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Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

- 1. When does the Radiography program start?**

The Program begins on or near August 1 of each year; however, several mandatory orientation and training sessions will be held in July prior to the program start date. Applications are accepted until March 1st of each year. Applications that are not received or are not complete (this includes receipt of all required transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, etc.) by the March 1st deadline **will not be considered** for the enrollment year.
- 2. How many students apply and how many are accepted into the program each year?**

The number of applications submitted varies but generally ranges between 80 to 150 each enrollment year. Each year, the top 60 academic candidates are granted an interview and 24 of those are offered positions. Four (4) additional students are waitlisted in the event that any of the selected 24 students decline the position.
- 3. When are students notified of their application status?**

Candidates are notified in mid-March if they are granted an interview. Interviews are scheduled in late March / early April and candidates are notified of their admission status after the completion of all scheduled interviews.

4. If I'm not accepted this year, do I have to reapply next year?

Yes, you must resubmit a new application if you wish to reapply for the next year. Application files are kept for one (1) year, so if you reapply **within 1 year**, you **will not** need to resubmit your ACT/SAT scores or your academic transcripts unless you have completed additional course work or retaken the ACT/SAT exam(s) during that time frame. If an applicant does not apply in consecutive years, their complete file will be discarded.

5. If not selected this year, what can I do to improve my chances of admission if I re-apply next year?

Enrollment into the Radiography program is very competitive and obviously, everyone cannot be selected. The following are recommendations that may improve your chances of admission:

- a. Complete college level course work in the following science related areas:
Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics.
- b. Complete college level course work in the following mathematics related areas: College Algebra, Geometry, Computer Science, or any higher-level mathematics course.
- c. Retake and improve your composite score on the ACT or SAT exam
- d. Obtain experience in patient care if the opportunity presents itself, such as volunteer work.
- e. Thoroughly research the profession of Radiologic Technology. Know as much as you can about the imaging sciences and the specifics related to your chosen career. The ASRT website is a good resource (www.asrt.org).

6. What are the degree requirements and what options are available.

Graduates of the WVUH Radiography program must have an Associate's degree or higher to be eligible to sit for the certification exam in Radiography. The Radiography program at WVUH is a certificate program and does not directly award an Associate's degree. Therefore, candidates accepted for admission must either:

- (1) Document prior completion of an Associate's degree or higher from an accredited college or university upon admission. The degree requirement is non-specific and can be in any field or discipline. If a candidate has already completed a college degree in any field, they have met the requirement and merely need to gain admission and complete the WVUH Radiography program.

OR

- (2) Participate in the Associate's degree option through Pierpont Community & Technical College and complete the Associate's degree upon graduation from our program. Participation is mandatory for all candidates who have not completed a degree upon admission.

Associates Degree option -The Radiography program at WVUH has an agreement with Pierpont Community & Technical College that allows students to complete an Associates of Applied Science degree. Students who choose this option are required to pay Pierpont tuition and take 15 credit hours at Pierpont in addition to their curriculum at WVUH. Students who choose this option must gain admission to WVUH's Radiography program prior to participating in this program. If eligible, students may utilize the Promise scholarship of Invests Grant to cover the costs of this option. Additional information can be obtained by contacting program officials or through Pierpont's web-site at www.pierpont.edu

7. What are the costs associated with attending the program?

Tuition – The radiography program tuition is \$1500.00 per semester (\$3000.00 per year or \$6000.00 for the full 22-month program). Students are assessed a \$50.00 **nonrefundable** admission fee upon acceptance into the program. Note: Students participating in the Associate's degree option will pay tuition directly to Pierpont and will be assessed tuition at the current rate established by the college.

Books & Supplies – The cost of textbooks is estimated at approximately \$880.00 for the two years. This is an estimated value and may be subject to change depending on instructor preference and market prices.

Uniforms – Upon acceptance to the program, students are provided with information on purchasing their uniforms. Students should expect to spend approximately \$300 on uniforms for the two years.

Graduation fees – Students are assessed a \$25.00 graduation fee payable two weeks prior to graduation.

Conference Attendance & Research Project – 2nd year students are required to attend an educational conference during their 3rd semester and complete a research project. Expenses include membership fees, registration fees, travel and any cost associated with the production of the research project. Student should expect to spend approximately \$400.00 to cover these costs; however, students may subsidize this expense by conducting various fund-raising activities (optional).

A.R.R.T Exam Fees – During their final semester, student must make application to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to take the certifying exam in Radiography upon completion of the program. The current fee assessed by the A.R.R.T is \$225.

8. Is student housing available?

WVUH **does not** own or operate a student housing facility; therefore, it is the student's responsibility to obtain and finance housing if they choose to live in the Morgantown area.

9. What types of financial aid are available?

Students enrolled in the Radiography, Radiation Therapy, and MRI programs are eligible for Federal financial aid to include Pell Grants and Direct loans. Prospective students should include WVUH on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by listing our school's code (012573) when completing Step Six of the FAFSA; however, financial aid eligibility will not be calculated until the student gains admission to the program. Students participating in the Associate's degree option will apply for financial aid and have their eligibility determined by Pierpont's financial aid offices.

10. What are the clinical requirements, hours of attendance and the allotted time off?

The normal hours of attendance are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with the exception of 2 to 4 weeks per semester of evening clinical assignments (3:00pm-11:00pm). Evening clinical assignments have proven valuable in providing students with experience in trauma radiography, prioritizing patient care in limited staffing situations, and performing radiographic examinations under indirect supervision. All clinical assignments are conducted within the sponsoring institution's facilities located on or within 25 minutes of the main campus. Students **do not** participate in weekend, holiday or midnight clinical rotations.

Consistent with the desired qualities of a medical professional, student are **required** to be on time for their scheduled clinical rotations and miss as little as time as possible over the two-year program. Attendance is monitored closely and students may be dismissed for violation of the attendance policy. Students are allotted 10 personal leave days over the two-year period and are scheduled off on all of the Hospital recognized holidays. In addition, students are granted three weeks of scheduled vacation each year (1 week in June or April & 2 weeks in December).

11. How does this type of education differ from other post-secondary education programs?

Students enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Education programs are expected to be mature, responsible adults that are willing to make a commitment to the Institution and the profession. This commitment is evidenced by demanding high quality academic work, exceptional patient care /clinical skills, and good attendance. The first few months may seem difficult as the program does require a lot of the student's time and all the information and experiences are new. It may seem like working and going to school because you are required to be in attendance for up to 8 hours on certain days and then you will find it necessary to spend additional time completing homework assignments and/or preparing for examinations. Students are responsible for simultaneously

completing the didactic (classroom) and clinical components of the program. Therefore, each student will have to dedicate a lot of time to his or her education.

A critical aspect of the student's education is the clinical component. Students are assigned to a clinical rotation the first week of their program; therefore, they will be immediately exposed to certain aspects of health care that may be unpleasant to the untrained individual. Students should expect to experience adult & pediatric patients with a variety of conditions such as broken bones, severe deformities, malignancies, bleeding, and contagious diseases. In addition, students will be required to provide care regardless of the patient's sex, race, socioeconomic status, and/or physical condition. It is imperative that students respond in a mature, reassuring, and professional manner when providing healthcare to the patient population while maintaining strict confidentiality regarding the patient and their condition.

12. What are the post-secondary education requirements for admission / graduation?

All students must either (1) document prior completion of an Associate's degree or higher in any discipline from an accredited college or university upon admission or (2) participate in the Associate's degree option through Pierpont Community & Technical College and complete the Associate's degree upon graduation from our program. Because individual states, accreditation agencies, and educational systems have unique general education requirements, WVUH does not require specific college courses; however, it is recommended that students complete college level courses in the following general education areas.

- Mathematics and Reasoning
- Communication
- Humanities
- Information systems
- Social sciences
- Natural sciences

Note: Students participating in the Associates degree option through Pierpont Community and Technical College must complete the specific general education credits required by Pierpont. Please review the course model located at the link titled "Pierpont / WVUH Associates degree program" located under the Program Description on the Radiography web-page.

13. What are the requirements for candidates that are selected for the program?

The 24 selected applicants will be given approximately 10-15 business days to respond to the offer of admission by completing the following prior to the established deadline:

- Read the Student Handbook
- Sign and return a "Statement of Intent to Enroll" form, which acknowledges acceptance of the specified terms.
- Submit the \$50.00 non-refundable admissions fee.

Prior to the August start date; each accepted student will be required to:

- Complete a health assessment and a vaccination record review conducted by the Employee Health department.
- Complete the criminal background investigation process.
- Complete the drug screening / testing process.
- Complete all other WVUH mandatory orientation procedures.

Additional questions may be directed to morrisj@wvumedicine.org or by phoning one of the following numbers: (304) 598-4251 or (304) 598-4000 extensions 73140, 61055, 70734 or 72525.