

# Application & Information Packet

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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH

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College of Health Sciences

Associate of Applied Science Degree in  
**RADIOGRAPHY**

Mail to: University of Arkansas - Fort Smith  
College of Health Sciences  
Advising Coordinator  
P O Box 3649  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913-3649

Or

Drop Off in Pendergraft Health Sciences Center,  
Office of the Dean



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# Application for Admission Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiography

1. Complete this application. (Type or print legibly)
2. If classes are in progress at another institution, please attach a schedule of those classes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Maiden

Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Number or P O Box

City

State

Zip

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\*Have you ever been charged and/or convicted of a misdemeanor  Yes  No **and/or** felony?  Yes  No

\*Do you have any pending cases?  Yes  No If yes, identify your next court date. \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a request for reentry, please supply the following information:

1. Date you left program, grade, and reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Work experience since leaving program: \_\_\_\_\_

List **all** Colleges, Universities, or Other Schools Attended (if more room needed, please continue on back):

Institution

Dates Attended

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Have you completed all of the prerequisite courses for the program?  Yes  No

If you answered no, please list any outstanding prerequisites and when you plan to complete them.

\* I understand that I shall not be considered for the program until I have been admitted to UAFS and submitted all required documentation. I understand that any notification of admission will be contingent upon a background check being accepted by all clinical agencies. Further, I understand acceptance is pending successful completion off all prerequisite courses. I understand and have read the Radiography Program Statement.

I, the below signed individual, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and ability, the information in this application is true and factual. I understand that false, misleading, or incomplete statements could lead to my subsequent dismissal or rejection as a radiography student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiography PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Radiography Program is a part of the College of Health Sciences (CHS) at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (UAFS). The Radiography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Commission on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Students desiring admission to the Radiography Program need to be aware of and understand the following information related to admission, progression, and graduation.

### ADMISSION

#### Admission Criteria

To be considered for admission into the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Complete university admission requirements to include submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- 2) Have a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all college course work (including transfer work and excluding developmental courses) and be in good academic standing
- 3) Complete required prerequisite courses for the Radiography Program with a minimum of "C" or higher in each course prior to fall entry
- 4) Take the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Health Occupations Aptitude Examination

\*For more information about testing, go to <https://academics.uafs.edu/academic-success/psychological-services-bureau-psb>.

**NOTE:** The application process for the Radiography Program requires a criminal background check. Many clinical facilities require a criminal background check and/or drug screen on CHS students and have the authority to deny clinical training in their facility, secondary to outcome of either screening. Students unable to practice in any clinical agency because of an adverse or negative background check will be unable to complete the program objectives, thereby revoking admission into a program or halting continued progression in the student's program of study. The application process for licensure requires state and federal criminal background checks. Students who have been convicted of a crime, including those that are sealed or expunged, must seek permission from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to write the certification exam to become a registered radiographer.

#### Application

Admission into the Radiography Program is competitive. Students who meet the minimum criteria identified above are eligible to submit an application for admission.

- 1) **Application Deadline** - May 15<sup>th</sup> for fall entry into the program
- 2) Eligible students must submit an application for admission to the Advising Coordinator for the College of Health Sciences prior to the application deadline

#### Selection

Selection is based on the following weighted system:

##### Phase One

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| • Quality Points earned for prescribed courses on the Radiography degree plan* | 40% |
| • Score earned on the PSB Exam   | 30% |
| • Cumulative GPA   | 30% |

\*If a student has received college credit through Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) for a course, the student will be given quality points equivalent to a grade of "A" for ranking purposes.

**NOTE:** In the event that applicants have identical ranking scores, priority will be given to the student with the highest cumulative GPA. The top 30 applicants after Phase One of the selection process will proceed to Phase Two.

## Phase Two

- Interview

**NOTE:** Following the completion of Phase Two, the top applicants will be offered positions for the available seats in the Radiography Program. **Meeting the minimum criteria for admission or taking courses on the Radiography degree plan does not guarantee admission into the program. Students not admitted must reapply to be considered for another semester. Students identified as alternates are not guaranteed a position in the next class.**

## Additional Documentation

Students admitted into the Radiography Program must submit the following additional documentation prior to fall entry:

- Health Care Provider Statement/Medical Release form
- Proof of immunizations
- CPR Certification: American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS)
- Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screen

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## PROGRESSION

Science courses taken more than five years prior to entering the program will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Executive Director of Imaging Sciences and the Dean of the College of Health Sciences. See your advisor for more information and to request a science course evaluation.

The Radiography Program is competency based. To continue in the program, a student must maintain a 75 percent average in clinical performance and 75 percent through each didactic course.

A student dropped for academic or any other reason may apply for readmission if in compliance with the UAFS Student Academic Progress Policy as outlined in the course catalog. A student who discontinues the radiography sequence for academic or any other reason must petition for readmission to the Radiography Program. The readmission requirements are found in the Radiography Program Policy and Procedure Manual (see the Readmission Criteria & Procedure Policy). The student is not guaranteed a position for readmission. A student who is readmitted is accountable for the degree requirements in effect at the time of readmission.

A grade of "C" or better is required in ALL courses applicable to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiography.

## GRADUATION

To earn a Radiography degree, a student must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required courses applicable to the Radiography Program; earn a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA in all course work required for the major; and earn a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative GPA on all work attempted at the University. The student must meet with the Advising Coordinator to complete the graduation application one year prior to intended graduation.

After being granted the Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiography, the student is eligible to sit for the national certification examination in Radiologic Technology administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

I have read and understand this program statement.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Information is subject to change. Please check for current information before applying to the program.

**Q. What is the difference between an x-ray technologist, a radiologic technologist, and a radiographer?**

A. None. The names have evolved over time but represent the same professional position.

**Q. When may I enter the Radiography Program?**

A. One class of 20 students is admitted each year in May; classes begin in the fall semester.

**Q. How long is the program?**

A. The Radiography Program is a two-year sequentially formatted program. Once admitted, students are expected to complete the entire program in two years.

**Q. If I take some courses ahead of time, can I complete the program in a shorter time?**

A. No. Even though you must take some general education courses prior to entering the program, it will still take you two years to complete the radiography program. The radiography courses are offered in sequence with each course building on previous courses and are not offered out of sequence.

**Q. May I attend the program on a part-time basis?**

A. No. It takes 2 years including summers of full-time attendance to complete the program. Accreditation standards require all students to complete the program in 36 months or less.

**Q. Are there any prerequisite courses to be taken prior to entering the program?**

A. Yes, some are general education courses required for an associate degree in Arkansas. A good foundation in all of these subjects is essential for success.

**Q. Will I be exposed to risks or hazards?**

A. Yes, you may be exposed to infectious patients and substances. Students are taught proper procedures in radiation protection and standard precautions (infection and disease control) in the program.

**Q. How is the job market?**

A. Presently there is a shortage of radiographers across the country and in Arkansas. Job availability is excellent and is projected to remain that way for many years.

**Q. Once I graduate from the Radiography Program and I am certified, where can I work?**

A. 

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Physicians' offices
- Traveling Technologists Centers
- Outpatient Surgery Centers
- Medical Clinics
- Mobile Radiography Services
- Industrial Radiography
- Sales and Service

**Q. How may I continue my education in radiography beyond my associate degree?**

A. Bachelor of Science in Leadership, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, or Radiation Therapy; Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration, Radiologic & Imaging Sciences, Education, or Management; Specialized certification: MRI, CT, Ultrasound, Heart Catheterization, Special Procedures, Mammography, Bone Densitometry, or Quality Management.

**Q. What are the costs of the program?**

A. Estimated cost for the 2018-2019 school year is \$23,230 for in-state residents (includes AR, OK, MO, TN, MS, LA, TX) and \$45,922 for out-of-state residents. Costs may change without notice, other fees may apply, and additional costs may be incurred throughout the program's entirety. See the Radiography web page for more details.

# Radiography Program

## Admission, Selection, and Progression Chart

