

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the candidate is applying for admission.

1. Completed and signed program application form (be sure to check the correct program for which you are applying)
2. Transcript(s) from all post-secondary education (college, radiography, technical school, etc.)
3. 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 and a copy provided to the program director prior to the start of the Nuclear Medicine program.
4. Applicant must be a graduate (or pending graduate) from a JRCERT accredited program in Radiologic Technology. A copy of the certificate/degree 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.
5. 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.

6. Official American College Test (ACT) *or* Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) exam scores *or* Testing of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) 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:
    - i. ACT (pre-April 2025) – 19 *or* ACT STEM – 19
    - ii. SAT – 900
    - iii. TEAS – 60
  - b. 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.
  - c. The ACT or SAT Writing component is not required or included in the minimum score.
  - d. ACT / SAT / TEAS requirement is waived for applicants possessing an Associate's degree or higher.
    - i. However, if the ACT or SAT or TEAS score is provided and it satisfies or exceeds the minimum recommended composite score, additional admission points will be awarded.
  - e. School Codes to send exam scores/transcripts

- i. ACT – 4549
  - ii. SAT – 3863
  - iii. TEAS – Select “West Virginia University Hospitals – Imaging Science Education Programs”
7. Proof of American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification in Radiography. 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 the ARRT Radiography exam prior to the start of the nuclear medicine program 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 radiography exam. A copy of ARRT certification must be given to the program director as soon as it is available to the applicant.

**Application Evaluation:**

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).

- 1. ACT Composite *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 / College / University course grades to include:
  - a. Physics (radiography and/or college) (cumulative)
  - b. Chemistry with laboratory (cumulative)
  - c. Human Anatomy & Physiology with laboratory (cumulative)
  - d. Written Communications (cumulative)
  - e. College Mathematics (cumulative)
  - f. Applied Radiographic Procedures, clinical (cumulative)
  - g. Radiographic Positioning & Procedures (cumulative)
- 3. College / University + Radiography Combined GPA
  - a. Associate
  - b. Baccalaureate
  - c. Graduate
- 4. Healthcare Experience other than Radiography school
- 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 (10)** academic candidates each year based upon academic points awarded according to the weighted values for applicant admission points policy. However, the Education Coordinator / Program Director reserves the right to limit or expand this number based on the quality of the applicant pool.

Interviews are conducted by an Admissions Committee consisting of at least three (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. 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, critical thinking skills, 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.

Candidates must score a minimum average of **(30) interview points** (out of a possible 45) to be considered eligible for admission to the program.

### **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 Process:**

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

1. Four candidates with the highest point total will receive the status of 'Accepted' and be offered a position in the program.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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. Those candidates chosen for admission will receive the following:
  - a. Acceptance Letter
  - b. Copy of the updated Student Handbook (direct to website)
  - c. Enrollment Contract (to be signed and returned)
  - d. Non-registered student admission policy and agreement (to be signed and returned)
  - e. Invoice for Admission Fee
  - f. Essential Performance Standards form
  - g. Admission Contingency Statement (required for all accepted candidates that do not possess all required prerequisites prior to the start of the academic year)
5. Additionally, two candidates will receive the status of 'wait-list' according to their point totals.
6. 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 prior to the start of the program.
7. The 'wait-list' candidates will receive written notification of their status.
8. All candidates receiving the status of 'denied' will receive written notification of their status.

### **Acceptance**

The selected applicants will be given approximately 7-15 business days to respond to the offer of admission by completing the following prior to the established deadline:

1. Read the Student Handbook (available for review on program website)
2. **Complete, sign, & return** the following forms:
  - a. Enrollment Contract
  - b. Essential Performance Standards
  - c. Non-registered student admission agreement (if applicable)
  - d. Admission Contingency Statement (if applicable)
3. Submit a \$50.00 check to WVUH for the admissions fee.

### **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 process or at a time specified by program officials. Students will receive additional information regarding these procedures prior to the program start date.

Students will be required to:

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

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