

MRI Admissions Policy

West Virginia University Hospitals and those responsible for the administration of the Imaging Science Education Programs consider each applicant without regards to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. Although accredited to enroll **up to (6) students** each academic year, program officials reserve the right to limit enrollment based upon the quality of the applicant pool and current employment market conditions. Admission to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program 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 documentation must be received on or before February 1st of the year in which the student is applying for admission.

1. Applicant must be a graduate (or pending graduate) from a JRCERT accredited program in Radiologic Technology.
2. Applicant must **review** the following documents on the program's website (<https://wvumedicine.org/radtech/magnetic-resonance-imaging/>).
 - a. Essential Performance Standards
 - b. MR Safety Information for Prospective Students
3. Applicant must **submit** the following by February 1st to be considered for the program starting in July each year:
 - a. Program Application
 - b. Three professional reference forms (included with the application packet)
 - c. Transcript(s) of all post-secondary education (college, radiography, technical school, etc.)
 - d. American College Test (ACT) scores **or** Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores **or** Testing of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) scores
 - i. Minimum recommended composite score:
 1. **ACT (pre-April 2025) – 19 or ACT STEM – 19**
 2. **SAT – 900**
 3. **TEAS – 60**
 - ii. The post-April 2025 ACT exam **must include the Science section** in order to provide a STEM score or it will not be accepted. All ACT exams taken before April 2025 will have the Science section included in the composite score.
 - iii. The ACT or SAT Writing component is not required or included in the minimum score.
 - iv. ACT / SAT / TEAS requirement is waived for applicants possessing an Associate's degree or higher.
 1. However, if the ACT or SAT or TEAS score is provided and it satisfies or exceeds the minimum recommended composite score, additional points will be awarded.
 - v. School Codes to send exam scores/transcripts:
 1. **ACT – 4549**
 2. **SAT – 3863**
 3. **TEAS – Select “West Virginia University Hospitals – Imaging Science Education Programs”**
 - e. American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT certification).
 - a. Registry-eligible students are accepted on the condition that they successfully pass the ARRT examination in Radiography.
 - b. Students who do not pass must withdraw from the Program and can only regain admission by entering the applicant pool in subsequent enrollment years.

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5. To be eligible to sit for the ARRT Primary Pathway certification exam in Magnetic Resonance Imaging, applicants must document the following:
 - a. Completion of an **Associate's degree or higher** from an accredited post-secondary institution. The degree can be in any field or discipline.

Academic Evaluation

Program officials utilize an established, objective screening mechanism to assign academic points to a candidate based on their current & prior levels of academic achievement. The following categories are evaluated in assigning academic points:

1. ACT Composite or STEM Score or SAT (Critical Reading & Math) Score or TEAS Score
 - a. *Superscore is used for ACT Composite or STEM Score*
 - b. *If multiple exams were taken (e.g., ACT & TEAS), only the highest one will be used*
2. Radiography Program / College / University Grades:
 - a. Physics & Radiobiology
 - b. Image Production & Characteristics (Exposure)
 - c. Anatomy & Physiology (Human Structure & Function)
 - d. Radiographic Procedures & Positioning
 - e. Applied Radiographic Procedures (Clinic)
 - f. Mathematics (Cumulative)
 - g. Science (Cumulative)
 - h. Healthcare – other applicable/non-Radiography (Cumulative)
3. College / University Degree + Radiography Combined GPA
 - a. Associate
 - b. Baccalaureate
 - c. Graduate
4. Healthcare Experience
5. Military Service / VA Benefit Eligible
 - a. 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.

Interview Evaluation

Interviews are granted to the **top (12)** academic candidates each year; however, the Education Coordinator / Program Director reserves the right to limit or expand this number based on the quality of the applicant pool. Applicants not receiving an interview will be notified by mail. Interviews will be conducted in March of each year and candidates will be notified of their admission status no later than April 1st of each year.

Interviews are conducted by an Admissions Committee consisting of a least (3) members selected by the Education Coordinator / Program Director and may include faculty members, department managers and /or clinical staff. Using a standardized form, total interview scores from each committee member will be calculated and averaged for each candidate. Candidates must score a minimum average of **(25) interview points** (out of a possible 40) to be considered eligible for admission to the program. (See Interview Form)

Overall Evaluation

The Education Coordinator / Program Director will combine the Academic & Interview Points into a cumulative Total Score for each candidate and will rank the candidates in descending order. The Admissions Committee will review the scores and finalize the assessment.

Selection

The Education Coordinator / Program Director will rank the candidates in descending order and will extend offers up to the top candidates having the highest Total Point scores. 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. The remaining candidates will be waitlisted in the event one or more of the top candidates do not accept the position. Waitlisted positions expire once a class is filled and do not carry over to the next admission year.

The candidates selected for admission will receive:

1. Acceptance letter
2. Copy of the student handbook
3. Invoice for Admission Fee
4. The following forms (to be completed, signed and returned)
 - Statement of Intent To Enroll
 - Essential Performance Standards
 - MR Safety Screening
 - Non-ARRT registered verification

All other applicants interviewed will receive a written verification of their non-admission or waitlisted status.

Acceptance

The 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:

1. Read the Student Handbook
2. Complete, sign & return the following forms:
 - Enrollment Contract
 - Essential Performance Standards
 - MR Safety Screening
 - Non-ARRT registered verification
3. Submit a \$50.00 check to WVUH for the admissions fee.

If an applicant fails to respond to the offer of admission by the established deadline, program officials will consider the offer as null and void, and will proceed by offering the position to a wait-listed applicant.

Enrollment

Enrollment is contingent upon the student satisfactorily completing the following screening and assessment procedures within the guidelines specified by West Virginia University Hospitals (WVUH). These screenings will be conducted during the orientation time frame or at a time specified by program officials. Students will be provided with additional information regarding these procedures prior to the program start date.

Students will be required to:

1. Complete a health assessment and a vaccination record review conducted by the Employee Health department.
2. Complete the criminal background investigation process. (See WVUH Policy V.036)
3. Complete the drug screening / testing process. (See WVUH Policy V.035)
4. Complete all other WVUH mandatory orientation procedures



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Weighted Values for Applicant Admission Points

The following values will be assigned to the applicant's previous academic achievements and the personal interview. Points assigned to each candidate will be summated and utilized as criteria for admission consideration:

I. ACT / SAT / TEAS Scores

<u>ACT Composite (pre-April 2025)</u>	<u>ACT STEM</u>	<u>SAT (CR + M)</u>	<u>TEAS</u>	<u>Points Assigned</u>
> 31	>31	1360 – 1600	90 – 100	4
27 – 30	27 – 30	1210 – 1359	80 – 89	3
23 – 26	23 – 26	1050 – 1209	70 – 79	2
19 – 22	19 – 22	900 – 1049	60 – 69	1
< 19	< 19	< 900	< 60	0

II. Radiography / College / University Curriculum

Applicants are assigned the following values for each of the listed courses or categories relative to the grade the student achieved in their Radiography program and College / University course(s). Multiple courses completed in each category are averaged and the point values are based upon the following:

Courses

Physics
Image Production & Characteristics (Exposure)
Anatomy & Physiology (Human Structure & Function)
Radiographic Procedures & Positioning
Applied Radiographic Procedures (Clinic)
Mathematics (Cumulative)
Science related (Cumulative)
Healthcare – other applicable/non-Radiography (Cumulative)

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Points Assigned</u>
A	5
B	4
C	3
D or F	0

III. College / University Degree + Radiography Combined GPA

Points are based on an applicant's cumulative GPA and are awarded for the highest achieved degree. Point values are based upon the following:

Associate Degree + Radiography

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points Assigned</u>
3.6 – 4.0	3
3.0 – 3.59	2
2.0 – 2.99	1
< 2.0	0

Baccalaureate Degree + Radiography

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points Assigned</u>
3.6 – 4.0	5
3.0 – 3.59	4
2.0 – 2.99	3
< 2.0	0

Graduate Degree + Radiography

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points Assigned</u>
3.6 – 4.0	7
3.0 – 3.59	6
2.0 – 2.99	5
< 2.0	0

IV. Healthcare Experience

Points are assigned to applicants that document healthcare-related work experience other than the clinical education in their Radiography program. Point values are based upon the following:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points Assigned</u>
Health related work experience \geq 3 years	3
Health related work experience \geq 2 years	2
Health related work experience \geq 1 year	1
Health related work experience $<$ 1 year	0

V. Interview Points

Individual interviewer points in the following categories are summated and averaged to obtain an overall average interview score. Candidates must score a minimum of 25 Interview Points to be considered eligible for admission to the program.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points Assigned (<i>see Interview Form</i>)</u>
Appearance	1 - 5
Affability / Attentiveness	1 - 5
Poise / Stability	1 - 5
Personality	1 - 5
Communication Skills	1 - 5
Knowledge About the MRI Profession	1 - 5
Drive and Ability to Succeed	1 - 5
Initiative Towards Program Admission	1 - 5



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