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RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Thank you for inquiring about admission into the Radiologic Technology Program offered through Delgado Community College located on the City Park Campus.

The Radiologic Technology Program at Delgado Community College began in 1973. Since that time, the program has been recognized as one of the top programs in the country. Our graduates have consistently scored in the 90th percentile on the national certification and state licensing examinations. Upon completion of all program requirements, the student will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiologic Technology.

The mission of the Radiologic Technology (RADT) program is to provide students with academic and clinical instruction that will prepare them to function as competent, compassionate, entry-level radiographers who respond professionally and ethically to patients and members of the healthcare community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR A RADIOGRAPHER

The Radiographer has career opportunities in a variety of areas. Radiographers may be employed in hospitals, physician offices, clinics or other health facilities. In addition, they may choose to work for the government, laboratories or in radiographic equipment sales. With additional education/training and certification, radiographers can work in computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, mammography, bone densitometry, cardiac interventional radiography, vascular interventional radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy, sonography and as a registered radiologist assistant.

Applications to the Radiologic Technology program are available in November of each year. Applicants must contact the Allied Health Admissions Office for academic advising and assistance with the program's application process. Students can obtain a RADT application by contacting Syretta Atkins (sussin@dcc.edu), or in person from the Allied Health Admissions Office located on the City Park Campus, building 4, room 313, or downloading from the Radiologic Technology web page Admissions section. **Students applying for admissions to the RADT program must submit a completed application to the Allied Health Admissions Office no later than February 15th for the year in which the application is made. Individuals who complete their applications will be notified as to their acceptance or non-acceptance by June 15th.** If the academic requirements are met, the student will be considered for possible entrance into the Radiologic Technology Program. Courses completed by the end of the *FALL* semester prior to application deadline will be given consideration in the application process.

Delgado Community College is an open admissions college; however, acceptance into the **Radiologic Technology Program** is by selection only. Selection is based upon the applicant's educational and personal qualifications.

Delgado Community College assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or veteran's status in the admission to, participation in, or employment in the programs and activities of the college.

Once a student is accepted into the program, it is a **24 month commitment** of daytime clinical and didactic education. The program is academically based with practical experience offered at numerous clinical education settings. The number of students selected each year for admission to this program is dependent

upon the number of openings available at the program's affiliated clinical education settings. This number is limited therefore, competition for acceptance into this program is very strong.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

CURRICULUM:

The Delgado Community College program in radiography is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), and graduates are eligible to apply to take the Radiography certification exam administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

Academic instruction will be provided by the Delgado Community College faculty and guest lecturers. The students will have access to all the college facilities such as the library, computer lab, and counseling services. Students are also encouraged to participate in all student activities.

During their non-classroom hours, students will receive a complete range of supervised clinical experience in radiology departments of local clinical education settings. The student's proficiency and accuracy will be developed through individual instructions and work evaluations by selected departmental personnel.

COSTS:

Please refer to the current Delgado Community College Catalog and/or Student Handbook for tuition cost and fees.

Other costs include, but not limited to, textbooks, background check, drug test, TB test, vaccines & titers, physician's physical, CPR certification, uniforms, national certification examination fee, and state licensure fee. These other costs are approximately \$1000.00 over the duration of the program. Various financial assistance options are available to students. Information on scholarships, loans and grants may be obtained through the college's Office of Financial Aid.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Acceptance into this program is based on the applicant's personal and academic qualifications.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must possess the personality and physical ability to work in close contact with patients, hospital employees and physicians on a day-to-day basis. Good physical and mental health is necessary for students' general well being in order to meet physical performance standards and possess clarity of mind necessary for health care duties. **APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A PHYSICIAN'S PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.** Program applicants should be aware that visible tattoos and body piercings (other than earrings) are not permitted in many clinical education settings. Upon acceptance into a program and the commencement of clinical rotations, students may be required to cover visible tattoos and remove visible piercings.

All students accepted into the program are required to have the Hepatitis B vaccine. The program has a policy which addresses the pregnant student. Students should request a copy which is available in the Program Director's office. Students must be responsible for their own medical insurance coverage.

Applicants must be willing to work with sick and disabled persons, should be accurate, thorough, empathetic, congenial, cordial, versatile and ambitious. Applicants must also be dependable, responsible, reliable, and able to abide by policies, procedures and schedules. **APPLICANTS MUST BE ABLE TO MEET THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE PROFESSION.** (See Radiologic Technology website)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

To meet the academic qualification for the **Radiologic Technology Program** the applicant must:

1. Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) at minimum 2.0 in all college courses. Meeting the minimum academic GPA does not guarantee admission into the program.
3. Successful completion of prerequisite courses.
Prerequisite courses: BIOL 251, BIOL 253 and MATH 120
4. Be able to meet the program's technical standards.

TO APPLY TO THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, THE STUDENT MUST:

Complete the Radiologic Technology Program Application packet.

READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND INCLUDE ALL SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS.

In addition, if you are not a current Delgado student, the applicant must complete a Delgado Community College Application.

The Admissions Committee for the Radiologic Technology Program reviews and evaluates each complete application on an impartial basis. The most qualified applicants with the greatest potential for contributing to the profession are selected. Meeting the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS** does not guarantee admission into the program.

To find out if courses you have taken will transfer to Delgado speak with an Allied Health Advisor about having transcripts evaluated. For information, call 504-671-6203.

APPLICANTS WITH COLLEGE CREDITS OLDER THAN 10 YEARS SHOULD CONTACT THE ALLIED HEALTH ADMISSIONS OFFICE FOR ADVISING. Delgado has a policy, which addresses Academic Renewal. Academic Renewal is the act of declaring void all prior credits attempted and earned. If you are interested in information, regarding Academic Renewal and the procedure to initiate this process you must contact the Delgado Community College's Admissions Department.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection to the Radiologic Technology Program is based on evaluation of the following criteria for each student:

1. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) and pertinent GPA (GPA in the general education and required related courses which are part of the curriculum). The pertinent GPA is calculated on the basis of all courses taken, including those repeated. **A grade of "D" in any general education or required related course is not considered competitive.**
2. The number of times a student has applied to program with enhancement. The application can be enhanced with an increase of applicant's GPA in pertinent courses and radiologic technology observation experience, paid or voluntary, documented by the appropriate Radiologic Technology Observation Form. (See Radiologic Technology website)
3. Professional recommendations (Family members and friends may not be used as references)
4. ***TYPEWRITTEN NARRATIVE***
5. Transcripts from **each** college or university attended **other than Delgado.**

Please note that the mandatory clinical training is *conditional* predicated on a clean drug screen test result and a clear criminal background check. Information on drug testing and criminal background check and where these are to be done will be presented upon acceptance to program. These will be at the student's own expense.

Have you ever been convicted in court of a misdemeanor or felony (including conviction of a similar offense in a military court martial)? You are required to report: charges or convictions that were stayed, withheld/deferred, set aside, or suspended: any plea of guilty, Alford plea or plea of no contest (nolo contendere), court supervision, probation or pre-trial diversion. Do Not report juvenile convictions processed in juvenile court. Do Not report traffic citations unless they involved alcohol or drug use.

APPLICATIONS:

Read **all** information **thoroughly** to ensure completion of the application process. Application **must be completed before AND submitted or postmarked by the deadline date of February 15th. This application is considered completed only when ALL supplemental information requested has been received by the allied health admissions office. This includes typewritten narrative, reference forms, official transcripts, the completed and signed application and documentation of experience. BE SURE TO SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION.**

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

MATH 120 MATH SURVEY	3
BIOL 251 HUMAN A & P I	3
BIOL 253 HUMAN A & P LAB I	1

GENERAL BIOLOGY - BIOL 141/BIOL143 IS THE PREREQUISITE FOR ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY AT DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND REQUIRED RELATED COURSES:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
ENGL 101 (ENGLISH. COMP. I)	3
HUMANITIES ELECTIVE	3
BIOL 252 HUMAN A & P II	3
BIOL 254 HUMAN A & P LAB II	1
PSYC 127 GEN. PSYC	3

IN PROGRAM CURRICULUM

RADT 101 RAD. TECH I	5	RADT 241 ADV. RAD TECH.	3
RADT 102 RAD. TECH II	3	RADT 242 RAD. BIOL. & PROT.	3
RADT 111 RAD. POS.	3	RADT 251 ADV. RAD. PRACT. I	3
RADT 113 RAD. ANAT.	2	RADT 252 ADV. RAD. PRACT. II	3
RADT 151 RAD PRACT. I	2	RADT 253 ADV. RAD. PRACT. III	3
RADT 152 RAD PRACT. II	3	RADT 260 RAD. TECH. SEMINAR	1
RADT 153 RAD PRACT. III	3	HESC 212 PATH. & TERM.	3
RADT 211 ADV. RAD POS.	3		
RADT 212 SPEC. IMAGING	3		
RADT 221 IMAGE EQUIPMENT	3		

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS = 69

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Persons accepted into the Radiologic Technology Program will be required to:

1. Pass a physician's physical examination prior to entrance into the program.
2. Initiate the Hepatitis B Vaccine series prior to entrance into the program.
3. Be tested for tuberculosis prior to entrance into the program.
4. Provide current immunization record, inclusive of all booster shots.
5. Titers must be provided for MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis B.
6. Be certified in CPR (Healthcare provider) entire length of program.
7. Provide own transportation to clinical education sites.
8. Meet the Technical Standards of the Radiologic Technology profession. The program has a policy which addresses the pregnant student. Students can request a copy available in the Program Director's Office.
9. Be responsible for their own medical insurance.
10. Submit to and pass drug test and background check.