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## **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Advanced Placement**

**Summer 2020 Priority Deadline: February 20, 2020**

**Final Review Deadline: March 26, 2020**

**\*\*\*Admissions Information\*\*\***

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Advanced Placement is a selective enrollment program beginning each summer. **Entry to this program is available to graduates of Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy or Sonography programs accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiography, Sonography, or Nuclear Medicine.** Resources such as clinical facilities and faculty, as well as approval standards, limit the number of applicants accepted to 1-3 students depending on clinical space. A minimum of 1 seat is reserved for student applicants currently enrolled in the final semester of a qualifying primary modality educational program. Currently enrolled student applicants will only compete for seats with other currently enrolled student applicants in the final semester of a qualifying primary modality educational program. If the minimum number of designated seats from either the seasoned technologists or currently enrolled student groups is not filled, applicants from either group will be considered for any remaining seats. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Advanced Placement is an advanced one-year diploma program and all applicants must meet minimum requirements to be considered for admission. **Please note, however, that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.**

Any program specific questions should be directed to Melissa Smith, Program Coordinator for MRI, at 336-757-3349 or [msmith@forsythtech.edu](mailto:msmith@forsythtech.edu). Qualified applicants will be ranked based on criteria listed in this packet. Applicants not admitted to the program must reapply and complete a new MAR Review if they wish to be considered for the following year's class.

### **PHASE I: APPLICATION PROCESS**

The following steps must be completed by **February 20, 2020** for the summer 2020 program. Please note you are **not** required to participate in an Allied Health Information Session.

- \_\_\_1. Complete the Residency Determination Service (RDS) and a Forsyth Tech application. If currently enrolled in classes at Forsyth Tech, complete the update form in the Admissions Office.
- \_\_\_2. Have official transcripts from all colleges or schools attended since high school sent to the Admissions Office. Official transcripts must have the school seal or original signature and be in a sealed unopened envelope or submitted electronically from the school. Electronic transcripts should be sent to [Admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:Admissions@forsythtech.edu). We strongly recommend that official college transcripts be received **and** evaluated before a MAR is conducted. Evaluation of transcripts typically takes 5-7 business days to complete once transcripts have been received. Please do NOT bring in transcripts the day you come to complete your MAR review
- \_\_\_3. Submit official copies of any Advanced Placement (AP) scores, if applicable.
- \_\_\_4. Submit a copy of current ARRT, ARDMS, NMTCB certification/registration card if experienced technologist

## **PHASE II: MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Primary Modality Educational Program Requirement**

Applicants must have successfully completed a primary modality educational program accredited by a mechanism acceptable to American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Acceptable accreditation mechanisms are as follows:

- Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
- Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT)
- Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS) in collaboration with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Regional Institutional Accrediting Agencies
  - Middle States Commission on Higher Education
  - New England Association of Schools and Colleges
  - North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
  - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
  - Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and Senior College Commission
- Conjoint Accreditation Services of Canadian Medical Association
- Australian Institute of Radiography
- Accredited U.S. Military Program

### **2. Certification/Registration Requirement**

Applicants must be certified or registered with the ARRT in:

- Radiography
- Radiation Therapy

Or certified or registered with the ARRT or NMTCB in:

- Nuclear Medicine

Or certified or registered with the ARRT or ARDMS in:

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography

### **3. Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement**

Applicants must have a final, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the primary modality educational program.

#### 4. **Currently Enrolled Student Applicant Requirements**

In addition to completing Phase I, currently enrolled applicants must meet the following criteria by the application deadline to be considered for admission:

- Enrolled in the final semester of a qualifying primary modality educational program
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher through Fall 2018

#### **Acceptance is contingent upon the applicant satisfying all program requirements:**

- A student applicant completing his or her Program of Study in **Spring Semester** must satisfy all program requirements by **May 15, 2020**.
  - Successfully completed a primary modality educational program accredited by a mechanism listed in Section II, paragraph 1.
  - Be certified or registered by the ARRT, NMTCB or ARDMS in one of the following supporting disciplines by **May 31, 2020**
    - Radiography
    - Nuclear Medicine
    - Radiation Therapy
    - Sonography
  - Have a final cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the primary modality educational program
    - Have a final official transcript from the primary modality college or school attended sent to the Admissions Office

**Applicants who do not satisfy the program requirements by the required dates will lose their seat in the program for Summer 2020.**

### **PHASE III: MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS (MAR) REVIEW**

After **completion** of Phase I and II, applicants are eligible to meet with an Admissions Counselor to complete the Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review. Applicants who wish to be considered for the summer 2020 program **must** complete the MAR Review between the dates of **September 3, 2019** and the deadline of **February 20, 2020**. Applicants for the summer 2020 program will not be considered for admission until this step is completed. Please do **NOT** bring in college transcripts the day you come to complete your MAR review as the Admissions Office is not the office responsible for transcript evaluations. If there are still spots available after the February 20, 2020 deadline, students may still come in to do a MAR review through the final deadline of March 26, 2020.

The Admissions Office hours for the MAR Review are 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The review is done on a walk-in basis and no appointment is necessary. Please note that only one counselor is available after 5:00 p.m. The Admissions Office is located in the Oak Grove Center, room 2361.

When can the MAR be completed?

### Summer 2020 Applicants

If you are applying for summer 2020 and are a seasoned technologist, you can complete your MAR:	If you are applying for summer 2020 and are a currently enrolled applicant, you can complete your MAR:
September 3- March 26*	January 14-March 26*

March 26 is the final deadline. Students who have completed their MAR review by the priority deadline will fill the class first. If there are still seats available after that first deadline, students can still come to do a MAR review through the final deadline of March 26, 2020.

**MAR reviews will not be conducted during the following blackout dates:**

October 15 – school closed

November 11 – Veteran’s Day/ school closed

November 25-29 – Thanksgiving school closed

December 16 – January 20– Holiday break school closed / Registration week/ MLK holiday

February 17-21 – nursing deadline (nursing MAR reviews only)

March 17 – school closed

Please note: MAR reviews held during fall and spring breaks will end at 4pm.

Fall Break: 10/16 – 10/17

Spring Break: 3/18 – 3/19

**Reminder: MAR reviews will not be conducted on Fridays.**

### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Students will be admitted to the program based on the completion date of the MAR review. Notification letters will be mailed to admitted students after the deadline. If an applicant did not meet the minimum requirements, was not admitted, or declined admission the applicant must submit a new application, complete the Allied Health Information session, and complete a MAR Review for the 2020 MRI Advanced Placement Diploma program by the specified deadline.

### Safety Information for Prospective Students

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technology involves the use of strong magnetic fields to acquire detailed cross-sectional images of the body. Because of the nature of these strong magnetic fields, it is important to inform potential students and the public regarding the possible hazards associated with working in the MR environment.

One of the most critical aspects of magnetic safety is the establishment of a thorough and effective screening process. This screening process assists in protecting students from MR system-related accidents and injuries by identifying implants, devices, or objects that may cause harm when introduced into the MR setting. Please read the page [Safety Information for Prospective Students](#) on the MRI website to review pertinent MRI safety information and a list of some of the implanted devices or objects that may interfere with a student’s ability to work/learn in an MR environment. Please contact Melissa Smith, MEd, RT (R) (MR), Program Coordinator 336-757-3349 or email [msmith@forsythech.edu](mailto:msmith@forsythech.edu) if you have any questions. All students admitted to the MRI Program will submit to MRI Screening prior to admission to clinical rotations. Clinical sites have the right to deny admission to students that have devices/implants deemed unsafe in the MR environment.