

Admission Policy

West Virginia University Hospitals and those responsible for the administration and management of the Imaging Science Education Programs consider each applicant for admission without regards to age, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, handicap, or veteran status. Although accredited to enroll 4 students per academic year, program officials reserve the right to limit enrollment based upon the quality of the applicant pool and current employment market conditions. Due to the academic structure and length of the program, the Nuclear Medicine Technology Education Program does not accommodate part-time students, transfer students, advanced placement students, or early release from the program. Admission to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Education Program sponsored by West Virginia University Hospitals is governed in accordance with the following minimum admission requirements.

Requirements for Admission Consideration

All of the following criteria are required for admission consideration and all documentation must be received on or before February 1st of the year in which the candidate is applying for admission.

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. Three letters of personal reference
3. Transcript(s) from all post-secondary education (college, radiography, technical school, etc.)
4. Copy of Associate's degree or higher. Applicant must possess a minimum of an Associate's degree to be national registry examination eligible. This degree must be awarded prior to the completion of the Nuclear Medicine program.
5. Applicant must be a graduate (or pending graduate) from a JRCERT accredited program in Radiologic Technology. A copy of the certificate/degree and/or proof of ARRT credentials must be provided to the program director as soon as it is available to the applicant, prior to the start of the nuclear medicine program.
6. Satisfactory completion of the following college level courses*:
 - a. Chemistry with laboratory
 - b. Mathematics
 - c. Physics (radiography physics qualifies)
 - d. Human Anatomy and Physiology (2 courses, with laboratory)
 - e. Written Communications

*The above post-secondary (college level) courses are a prerequisite for admittance but may still be in progress during the application process. These courses must be completed prior to the start of the academic year in which the applicant has applied. The program reserves the right to rescind any offer made to an applicant if the applicant fails to successfully complete any of the above courses prior to the program start date. Documentation of successful course completion must be presented to the program director prior to the program start date.

7. Official American College Test (ACT) *or* Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) exam scores (this requirement may be waived for applicants possessing an Associate's degree or higher, however applicant will receive additional admission points if submitted):
 - a. Minimum recommended composite score: **ACT – 19, SAT - 900**
 - b. ACT school code – **4549** SAT school code – **3863**
9. Proof of American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification in Radiography if applicable. Students who are currently enrolled in a JRCERT accredited Radiography Program and have not yet taken the ARRT exam may apply in accordance with the Non-Registered Student Admissions Policy. Students who do not pass must withdraw from the Program and can only regain admission by entering the applicant pool in subsequent enrollment years, provided they have retaken and passed the ARRT exam. A copy of this certification must be given to the program director as soon as it is available to the applicant.

Application Evaluation:

- I. Applicant(s) meeting the aforementioned admission requirements will obtain a score in a preliminary screening process. Program officials utilize an established, objective screening mechanism to assign academic points to a

candidate based on their current level of academic achievement. This score is obtained by combining the point value assigned to each of the items below (see Weighted Values for Applicant Selection form).

- A. ACT/SAT Score:
 - i. Minimum recommended composite score for admission consideration (ACT 19; SAT 900 (V+M)). (not required, but if submitted will be included in evaluation process)
- B. Radiography / College / University grades to include:
 - i. Physics (radiography and/or college) (cumulative)
 - ii. Chemistry with laboratory (cumulative)
 - iii. Human Anatomy & Physiology with laboratory (cumulative)
 - iv. Written Communications (cumulative)
 - v. College Mathematics (cumulative)
 - vi. Applied Radiographic Procedures, clinical (cumulative)
 - vii. Radiographic Positioning & Procedures (cumulative)
 - viii. Applicable Healthcare (cumulative)
 - ix. Highest degree obtained and GPA
- F. Healthcare Experience other than Radiography school

Military Service / VA Benefit Eligible: For applicants that will potentially be using VA educational benefits if accepted, WVUH will accept, review and maintain a written record of previous education and training for each candidate. Such materials will be reviewed to determine if credit towards admission or program completion is possible.

2. Those applicants meeting all admissions criteria will be granted a personal interview. The program reserves the right to limit interviews to the top ten candidates (based upon academic points awarded according to the weighted values for applicant admission points policy) meeting the minimum requirements. At least three members from the Nuclear Medicine Education Admissions Committee (Program Director, Staff Technologist(s), Nuclear Medicine Manager, and/or member of the Education Advisory Committee) will conduct the interview(s). All candidates will be scored based on an academic and interview point system. The points will be totaled and entered on the candidate's Weighted Values for Student Selection Form. The interview portion of the evaluation process will be based on the candidate's: appearance, demeanor, emotional stability, personality, communication skills, learning ability, knowledge about nuclear medicine technology, drive to succeed, and demonstrating initiative to improve chances for program admission. A virtual interview may be conducted if certain criteria are met and will be approved on a case by case basis per the program admission committee decision.

Selection Process:

Each candidate will be ranked according to the number of points accumulated from the academic and interview sections.

- A. Four candidates with the highest point total will receive the status of 'Accepted' and be offered a position in the program.
 - i. Although accredited to enroll 4 students per academic year, program officials reserve the right to limit enrollment based upon the quality of the applicant pool and current employment market conditions.
 - ii. The Program reserves the right to re-evaluate and potentially rescind an offer of admission should adverse conditions involving the student's academic, clinical, and/or professional performance develop between the time of notification and the start of the program.
 - iii. Should there be a tie between two candidates, the average interview score for each candidate will be used as a tie-breaker. The candidate with the highest interview score will receive the higher ranking.
- B. Those candidates chosen for admission will receive the following:
 - i. Acceptance Letter
 - ii. Copy of the updated Student Handbook
 - iii. Statement of Intent to Enroll (to be signed and returned)
 - iv. Non-registered student admission policy and agreement (to be signed and returned)

- v. Invoice for Admission Fee
- vi. Essential Performance Standards form
- C. Additionally, two candidates will receive the status of 'wait-list' according to their point totals.
 - i. The 'wait-list' candidate(s) with the highest point total will be offered a position should a vacancy occur on the original roster of accepted candidates.
 - ii. The 'wait-list' candidates will receive written notification of their status.
- D. All candidates receiving the status of 'denied' will receive written notification of their status.



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