

**IMAGING SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS****Nuclear Medicine****Nuclear Medicine Education Program  
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. When does the program start?
  - July 1 of each year (orientation is typically during the last week of June)
2. How long does the program last?
  - The program length is 12 months. Graduation is in early-mid June.
3. What type of degree is conferred?
  - This is a certificate-granting program.
  - The certificate is not associated with any University or Community and Technical College.
  - You may use the hours completed in the Nuclear Medicine program towards your Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) degree at any participating College/University.
4. Is the Nuclear Medicine program affiliated with West Virginia University?
  - No. The Nuclear Medicine program is not affiliated with WVU.
  - It is sponsored by J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, which is part of the WVUMedicine system.
5. What is the cost of the program?
  - Tuition is \$1,500.00 per semester (paid in July and January) for a grand total of \$3,000.00 for the entire program (1 year)
  - Total cost for all required textbooks is typically around \$500-\$600 (cheaper if you can find them used)
  - Required uniforms (cost will vary depending on number of scrub sets ordered, where they are purchased, and brand)
  - Admission fee \$50, paid upon acceptance into the program
  - Trajecsys online recordkeeping system costs \$100 for the entire year, must be paid before July 1
  - Graduation fee \$25, paid in conjunction with semester II tuition in January
6. Can I apply for financial aid?
  - No. Our program accreditor (JRCNMT) does not maintain Title IV (Federal Student Aid) eligibility.
7. Are there any loan options available for which I can apply?
  - There is a Career Training Smart Option Student Loan available through Sallie Mae
  - For more information, please visit [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)
8. Is housing available?
  - The Nuclear Medicine program does not provide housing for students.
  - Most students seek an apartment near the hospital, which will best fit within their budget.
  - There are some housing options offered to our students by West Virginia University. Please ask for more information if interested.
9. Where are clinical rotations completed?
  - All clinical rotations are completed on-site at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV (except for a 1 week radiopharmacy rotation)
  - The radiopharmacy rotation is completed at PharmaLogic, Inc. in Bridgeport, WV, approximately 45 minutes south of Morgantown. This is a 1-week midnight shift rotation in the spring semester.

10. What are the hours of the program?
  - Hours vary depending on rotation but all are within the hours of 6:30am-3:30pm (except radiopharmacy rotation)
  - Radiopharmacy rotation hours are 1:30am-10:00am (midnight shift)
  - All clinical rotations and didactic courses are Monday-Friday.
  - No weekends, evenings, holidays, or on-call.
  
11. Is there any built in vacation/personal time off?
  - Students get 2 weeks off for winter break (end December-beginning January)
  - Students get 1 week off for spring break (around Easter)
  - Students get 6 PTO days (8 hours each=total 48 hours) that can be used for illness/appointments/personal reasons
  
12. How many students are admitted into the program?
  - 4 students are selected and admitted each year
  
13. How are didactic/clinical hours split?
  - There are designated didactic hours Monday-Friday which vary by day; approximately 8-10 didactic hours a week per semester
  - Clinical hours fill the remaining 30-32 hours a week
  
14. What certification will I have once I graduate?
  - A successful graduate is eligible to sit for two national board examinations, ARRT (RT(N) credential, Nuclear Medicine) and NMTCB (CNMT credential, Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist)
  - Cost of board examinations:
    - ARRT RT(N) = \$200 application fee paid to the ARRT (March)
    - NMTCB (CNMT) = \$175 application fee paid to the NMTCB (March)
  
15. Whom should I contact if I have further questions?
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