

## **Radiologic Technology Program**

### **Most Frequently Asked Questions**

**Award:** Associates Degree in Applied Science

#### **Is CHM 110 required for the program?**

Yes. CHM 110 must be successfully completed prior to the beginning of the summer semester in which the program starts. This means, if a student has not successfully completed CHM 110 by the end of the spring semester they will not be qualified for a seat in the program. If a seat had been offered pending successful completion of CHM 110, then the offer will be rescinded. This time frame applies regardless of program start date.

#### **How will students be assigned to a class?**

Although there are two separate program start dates, all thirty students will be chosen during the regular admission process which takes place each spring. Students will be selected based on academic merit and residency requirements. Each student offered a seat will have an opportunity to identify their preference for beginning the program. The program coordinator will then fill the seats based on academic ranking and preference.

#### **How long does the program take to complete?**

Once a student is accepted into the technology program it takes two years of full time study to complete; however, most students take one to two years of courses prior to being accepted into the technology in order to meet admission requirements and program pre-requisites and/or complete core and support courses. The program sequence with the summer semester start date will be completed in six sequential semesters (May start-May graduation two years later). The program sequence with the fall semester start date will also take six semesters to complete, however the student will have no required technology courses following the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (August start-December graduation two years four months later) (see course sequence sheet).

#### **How are RAD classes and clinical education sequenced?**

The Radiologic Technology Program has two start dates. A pre-determined number of students are selected to begin in the summer semester and again in the fall semester each year. In the first semester RAD 105, Intro to Patient Care and Radiography is taken. Beginning in the second semester first year students are in class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and in clinic on Tuesday and Thursday. During the second year students are in class on Tuesday and Thursday and in clinic on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Each curriculum includes a full time summer clinical semester (40 hrs/wk). Refer to your specific course sequence sheet to see when that will occur.

#### **Can courses be taken in the evening?**

Once a student is accepted into the technology program it is primarily a full time day program; however, there are several clinical rotations that require attendance into the evening. A student can complete pre-requisite requirements and courses that are not specific to the technology in the evening.

#### **Can I work full time while in the program?**

Working full time is almost impossible while in the program. In addition to the time required to be in attendance for classes and clinical, students need to have time for their studies. Part time jobs work well for students as long as their employer is flexible and willing to work around their school schedule.

**What is clinical education?**

During clinical education rotations students are in various radiology departments throughout New Castle County and Maryland working along side technologists performing x-ray procedures on patients. This is where the students take what they have learned in class and lab and apply it in real situations. During these rotations students are evaluated by staff technologists, preceptors, and instructors in order to get feedback about performance.

**If I have taken all of my support courses will there be enough credits each semester to remain a full time student?**

There will be semesters when total RAD course credits are less than 12/semester. This may impact a student's eligibility for financial aid and insurance. The college offers several 1 and 2 credit courses that can be taken in order to maintain full time status. If this is a concern, contact your advisor.