



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, 2010**. 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 may be sent directly to the registrar's office. Please send all program information including copies of transcripts to:

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

All applicants are notified by letter of their status on or before June 20th. Students selected for the August class will receive a Letter of Agreement with instructions to complete the entrance process.

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 Radiography 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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Information Pertaining to Admission

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 - b. Radiologic Technology Program (Copy)
4. Transcript Evaluation Form if you have attended other institutions other than WCJC. The transcript(s) should be evaluated by a transcript analyst in the Registrar's office and a copy of the evaluation turned into the radiology program with your completed application. See Registrar's information page within this application.
5. Copy of ACT scores with a composite of at least 18 Enhanced taken within the last five years. Preference is given to those who score 20 or higher.
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10. Prepare a one-page typed summary of what you learned during your observation at the hospital during the 16 hour observation period.
11. Technical Standards Form signed.
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14. 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.
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Applicants must have begun the vaccine series by **February 1st** in order to meet this requirement. The entire series must be complete by the first day of class.

16. Attend one information session prior to May 31, 2010. These sessions will be by appointment only. Please call 979-532-6379 and speak to the Program Director, Sharla Walker.

1. January 25, 2010
2. March 29, 2010
3. April 26, 2010
4. May 24, 2010

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Application Form for 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: _____

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: _____

5. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? (Y) (N)

This includes: plea of guilty, plea of nolo contendere, withheld or deferred adjudication, suspended or stay of sentence, and military court-martial. If you check yes, please contact Program Director for further instructions regarding the application process.

Signature

Date

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CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

I understand that information about _____, its patients, employees, or supplier 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

- **Take this form to the clinical site during observation and then return with you application materials.**

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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 to you and your personnel.

After completion of the assignment, please complete the attached form and forward it to Diana Gutierrez.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this profession.

Sincerely,

Sharla Walker, MSRT (R)(M)(QM)
Program Director
Wharton County Junior College
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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.

*** It is not necessary to complete all of the above courses to gain entrance into the program, but the more courses you have completed the more entrance points you will gain towards admission. Please see **Admissions Data Form** on the criteria for applicants selected into the program.

Registrar's Information:

Students applying to Allied Health Programs with selective admission criteria are required to submit data such as test scores and transcripts by deadlines set by the individual programs. These deadlines are published at the program web sites and contained in the application.

IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO REQUEST AND SECURE FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE INFORMATION SUCH AS TEST SCORES AND TRANSCRIPTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE STATED DEADLINE. IT IS PREFERRED THAT APPLICANTS SECURE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AT ONE TIME AND IN PERSON.

The Registrar's office will not fax or send via interoffice mail test scores or transcripts to the individual Allied Health Programs.



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RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OBSERVATION –EVALUATION FORM

A minimum of 16 hours of observation is required to be completed at one of our affiliates as listed on the next page of this document. The hours must fall between 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday. The times can be broken down into smaller increments, but at least 8 hours need to be consecutive. The morning hours are most advantageous in order to observe fluoroscopic procedures.

Date: _____ Day One Start Time _____ End Time _____

Date: _____ Day Two Start Time _____ End Time _____

Prospective Student's Name: _____

Institution: _____

Upon completion of this evaluation, the form may be given to the student in a sealed envelope, faxed to 979-532-6489, or mailed directly to: WCJC, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488, Attention: Radiologic Technology Program.

	Yes	NO
Do you feel the applicant observed enough procedures to make an accurate decision?		
Did the applicant utilize their time effectively?		
Was the applicant professionally attired?		
Did the applicant ask pertinent questions?		
Did the applicant arrive on time?		
Do you feel this applicant would be successful in our program?		

How strongly would you recommend this applicant for acceptance into the radiology program? Highly _____ Somewhat _____ Not recommend _____

Comments: _____

Thank you!

Evaluator (print or type)

Evaluator (signature)

Please complete your observational hours at one of the following locations. If this is not feasible please contact, Sharla Walker, Program Director at 979-532-6379.

Observation Facilities	Location	Phone Number	Contact Name
Gulf Coast Medical Center	Wharton, TX	979-532-2500 ext. 1333	Michael Harbough
Brazosport Memorial Hospital	Lake Jackson, TX	979-299-2844	Jessica Garcia
Matagorda General Hospital	Bay City, TX	979-241-6806	Kari Lark
Oak Bend Medical Center	Richmond, TX	281-341-4861	Kevin Nichols
Methodist Sugar Land	Sugar Land, TX	281-274-7171	Donna Allen
South Texas Medical Center	Wharton, TX	979-532-1700 Ext. 227	Amy Schoppe
De Tar Hospital Main Campus	Victoria, TX	361-788-6150	Claudia Garcia

**** After completion of observational time, please write a one-page typed summary of your observational experience. Include what procedures you observed and what you liked and disliked about this experience.**

**** Students will be granted between (0- 5 points) for the observational form and (0-5 points) for the written essay portion.**



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Required Technical Standards

What is required of an individual to perform all the radiologic technology skills?

A radiologic technology student must possess motor and visual skills that would enable him/her to meet the program objectives and perform job duties required in the profession.

Specifically, the student:

- a. Must have **sufficient hearing ability** in order to respond appropriately to patients, physicians and co-workers (with or without accommodations).
- b. Must be able to **effectively communicate verbally and in writing** in order to respond to patients, physicians and co-workers (with or without accommodations).
- c. Must be **physically able** to assist patients to and from wheelchairs or stretchers, assist patients on and off stretchers to tables, lift and handle radiographic equipment and tools, manipulate equipment, assist patients in an emergency situation, and stand unassisted for long periods of time.
- d. Must have **sufficient visual acuity** to view radiographs, determine quality of radiographs and identify anatomy, observe the patient's condition, and perform in semi-dark conditions.
- e. Must have **sufficient manual dexterity** to handle small objects such as syringes and needles (with or without accommodations).
- f. Must be able to complete tasks/examinations within required time limits both in the laboratory and in the clinical setting.
- g. Must demonstrate **emotional health** required for utilization of intellectual abilities and exercise good judgment.

By signing below, I verify that I have read the list of Required Technical Standards and attest that I am able to carry out these tasks.

Signature

Date

For further information contact:
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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 of 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. **This process must be completed prior to full acceptance into the Radiologic Technology Program if you checked "Yes" on the program application on question # 5. Please see Criminal Background section for more information.**

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.

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.

Applicants Name _____

Social Security # _____

Date of Birth _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date Signed _____

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 approximately \$ 50.

DRUG SCREENING

Applicants conditionally accepted into WCJC Radiologic Technology program will also be required to complete a drug screen with negative results. Only drug screens conducted through a college approved agency will be accepted. The estimated cost of the drug screen is \$40.00. For more information regarding the drug screening contact the program director of the Radiologic Technology program.

TRAVEL

Students will be required to travel to clinical sites during the duration of the program. Our clinical sites are the same as listed on the observation page of this application. The student will be placed at a clinical site by the address on their application, if this is not the address the student will be using during the program, please contact the director after the acceptance letter has been received. The student may be required to travel to different clinical sites to gain knowledge in areas not available at their home clinical site. The program reserves the right to send the student to any of the sites as the director deems appropriate.

Score from Page 1 _____

ACT Data

Date Taken: _____

Admission Points Awarded: _____

- 18 - 19.....1 Point
- 20 - 22 2 Points
- 23 - 25 3 Points
- 26 - 28 4 Points
- 29 - 31 5 Points
- 32 & above... 6 Points

Score: _____ (Composite)

English: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Nat. Sci.: _____

If cumulative GPA \geq 3.0 and ACT composite \geq 20 add 10 admission points: _____

Course Completion Data

- 1 course.....0 Points
- 2 courses.....1 Points
- 3 courses.....2 Points
- 4 courses.....3 Points
- 5 courses..... 4 Points
- 6 courses..... 5 Points

Admission Points Awarded: _____

Other Data

- Related Work Experience, min. 6 mo.
(2 Points if applicable)
- Observation Evaluation (0 - 5 points)
- Observation Essay (0-5 points)

Admission Points Awarded: _____

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Total Admission Points: _____

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