



Wharton County Junior College

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Radiologic Technology Program

Dear Applicant,

Please read the following information carefully. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure all required paperwork and information are received by the Radiologic Technology department before the deadline of May 31, 2006. Our office will not follow up on any information that is not in the applicant's file. Incomplete files will not be considered for admission.

Please refer to the WCJC catalog for any changes in the admission requirements for the program in which you are interested. The most current information will be in the catalog for the year you will be attending. All requirements must be fulfilled. There will be no exceptions.

Official transcripts and original WCJC application may be sent directly to the Registrar's Office. Please send all program information including copies of transcripts and WCJC application to:

Wharton County Junior College
Radiologic Technology Program
Attn: Kathy Jones
911 Boling Highway, J-230
Wharton, TX 77488

Sincerely,

Sharla Walker
Program Director
Radiologic Technology Program
Telephone: 979-532-6379



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ABOUT THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Statement of Mission

Consistent with the mission of Wharton County Junior College, the Radiologic Technology Program will graduate students with an Associate of Applied Science. The program will afford the opportunity for individual growth, application of knowledge, and articulation to a baccalaureate degree program in the pursuit of continuous knowledge. Upon graduation from the program, the student will have the clinical, problem-solving, and communication skills equal to that of an entry-level radiologic technologist able to meet the needs of our community.

In fulfilling our mission statement the program will:

Graduate students adequately prepared to become entry-level radiologic technologists.

Encourage professional development and life-long learning.

Promote the development of students' critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Graduate an adequate number of students to meet the needs of our community.



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TO: Inquirers of the Radiologic Technology Program

FROM: Sharla Walker, Program Director

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Admission

Consideration for acceptance into the Radiologic Technology Program is based upon the submission of the following items directly to the Radiologic Technology Program:

1. Copy of application to WCJC (application is in the back of WCJC catalog).
2. Application for admission to the Radiologic Technology Program.
3. A copy of your high school transcript.
4. A transcript from each college you have attended. Please have your transcripts evaluated and give the Radiologic Technology Program a copy of the evaluation.
5. Copy of ACT scores with a composite of at least 18 Enhanced taken within the last five years
6. Brief summary of work experience.
7. Must be at least 18 years old.
8. Completion of 16 hours of observation in a radiology department of a hospital or clinic, observing a licensed radiographer. The prospective student must complete 8 of the 16 hours starting at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Prospective students are expected to adhere to the hospital or clinic's rules and ethical conduct codes. An appointment must be made with the Director of the Radiology Department. Please wear slacks and a nice shirt or blouse. Jeans, T-shirts and open-toed shoes are not acceptable. If you are not dressed appropriately, the clinic personnel will send you home.
9. Observation Evaluation Form verifying observation hours (form included in this packet). This evaluation form will be completed by the technologist. The evaluation will be based on the prospective student's interest and involvement in the department.
10. Technical Standards Form signed.

11. Confidentiality Statement signed (to be taken to the observation facility).
12. ARRT Eligibility Notification Form.
13. Pass all three sections of the THEA test or satisfy the basic skills requirement in any way prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
14. Hepatitis B series must be completed prior to May 31 and documentation attached. This series takes 6 months to complete.

Due to the number of applicants and a limited number of spaces available, admission to the program is very competitive and meeting all of the criteria does not guarantee anyone admission to the program. Applicants should submit all necessary information on or before May 31, 2006.

All communication should be addressed to:

Wharton County Junior College
Radiologic Technology Program
Attention: Kathy Jones
911 Boling Highway
Wharton, TX, 77488.

For questions regarding program information you may call Sharla Walker at 979-532-6379 or Kathy Jones at 979-532-6391.

A general qualification for licensure and to be eligible for the Registry is that a candidate must be of good moral character. Generally, the conviction for either (1) a felony, or (2) any offense, misdemeanor or felony involving moral turpitude indicates a lack of good moral character for Registry purposes.

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Application Form for the Radiologic Technology Program

Personal Data:

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Address:

Number and Street or P.O. Box #

City

State

County

Zip

Phone:

Area Code/Number

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Education:

1. High School Attended: _____

Graduated GED Date of Graduation _____

2. College or University _____

Certificate Associate's Baccalaureate Master's Doctoral

3. Vocational Training _____

Include copy of certificate

4. I have taken the ACT Date and location taken: _____

Signature

Date

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CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

I understand that information about _____, its patients, employees, or suppliers will not be divulged to anyone other than persons who have the right to know. When in doubt as to whether certain information is or is not confidential, prudence dictates that no disclosure be provided without clearly establishing that such disclosure has been authorized by the department manager. This policy extends to both internal and external disclosure.

I also understand that unauthorized release of information may result in non-acceptance into the Radiologic Technology Program.

I have read and fully understand the confidentiality statement.

Applicant Signature

Date

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OBSERVATION HOURS

Dear Radiology Administrator:

_____ is a prospective radiologic technology student and should complete 16 observation hours at your institution. These hours should be completed in any time frame convenient for you and your personnel.

After completion of the assignment, please complete the attached form and forward it to Kathy Jones.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this profession.

Sincerely,

Sharla Walker, BSRT (R)(M)(QM)
Program Director
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Preference will be given to applicants who have college credit in the following courses:

Biology 2401 (Anatomy & Physiology I)**

Biology 2402 (Anatomy & Physiology II)**

Math 1314 (College Algebra)

English 1301 (English Composition)

Psychology 2301 (Introduction to Psychology)

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (Refer to college catalog for recommended courses)

** Courses must be taken within five years of admission to the Radiologic Technology Program.

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RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
OBSERVATION - EVALUATION FORM
(16 hours minimum)

DATE: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

INSTITUTION: _____

To the radiographer evaluating prospective student: Upon completion of this evaluation, the form can be given to the prospective student or mailed to: WCJC, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488, Attention: Radiologic Technology Department.

Briefly explain what the student observed:
(e.g., types of exams or procedures)

Please comment on your observations of this individual while in attendance at your institution:

Please list your recommendations concerning this individual as a prospective student.
(It would be most helpful if you would list reasons or qualifications with your responses.)

Thank you!

Evaluator (print or type)

Evaluator (signature)



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TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The following physical criteria are requisites for successful performance related to the radiologic technology profession. In addition to the academic requirements of our institution, all applicants should be able to:

1. Communicate effectively with patients and personnel.
2. Reach the x-ray tube utilized at 5'3" from the floor.
3. Assist a patient onto and from an x-ray table.
4. Lift and carry cassettes and other radiographic equipment.
5. Safely transport a patient on a stretcher or in a wheelchair.
6. Visually distinguish information displayed on a radiograph.
7. Carry out darkroom procedures in a small, confined, and dark area.

I HAVE READ THE LIST OF PUBLISHED TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND ATTEST THAT I AM ABLE TO CARRY OUT THESE TASKS:

Signature

Date

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ATTENTION APPLICANTS

Upon acceptance and completion of this program an applicant must be able to sit for and pass the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam in radiography in order to be employed in Texas and most other states. The ARRT requires the applicant to be of good moral character and has set forth the following policy regarding criminal convictions:

When determining eligibility for examination, the ARRT requires the applicant to be of good moral character. The ARRT establishes a guideline for this criterion in the Standards of Ethics. Any violation of the Standards, either past or present, must be reviewed in order to determine if the inappropriate activity is indicative of the character of the applicant and may be predictor of future behavior.

A conviction for a felony or a misdemeanor is considered to be a violation of Rule 3 of the Standards of Ethics. Any criminal proceeding where a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) is entered, or a finding of guilty is made or returned, but the adjudication of guilt is withheld or not entered, is considered to be a conviction for ARRT purposes.

An activity that may be a felony in one jurisdiction may be a misdemeanor in another jurisdiction and a traffic infraction in another. In order to provide all registrants a fair and equal review of a possible violation, all convictions are required to be reported.

Applicants should be informed of the ethics requirement at or before their enrollment in the educational program. Since a violation must be cleared before the applicant can be assigned to an examination, the ARRT encourages early review so that there is no delay at the time of graduation. In some institutions, students have completed a program only to be found permanently ineligible for examination because of the seriousness of the conviction(s). Applicants may not be eligible for examination if they are under a condition of the courts. These conditions include but are not limited to suspended sentence, stay of sentence, conditional discharge, non-reporting probation, and reporting probation and parole. Applicants may contact the ARRT to request a Pre-Application Review Form at any time.

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
1255 Northland Drive
St. Paul, MN 55120
Phone: (651) 687-0048
www.arrt.org

This is not a policy of Wharton County Junior College but a policy of the registering agency for the radiologic technology profession. An applicant could be accepted into the program and graduate only to find that he/she is ineligible for the ARRT exam and therefore cannot work.

If any portion of the ARRT policy applies to you, please contact the ARRT for appropriate forms and contact Sharla Walker, Program Director, for further instructions and information at (979) 532-6379.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Most clinical facilities require that criminal background checks be completed prior to allowing students to participate in clinical training at their facilities. Applicants conditionally accepted into the Radiologic Technology Program will be required to complete a criminal background check. Final acceptance into the program is contingent upon a satisfactory background check, which will be completed by an approved agency. An applicant with an unsatisfactory criminal background check will not be accepted into the program in the year for which they have applied, but will have the option of completing the following steps and re-applying for the following year:

1. Submit a "Pre-Application Review" with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and
2. Receive ARRT verification of eligibility for possible future ARRT certification.

Upon completion of the above steps, the applicant may make an appointment with the program director to discuss clinical options. The clinical site must be willing to accept the applicant for clinical rotations.

The cost of the criminal background check will be at the applicant's expense. The anticipated cost for the criminal background check is \$ 48.50.

ARRT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION FORM

I have read and understood the ARRT policy regarding criminal convictions and take full responsibility for obtaining the appropriate forms and determining my eligibility to sit for the ARRT exam.

Applicant's Name _____

Social Security # _____

Date of Birth _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date Signed _____

Radiologic Technology Program Checklist

It is the prospective student's responsibility to make sure we have all the relevant documents. If we do not have these items on or before May 31,2006, the applicant will not be considered for the program.

WCJC application.

Application of admission to Radiologic Technology Program.

Copy of your high school transcript.

A transcript from each college attended. Please have your transcripts (from other colleges) evaluated and give the radiologic technology program a copy of the evaluation.

Copy of ACT scores with a composite of at least 18 Enhanced. Taken within the last five years.

Brief summary of work experience.

Must be at least 18 years of age.

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Observation Evaluation Form verifying observation hours.

Technical Standards Form signed.

Confidentiality Statement signed.

ARRT eligibility Notification Form.

Pass all three sections of the THEA or satisfy the basic skills requirement in any way prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Hepatitis B series complete by May 31, 2006.

All above information turned in by May 31, 2006.

It would be helpful if all information is in the order as listed on this checklist.