radiologic Technology Program is a 24-month program. The weekly schedule is 36 to 40 hours. All academic instruction takes place at UPMC Northwest’s Seneca Place, located in Seneca, Pa. Classroom instruction is held two days a week. Clinical instruction is three days a week at either UPMC Northwest, Seneca, Pa. or Grove City Medical Center, Grove City, Pa.

The curriculum comprises, but is not limited to:

- professional ethics
- anatomy and physiology
- cross-sectional anatomy
- patient care
- radiographic positioning
- radiographic exposure and protection
- medical terminology
- film critique
- pathology
- radiation physics
- biology

Students are selected on the basis of academic records, preentrance test, personal interview, and completion of required classes in the initial two years of Clarion University’s Medical Imaging Sciences Program. Financial aid is available through Clarion University’s financial aid office.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Age 18 or older by the start of the school year
- High school diploma or equivalent
- A sophomore or equivalent in the Medical Imaging Sciences Program at Clarion University and has completed or is currently enrolled in the prerequisite courses.
- A 2.5 GPA at the end of Clarion University’s curriculum is required.
- Completed application form and non-refundable fee by January 30.
- Completed Health Occupation Aptitude Examination

(Final admission is contingent on a health physical, drug screening, and security clearance.)

The mission of the UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program is to graduate competent entry-level radiologic technologists who will provide quality and compassionate health care.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Be clinically competent.
Students will produce quality radiographic images, provide quality patient care, and practice appropriate radiation protection.

Communicate effectively.
Students will demonstrate effective oral communication with all age groups, practice written communication skills, and practice effective communication skills with health care team members.

Use critical thinking and problem solving skills.
Students will adapt routine examinations to accommodate patient’s needs, analyze patient’s conditions, and evaluate radiographic images for quality positioning.

Value the importance of continued professionalism.
Students will demonstrate high ethical standards and know the importance of continued professional development.
**TUITION**

Tuition is currently set at $5,000 a year.

Fees include:

- Non-refundable application fee of $50.
- Textbooks for the two years estimated at $900.
- Uniforms/shoes for the two years estimated at $300.
- Attendance at a registry review in the second year of training (cost is contingent on which review course the student selects).
- Criminal History and Child Abuse Clearance; cost estimated at $60.

*Tuition and costs are subject to change.*

**Refund policy**

A refund of 50 percent of paid tuition for the current year will be made if the student withdraws during the first three months of the current year. No amount of the paid tuition will be refunded following the end of the third month from the date of entry into the program during the junior year or from the third month from the date the senior year commenced.

**TRANSFER CREDITS**

If a student with prior college credits wishes to apply for admission, a review of the academic records will be requested from Clarion University’s registrar office with the understanding that the prospective student will be applying for admission with Clarion University’s Medical Imaging Sciences Program. We currently do not accept transfer students from another radiology program.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Applicants to the UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program are selected in accordance with federal and states laws without regard to color, race, creed, age, sex, religious affiliation, or national origin. Disabilities that are not related to bona fide occupational qualifications will not be considered as deterrents to selection of persons.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

Students will receive a didactic grade and a clinical grade based on the following grading system:

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**A CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION IS OBTAINED AFTER A STUDENT HAS:**

1. Successfully completed all didactic classes with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.
2. Successfully completed clinical education with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.
3. Accomplished the program’s goals and objectives.
4. Completed all the mandatory and elective competencies on exams specified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists®.
5. Paid all fees owed for the program.
6. Completed all time required by the program, including all make-up time.
7. Attended a Review Course for the National Registry.
8. Student and staff will have completed the Terminal Competency Form.
9. A grade of 75% is achieved on the simulated registries given during the months of February through June.

CLASS SCHEDULE

The UPMC Northwest Radiologic Technology Program starts on the third Monday of July and consists of a two-week orientation and eight terms:

Term One:
First week of August until the last week of October

Term Two:
First week of November until the last week of January

Term Three:
First week of February until the last week of April

Term Four:
First week of May until the last week of June

Term Five:
Second week of July until the last week of September

Term Six:
First week of October until the last week of December

Term Seven:
First week of January until the last week of March

Term Eight:
First week of April until the third Friday in June

There are two weeks of vacation, which include Christmas and New Year’s Day. At the end of the first year, students are given a week off, which includes July 4. Second-year students receive the week that includes Memorial Day of their senior year. Other observed holidays are Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. In addition to the above breaks, students are given a bank of 50 hours that can be used as necessary.

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