**[Columbus](https://www.columbustech.edu/) Technical College**

***An Equal Opportunity Institution and a Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia***

**Radiologic Technology Program**

**Program Accreditation**

The Radiologic Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

Further information concerning accreditation of the Program can be found through the Joint Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-3182.

<http://www.jrcert.org/resources/program-effectiveness-data/>

**Program Description**

The Radiologic Technology associate’s degree program offers the student the opportunity to obtain an exciting and rewarding career in one of the hottest areas of diagnostic imaging. The faculty and staff work hard to provide the student with the didactic and psychomotor instruction that is necessary for success. The partnerships that the college has with area hospitals and clinics will provide students with exceptional clinical education and experience. The student may experience all aspects of medical imaging, including routine radiography and fluoroscopy, trauma radiography, surgical and mobile radiography, as well as subspecialties, such as computed tomography (CT), mammography (M), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), diagnostic medical sonography (US), nuclear medicine (NM), and radiation therapy (T).

As a program graduate, the student will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination in Radiologic Technology, administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). The program also offers the graduates, job placement assistance and information concerning any available professional and continuing education opportunities. Hospital imaging departments, clinics, physicians’ offices, and diagnostic centers all seek graduates with this degree.

**Estimated Salary**

Radiologic Technology offers competitive salaries that are based on experience, geography and credentials. Full time, Part time, and PRN shifts are often times available. According to the Ga. Dept. of Labor, the 2019 average annual wage for the profession was $54,112. The annual wage for Muscogee Co. was $46,446.

For information on career opportunities for radiologic technologists, please visit the American Society of Radiologic Technologists at: asrt.org.

**Program Requirements**

The Radiologic Technology program is a day-time program that requires the student be available for classroom lectures, laboratory procedures and clinical education from 7:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. With prior notification given, limited afternoon and weekend shifts may be scheduled during the 2nd-4th semesters. Please note that attending this program is equivalent to working a full-time job. At this time, all clinical sites are located within 5-10 miles of the college. The CTC campus is closed on Friday – Sunday, however, the student may be assigned to clinical rotations on those days, clinical instructors will be on site and program faculty will be available by phone or email.

**Competitive Admission**

The Radiologic Technology program is a competitive admissions program.

Once you have gained acceptance into Columbus Technical College and have completed the required pre-requisite courses listed below, you may apply and compete for a seat in the RT program.

The application deadline each Fall Semester is October 1. Applications may be submitted in to Admin. Assistants, Robert L. Wright Health Science Building, Rm. 3323 as early as Sept. 15. Instructions will be given at that time concerning the application submission process. All applications must be complete upon submission.

Applications (Letter of Intent) may be found at: columbustech.edu, under Academic Programs, Nursing and Health Sciences, Forms.

*This form can also be found and downloaded from:* <https://www.columbustech.edu/academics/forms.cms>

**Competitive Admission Requirements**

The student must present an official documentation of an earned high school diploma or official GED scores to the CTC Office of Admissions.

In addition, the student must:

* be 18 years or older
* have no provisional and/or special admission consideration for the program
* Complete pre-requisite courses for intended program as listed on the CTC website by the end of

Fall Semester with a grade of C or higher in all courses.

* Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 at the end of the summer semester prior to making application.
* have attained minimum scores for either exam:

Next Generation Accuplacer: Reading- 236 and Writing -249

or

Accuplacer: Reading-64 and Sentence Skills-70

or

Compass: Reading 79 and English 62

There is no expiration on theses scores and the college will consider only the first two passing attempts for competitive admission.

**Program Admission Information**

* Approximately 70 – 100 students apply each year.
* Clinical accommodations permits the program to accept 15 students per class, per year.
* Currently, the program considers the applicant’s GPA for completed pre-requisite courses (50% of ranking) and the Next Gen Accuplacer, Accuplacer or the COMPASS exam Reading and Writing scores (50% of ranking) for the competitive admission process.
* The initial acceptance is contingent upon an acceptable background check and toxicology screening that will be required once the student has been selected amongst the top 15. The background and toxicology screening will be conducted by: [www.clinicalbackgrounds.com](http://www.studentsbackgrounds.com). These clinical requirements are enforced by our clinical affiliates.
* Once selected amongst the top 15 applicants, the student must provide a current physical exam (medical form), immunization record, and a current CPR card.

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**PRE-REQUISITE COURSES**  **CREDIT HOURS**

SEMN 1000 - First Semester Seminar 0

ALHS 1090 - Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences 2 BIOL 2113 - Anatomy and Physiology I 3 BIOL 2113L - Anatomy and Physiology Lab I 1 PSYC 1101 - Introductory Psychology 3 ENGL 1101 - Composition and Rhetoric 3 BIOL 2114 - Anatomy and Physiology II 3 BIOL 2114L - Anatomy and Physiology Lab II 1 MATH 1111 - College Algebra or MATH 1101- Mathematical Modeling 3

Communications/Language Arts- (English Comp., Comm. or Speech) 3 Humanities/Fine Arts - (Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation or Humanities) 3

**RADT PROGRAM COURSES** RADT 1010 - Introduction to Radiology 4 RADT 1030 - Radiographic Procedures I 3 RADT 1320 - Clinical Radiography I 4 RADT 1075 - Principles of Radiographic Imaging 4

RADT 1060 - Radiographic Procedures II 3 RADT 1065 - Radiologic Science 2 RADT 1330 - Clinical Radiography II 7

RADT 1085 - Radiographic Equipment 3

RADT 1200 - Principles of Radiation Biology and Protection 2 RADT 2090 - Radiographic Procedures III 2 RADT 2340 - Clinical Radiography III 6

RADT 2360 - Clinical Radiography IV 9 RADT 2260 - Radiologic Technology Review 3

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 77**

**Radiologic Technology Program Information**

**Program Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Columbus Technical College School of Radiologic Technology to provide an education of excellence and high quality to qualified student in an environment that focuses on continuous quality improvement. In the academic and clinical setting, a curriculum is presented that provides students opportunities to develop a mastery of subject matter, technical competency, ethical considerations, and problem-solving abilities. The education provided will foster cooperation, commitment, individual student responsibility. The student scholar will be able to apply the knowledge attained toward successfully competing in the ever-changing health care environment.

**Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes**

**Goal 1**

* Students will exhibit effective oral communication skills.
* Students will practice written communication skills.
* Students will practice oral communication skills in the clinical area.
* Students will practice oral communication skills in a group/class setting.

**Goal 2**

* Students will be clinically competent for entry-level performance.
* Students will utilize skills in equipment manipulation and patient positioning.
* Students will select proper technical factors.
* Students will practice radiation protection skills.

**Goal 3**

* Students will exhibit effective communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
* Students will complete critical thinking and problem-solving case studies.
* Students will perform critical thinking and problem-solving skills in clinical assignments.

**Goal 4**

* Students will exhibit development of professional growth in attitudes, behavior, and ethics.
* Students will exhibit a professional attitude in clinical assignments.
* Students will demonstrate the value of professional growth and development.
* Students will demonstrate the importance of work ethics.

**Program Effectiveness Data**

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| **Year** | **Number of Starting**  **Students** | **Number of Graduates** | **Program Completion Rate**  **Benchmark**  **>80%** | **Number of Graduates Passing ARRT Certification 1st Attempt** | **ARRT Certification Exam Pass Rate**  **Benchmark**  **>75%** | **Number of Graduates actively Seeking/Gaining Employment within 12 months of Graduation** | **Employment Rate of Graduates Actively Seeking/Gaining Employment within 12 months of Graduation** |
| **2019** | **15** | **15** | **100%** | **14/15** | **93%** | **10/10** | **100%** |
| **2018** | **15** | **14** | **93%** | **12/13** | **92%** | **10/10** | **100%** |
| **2017** | **14** | **15** | **100%** | **15/15** | **100%** | **8/8** | **100%** |
| **2016** | **15** | **13** | **87%** | **10/13** | **77%** | **8/8** | **100%** |
| **2015** | **15** | **12** | **80%** | **11/12** | **92%** | **8/8** | **100%** |
| **5 yr. TOT** | **74** | **69** | **92%** | **62/68** | **91%** | **44/44** | **100%** |

**Estimated Radiologic Technology Program Expenses and Fees 2020**

**Admission and Health Expenses Estimated Cost**

Background Check/Toxicology Screening x 1 $60.00

Physical Exam x 1 $100.00

Immunizations/Titers (including annual PPD) $130.00

Influenza Vaccine x2 ($20) $40.00

CPR (AHA BLS for Healthcare Providers) $65.00

Meridy’s Uniforms and Accessories

(req. minimum- 2 uniforms, 1 lab coat and 1 pr. of shoes) $250.00

**TOTAL** **$395.00**

**Required Program Fees/Textbooks/Modules**

Textbooks for 4 semesters $1000.00

Online Learning Modules and Courses for 4 semesters $400.00

CTC Software Fee for 4 semesters $160.00

AceMapp Electronic Student Portal for clinical education- 4 semesters $100.00

Radiation Dosimetry and monitoring for 4 clinical semesters $120.00

Student Liability Insurance for 4 clinical semesters $40.00

Graduation Application $40.00

ARRT Certification Exam-after graduation and optional $200.00

**TOTAL** **$2060.00**

**RADT Program Tuition/Fees per Semester (In-State, 52 credit hours)**

Spring Semester $1821.00

Summer Semester $1521.00

Fall Semester $1621.00

Spring Semester $1521.00

**TOTAL $6484.00**

**GRAND TOTAL (\*excluding pre requisite courses) $8,939.00**

**Grand Total** (\*include. Prereq. courses, In-state, 25 additional hrs.) **$12,402.00**