

Pierpont Community & Technical College / West Virginia University Hospitals

Associates Degree Program for Students in Radiography

West Virginia University Hospitals (WVUH) has an agreement with Pierpont Community & Technical College located in Fairmont WV that allows students to complete an Associates of Applied Science degree upon the completion of the Radiography program at WVUH.

To be eligible to sit for the certification exam in Radiography administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, all students must document the completion of an Associate's degree or higher from an accredited college or university. The degree requirement is not specific and can be in any field or discipline. West Virginia University Hospital's Radiography program is a certificate program and does not "directly" award an Associate's degree; therefore, the affiliation with Pierpont was established so that non-degree students can obtain an Associate's degree upon completing our program. The following outlines the specifics relative to this program:

- ❑ Enrollment in this program is mandatory for students who **do not** possess an Associate's degree or higher upon enrollment to our program. If you already have an Associate's degree (or higher) in any field or discipline, you do not have to participate through Pierpont.
- ❑ To obtain the Associate's degree, enrollment at Pierpont is required for all 4 semesters of our program. Student must make the decision of whether or not to participate in this option upon enrollment into our program.
- ❑ Applicants wishing to participate in the Associates degree program must apply to Pierpont by completing the Rad Tech application at <https://www.pierpont.edu/ac/programs/technical-studies-0> and paying the \$20 application fee.
- ❑ Enrollment in WVUH's Radiography program is highly competitive and no preference is given to candidates based on their application method. Students already having an Associate's degree (or higher) may apply directly to our program using the application on our web-site at <https://wvumedicine.org/radtech/radiography>. Students without an Associate's degree (or higher) must apply through Pierpont. However, you must first gain admission to our program at WVUH to be eligible to participate in the Associates degree option through Pierpont.
- ❑ Students participating in the Associates degree option will be assessed tuition and fees based on Pierpont's current fee structure and will pay their tuition directly to Pierpont. Pierpont will pay a portion of the payment to WVUH to cover the student's tuition and fees at WVUH. Participants must also process their student aid through Pierpont while meeting the requirements and deadlines established by Pierpont's financial aid office. <https://www.pierpont.edu/financial-aid>
- ❑ In addition to the RAD1 Radiography courses taught by WVUH faculty (See attached course model), students also must complete 15 general education credits in the specific courses listed at the bottom of the course model. The general education courses are not provided by WVUH and must be completed through Pierpont (or accepted as transfer credit) prior to or while enrolled in our program.

- ❑ All of the RADI Radiography courses and the clinical components (see attached course model) are held on West Virginia University Hospital’s campus in Morgantown, WV. Generally, students do not have to physically attend courses on Pierpont’s main campus unless they need to schedule a general education course that is only held at the Fairmont location. In addition, most of the required general education courses are held at the Monongalia Tech Education Center (MTEC) which is Pierpont’s off-site location in Morgantown.
- ❑ PROMISE scholarship students participating in the Associates degree option may use the PROMISE scholarship to pay for their tuition and fees at Pierpont. However, students must be aware of the 2 year eligibility stipulation. According to the WV State regulations.....*“A student seeking an associate degree is eligible to receive a PROMISE Scholarship for no more than four total semesters of a two-year degree program”*. Since this program is a two-year Associates degree, your PROMISE eligibility may be limited to one year or less if you have already used one year or more of your PROMISE eligibility prior to entering our program.
- ❑ Questions may be directed to the following program officials:

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