MEDICAL IMAGING - RADIOGRAPHY

Radiologic technologists (radiographers) are needed in every health care setting, including hospitals, outpatient clinics, and physicians’ offices. Radiographers are essential members of the healthcare team performing radiologic procedures that are vital to the diagnosis of many injuries and medical conditions. When a patient is having an X-ray or other diagnostic imaging procedure, the radiographer positions the patient, operates the equipment to record the image, and then provides the image to a radiologist for diagnosis. Clinical specialties within the profession range from orthopedics to cardiac catheterization. Elgin Community College’s Radiography Program has a well-deserved reputation. Graduates of ECC’s program are highly skilled and qualified to sit for the national certification examination by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and are ready to enter a profession that combines technology with compassion. There are a variety of specialties that you can pursue following your successful completion of ECC’s Radiography Program. ECC offers advanced certificate programs in the specialties of mammography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance. The boundaries of your career in radiologic technology are determined only by your own abilities and interests.

Accreditation

The Radiography Program is accredited by

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850
Chicago, IL 60606
312-704-5300
jrcert.org (http://www.jrcert.org)

Entrance Requirements

All requirements below (except BIO 245 Human Anatomy and Physiology I) must be completed prior to the December 15th application deadline.

• Score in the 25th percentile or better in each section of the PSB-HOA exam.

Successful completion with a grade of C or better in 5 prerequisite courses:

• BIO 110 Principles of Biology or equivalent.
• HPE 112 Intro. to Healthcare Vocabulary or equivalent.
• College-level math (MTH 102 General Education Statistics preferred) or equivalent.
• PSY 100 Intro to Psychology or equivalent.
• BIO 245 Human Anatomy and Physiology I or equivalent (must be completed prior to summer enrollment in the program).

All applicants will be ranked based on these requirements and the top 16 qualified applicants will be selected for admission to the Radiography Program. Refer to elgin.edu/radiography for a description of the applicant screening process. Students from districts outside of District 509 may apply. Go to elgin.edu/jointagreements to learn more.

Admission Procedures

Applicants must submit the following items to the ECC Records Office:

• ECC application.
• Health professions application.
• Official college transcripts for any courses being transferred from other schools. (Note: To request a transcript evaluation, go to elgin.edu/evaluation.)

Admission to the program is selective. Students may obtain an application for admission online at elgin.edu/radiography. PSB-HOA testing information may be found at elgin.edu/testing. PSB-HOA scores are valid for two years from the date the test is taken. The deadline for applying to the Radiography Program is December 15. After this date, applications will only be considered if space is available. Applicants will be notified of their status by mid-February. New radiography classes begin in the summer term.

Program Requirements

Students must complete all required courses with grades of C or better and meet graduation requirements in order to be eligible to apply to sit for the ARRT national certification exam in radiography offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and to be eligible for IEMA-DNS state licensure. Prior credits in BIO 245 Human Anatomy and Physiology I/BIO 246 Human Anatomy and Physiology II must have been earned within the last 10 years. Students must provide their own uniforms and transportation to and from all clinical sites.

Policies and Procedures for the Radiography Program

All students applying to the Radiography Program attend a face-to-face information session prior to applying to the program. To register for an information session go to elgin.edu/visitecc. Students admitted to the program will be required to attend an orientation meeting in March before radiography classes begin.

Any student demonstrating a positive background check will be denied admission to any health professions program.

Before attending clinical training, students must submit documentation through the Castlebranch portal including: completed medical form which includes proof of immunizations/titer results, proof of health insurance coverage, TB test, and proof of healthcare provider CPR certification. Background checks and drug testing are also conducted through Castlebranch.

Health professions students will be required to update their drug test, TB test/TB survey, and flu vaccine information on an annual basis. Any student demonstrating a positive drug test will be dismissed from the health professions division.

The standards, policies, and procedures of the Radiography Program are published in the radiography student handbook. Copies of the student handbook may be obtained online at elgin.edu/radiography.
## Radiography - Associate of Applied Science

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### Radiography Courses

All RAD courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.

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**RAD 101 Introduction to Radiography (1) 0,3**

This course introduces the student to Medical Imaging as it relates to the healthcare industry, and Radiologic technology as a profession. It includes an introduction to the healthcare delivery system, outlines the structure of the health system and roles of various departments and health professionals. Other topics include: the history of the profession, an introduction to the various professional organizations, quality customer service, an introduction to medical ethics and law with an emphasis on confidentiality and HIPAA regulations and basic radiation safety. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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**In-District Tuition/Fees:** $132 (effective 2019/20 academic year)

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**Prerequisite:** Acceptance into the Radiography Program

**Semester(s) Offered:** Summer

**RAD 102 Methods of Patient Care (2) 1,3**

This course provides the student with the basic concepts of patient care, including consideration for the physical, developmental, and psychological needs of the patient and family. The course covers routine and emergency patient care procedures including: basic EKG, infection control, patient assessment, patient education, venipuncture and contrast injection, introduction to pharmacology, and interacting with the terminally ill. The course includes clinical demonstration of patient care skills. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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**In-District Tuition/Fees:** $352 (effective 2019/20 academic year)

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**Prerequisite:** Acceptance into the Radiography Program

**Semester(s) Offered:** Summer
RAD 103 Radiographic Imaging I (3)  2,2
This course is the first in a series of three radiographic imaging courses. It provides the student with an understanding of the components, principles and operation of various medical imaging systems. Factors that impact image acquisition, processing, display, archiving and retrieval are discussed. This course includes demonstrations and laboratory activities to reinforce concepts. (1,2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: $484 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 101 and RAD 102
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

RAD 104 Radiographic Procedures I (4)  3,3
This course provides instruction in radiographic positions and procedures, including demonstrations, and presentation of radiographic images of the human body. The student learns the routine examinations and selected non-routine radiographic examinations of the following body segments: chest, abdomen, upper extremity, lower extremity and pelvis. The curriculum integrates the Radiographic Procedures I course and the Radiography Clinical Practicum I course to promote student’s clinical competence in all assigned rotations as well as a thorough knowledge of related anatomy and positioning theory and concepts. It also integrates clinical applications of radiation protection and technique selection. This course includes laboratory experiences, which provide students opportunity for simulated practice. (1,2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 103
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

RAD 105 Radiographic Imaging II (3)  2,2
This course is a continuation of Radiographic Imaging I and builds on the fundamental concepts presented in that course. It is designed to develop the student’s understanding of the properties of a radiographic image and the factors that control and influence image quality. Concepts of technical factor selection are covered with an emphasis on their impact on image quality and patient exposure. This course includes demonstrations and laboratory activities to reinforce concepts and enhance student learning. Problem solving and critical thinking skills will be emphasized in technique formulation and exposure calculations. (1,2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 103, RAD 104, RAD 124 and BIO 246
Semester(s) Offered: Spring
RAD 107 Radiologic Physics (2)  1,3
This course reviews the concepts of atomic structure and electromagnetism, and study of radiation – its nature, production and medical applications. Covered topics include: the electromagnetic spectrum, radioactivity and half life, x-ray production and characteristics, the effects of technique selection on beam quality and quantity, the interaction of radiation with matter, and the circuitry and design of radiographic equipment. The course emphasizes clinical applications of physics concepts in the safe operation of high voltage radiographic equipment. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: $264 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 103, RAD 104, and RAD 124
Recommended: CHM 101 or CHM 112
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

RAD 124 Radiography Clinical Practicum I (3)  0,15
This course is the first in a series of five clinical courses. Structured, sequential, competency-based clinical assignments enable the student to progress through a series of clinical rotations which reinforce concepts that are introduced in Procedures I and II. Opportunities are provided for observation, assistance and participation in radiographic procedures with an emphasis on the actual performance of exams. Students will complete 255 hours of clinical experience under direct/indirect supervision of a radiographer as appropriate. The student will begin documenting competency in radiographic and patient care procedures. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 103, RAD 104, and RAD 124
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

RAD 134 Radiography Clinical Practicum II (3)  0,15
This course is a continuation of Radiography Clinical Practicum I. Structured, sequential, competency-based clinical assignments enable the student to progress through a series of clinical rotations which reinforce concepts that are introduced in Procedures I and II. Opportunities are provided for observation, assistance and participation in radiographic procedures with an emphasis on the actual performance of exams. Students will complete 255 hours of clinical experience under direct/indirect supervision of a radiographer as appropriate. The student will continue attaining, maintaining and documenting competency in a variety of procedures. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 103, RAD 104, and RAD 124
Semester(s) Offered: Summer

RAD 208 Radiographic Procedures III (2)  1,3
This course covers the advanced radiographic, fluoroscopic and invasive procedures, emphasizing patient care, procedural protocol, and equipment and accessories used. This course covers the following topic areas: trauma radiography, pediatric and geriatric radiography and special procedures (e.g. Myelography, Arthrography, ERCP, Bronchoscopy etc.). The course includes laboratory experience, which provide students opportunity for simulated practice and is integrated with the Radiography Clinical Practicum III course. Following completion of Procedures III, the student is able to perform all routine and special radiographic examinations. The student must integrate concepts from radiation protection and exposure technique to produce optimal quality diagnostic radiographs with minimal radiation exposure to the patient. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 105, RAD 106, RAD 107, and RAD 134
Semester(s) Offered: Summer
RAD 209 Radiobiology & Radiation Protection (2)  1,2
The radiation biology segment of this course provides an overview of the principles of the interaction of radiation with living systems. The course presents the effects of irradiation of biological molecules and organisms, and the factors affecting biological response. Covered topics include: early and late effects of radiation exposure, epidemiological studies of radiation effects, and the acute radiation syndromes. The radiation protection segment of this course provides the student with an overview of the principles and practices of radiation protection. The course emphasizes the responsibility of the radiologic sciences professional in providing radiation protection to the patient, personnel and the public. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 105, RAD 106, RAD 107, and RAD 134 Recommended: CHM 101 or CHM 112
Semester(s) Offered: Summer

RAD 211 Radiographic Imaging III (2)  1,2
This course covers the concept of continuous quality improvement in the healthcare environment and the impact of legislation and accreditation standards on quality management programs. Also included are quality control and quality assurance procedures for a variety of imaging equipment and processes. Other imaging topics including PACS and image intensified and flat-panel fluoroscopic equipment are also covered. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 105
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

RAD 212 Radiographic Pathology (2)  2,0
This course presents a body system approach to the demonstration of human diseases through medical imaging. The course emphasizes adaptations of routine positioning and radiographic technique to best demonstrate pathology and maximize diagnostic quality. Covered topics include patient care considerations relative to disease processes. Discussions include which imaging method or modality will best demonstrate each pathological condition. The course includes review of radiographs and films from Computed Tomography, Ultrasound, Magnetic Resonance, Mammography, Special Procedures and Nuclear Medicine. Systems covered include the respiratory, skeletal, gastrointestinal, urinary, cardiovascular, nervous, hematopoetic system, endocrine, reproductive, and miscellaneous disorders. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 209, RAD 208, and RAD 242.
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

RAD 220 Pharmacology (2)  2,0
This course explores the role of the radiographer in the administration of contrast media and related medications. Covered topics include: the radiographer scope of practice, legal implications, pharmacology overview, drug measurements and dose calculations, contrast media, preventive care and emergency response to contrast media reactions, imaging pharmaceutical compatibility, select drug administration techniques, and documentation requirements. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 212, RAD 211, and RAD 256 Recommended: CHM 101 or CHM 112
Semester(s) Offered: Spring
RAD 230 Medical Ethics and Law (2) 2.0
This course provides the student with an understanding of the parameters of professional practice and the legal and ethical responsibilities of the radiologic sciences professional. Covered topics include: elements of ethical behavior, ethical issues and dilemmas in health care, interacting with the terminally ill patient, the scope of practice of radiologic sciences professionals, sources of law, elements of malpractice, employment issues, and litigation. The course emphasizes the student's ability to apply concepts of ethics and law in the development of professional attributes. Course requirements include leading class discussions of issues and case studies. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Enroll in the radiography program.

Semester(s) Offered: Spring

RAD 240 Career Development (1) 0.2
This course provides the student an opportunity to conduct a self-assessment and review of each of the content areas of the ARRT examination to prepare for certification. Activities assist the student in organizing review efforts, and emphasizes the synthesis of information from across the curriculum through developmental testing and simulated registry examinations. This course also prepares the students for their professional roles and employment by mastering skills of career planning, resume and portfolio development, interviewing skills, in addition to the creation of a professional development plan. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/ Fees: $220 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 212, RAD 211 and RAD 256

Semester(s) Offered: Spring

RAD 242 Radiography Clinical Practicum III (2) 0.10
This course is a continuation of Radiography Clinical Practicum II. Structured, sequential, competency-based clinical assignments enable the student to progress through a series of clinical rotations which reinforce concepts that are introduced in Procedures I-III. Opportunities are provided for observation, assistance and participation in radiographic procedures with an emphasis on the actual performance of exams. Students will complete 100 hours of clinical experience under direct/indirect supervision of a radiographer as appropriate. The student will continue attaining, maintaining and documenting competency in a variety of procedures. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 105, RAD 106, RAD 107 and RAD 134

Semester(s) Offered: Summer

RAD 256 Radiography Clinical Practicum IV (5) 0.25
This course is a continuation of Radiography Clinical Practicum III. Opportunities are provided for the continued development of clinical competency and professional development. Emphasis is placed on application of concepts in the actual performance of procedures for both speed and accuracy. Students will complete 425 hours of clinical experience under direct/indirect supervision of a radiographer as appropriate. The student will continue attaining, maintaining and documenting competency in a variety of procedures. Students are also provided an opportunity to observe in some of the advanced imaging modality departments. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/ Fees: $748 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 209, RAD 208 and RAD 242.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall
RAD 261 Image Evaluation (1)  1,2
This course provides an opportunity for students to apply a systematic approach for evaluating radiographic images to determine diagnostic quality. Students will develop a high degree of radiographic problem-solving ability by correlating technical and positioning procedures with image analysis guidelines for common projections, non-routine situations or when suboptimal images are obtained. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: $132 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 256

Semester(s) Offered: Spring

RAD 266 Radiography Clinical Practicum V (5)  0,25
This course is a continuation of Radiography Clinical Practicum IV and provides opportunity for final student learning outcomes assessment. Clinical requirements include successful completion of final clinical competencies in all major areas of radiography including critical thinking and problem-solving. Successful completion of final competencies is a program graduation requirement. Emphasis in this course is on continued professional development and proficient and independent performance of all radiographic procedures, with opportunity for continued exploration of selected advanced imaging modalities. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in RAD 212, RAD 211 and RAD 256

Semester(s) Offered: Spring