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**While I am in the program what happens if a clinical site were to request for me to not return to their facility?**

Clinical affiliates have the right to refuse access of their facility to individuals and/or students according to the clinical contract. For example, if a student has worked for a clinical site and been released with a status of 'no-rehire,' the student MAY NOT be allowed to rotate at that facility or any of its affiliates. If a student is not able to meet the program competency requirements due to limited clinical facilities, the student may not be able to complete the course and program successfully, and course and program grading policies will apply.

# Radiography Profession FAQ

**What is a radiographer?**

Radiographers use radiation to produce images of the human body.

**What are some of the job duties/characteristics of a Radiographer?**

Taking images of the patient, patient care, communication, and being a team player with the healthcare team. Additional information can be found on the [ASRT website](#).

**Do I have to touch people?**

Yes, as a radiographer you must provide patient care. You will also encounter blood and body fluids. Proper training will be provided.

**What can I expect as a typical day for a Radiographer?**

Your day may vary depending on what type of facility that you work in. You may perform routine x-rays, mobile exams, fluoroscopy, and surgery imaging as part of your job.

**What is the current career and job outlook for a Radiographer?**

Registered radiologic technologists can find a wide market for their attained professional and technical skills. Many opportunities for employment are available throughout the United States. Graduates may utilize their skills in hospitals, clinics, surgical centers, and urgent care facilities. Qualified radiographers may also find employment in education, civil service, industry and commercial training and sales. As with many healthcare professions, the demand for radiologic technologists fluctuates due to regional trends and factors affecting the healthcare industry. Currently there is a local and national shortage of radiologic technologists.

Employment of radiologic technologists is expected to increase nationally faster than the average for all occupations from 2023 to 2033. It is anticipated that as the population grows and ages there will be an increase in demand for diagnostic imaging.

For national job outlook information on radiologic technologists review the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Handbook at [www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/radiologic-technologists](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/radiologic-technologists).

For additional information and career videos visit the American Society of Radiologic Technologist at [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org).

The information contained in this document is accurate at the time of posting, however, information is subject to change without advanced notice.

- Voluntary disclosure of pregnancy to the program coordinator by any prospective student is also encouraged and will result in counseling prior to enrollment and actions as stated above in this pregnancy policy when the student is enrolled.

For additional information related to NRC Regulations related to "Standards for Protection Against Radiation, Subpart C – Occupational Dose Limits" or policy related to "a declared pregnant woman," request this information from the program.

**What educational opportunities are available for post-graduation?**

Radiography graduates may continue their education and specialize in Computerized Tomography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MR), Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Dosimetry, Education, Mammography, etc. This may include additional modalities, certifications, and advanced degrees.

## Clinical FAQ

**Where do students complete their clinical training?**

The Radiography program currently uses 26 clinical sites. See the program's website detail page for a complete list and locations. The number of clinical sites is subject to change without advanced notice.

**Do I have to submit to a criminal background check and a drug screening?**

Yes. All ACCEPTED students in programs with a clinical component (including Radiography) are required to submit, at the cost to the student, to a criminal background check and drug screening prior to entering the program. Clinical facilities require criminal background checks and/or drug screening for students assigned to their facilities. After the student completes the requirements of the facility, the clinical agency will notify the college if a student will not be allowed at the site due to a finding on the criminal background check or drug screen. Specific information will NOT be disclosed to the college. If a student is denied clinical access based on criminal background checks and/or a drug screen, the student will NOT receive a secondary placement in another facility. The student will not be able to progress in the program due to the inability to meet the clinical objectives. The student may discuss the findings of the criminal background checks and/or drug screening with the third-party vendor which provided the criminal background check and drug screening.

**Can the information from a criminal background jeopardize my ability to complete the Radiography program?**

Yes, the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

**Do I have to complete the criminal background and drug screening before acceptance?**

No.

**I have lived out of state and moved recently to North Carolina. Can information on a criminal background check be completed for another state?**

Yes.

**What if I have been previously dismissed from employment at a Radiography Program clinical site?**

If you have been dismissed from employment at an area hospital or clinical facility that the Radiography program utilizes, please be advised that you may not be able to attend clinical rotations at that site. If a student is not able to meet the program competency requirements due to limited

disclose the following: Offenses committed while a juvenile and processed in the juvenile court system or traffic violations which did not involve drugs or alcohol. Written preapproval may take up to 12 weeks to complete. Additional information can be found at the [ARRT Website](#), select Educators and Students, Ethics Review Pre-Application.

### **How will I be graded and are there minimum grade requirements I must meet for the program?**

The Radiography Program adheres to a 78 or higher required grade for all RAD major courses. Grades lower than 78 will result in student dismissal from the program. In addition, many courses have stated course requirements to include critical requirements and/or clinical proficiencies, all of which must be met to receive a grade of 78 or higher for the course. Readmission may be possible based on new application, satisfaction of certain guidelines and Program Director and College approval. Only one readmission due to dismissal caused by academic deficiencies will be allowed. Students are only permitted one readmission in the same health program.

### **What requirements must I meet for graduation from the Radiography Program?**

Enrolled students must meet all graduation requirements of the college and program to include:

- Overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- A grade of 78 or higher is required for all RAD courses. The program has numerous stated course requirements to include clinical proficiencies, all of which must be met for graduation.
- Entering students will be informed of any changes in graduation requirements prior to enrollment.

### **Since radiography involves the use of radiation to obtain an exam, are there any dangers I should know about before entering?**

The practice of medical radiography is considered to be safe in terms of radiation exposure; however special limits have been established for the occupationally exposed pregnant female to ensure that the probability of birth defects is negligible. Program policy states: If a female student enrolled in the program becomes pregnant, notification to the program of pregnancy is voluntary. If the student elects to notify the program of pregnancy that notification should:

- Be in writing and provided to the program coordinator/director of the Radiography program and a *Pregnancy Declaration Form*
- Included with the form must be a statement from the physician of the estimated date of conception and estimated date of delivery.
- Upon receipt of voluntary written notification, the Radiography program will: Provide the student with a second dosimeter at no cost to the student to be used for fetal monitoring during the duration of the pregnancy. Counsel the student related to proper radiation protection or refer the student to a radiation physicist for any questions related to the radiation safety of the developing fetus.
- The student after informing the program of pregnancy may, at any time, rescind (change) the declaration of pregnancy by notifying the program coordinator/director in writing. For example, if the pregnancy is terminated, the student may choose to notify the program in writing.
- Any student in good academic standing (i.e., acceptable GPA, non-probation status, grades of 78 or higher, etc.) electing to withdraw from the program due to pregnancy can be readmitted based on established readmission guidelines for the program. RAD courses successfully completed at the time of withdrawal will be considered for credit toward the degree unless the period of time since completion exceeds the acceptable time limit outlined in the readmission policy or a change in program course requirements has been made. The program may recommend or require an audit or repeat of any RAD course that exceeds the time limit as a condition of readmission.

**How long is the CPR certification valid?**

CPR certification is valid for two (2) years. Students are required to maintain current CPR certification for the duration of the program.

**How will the College know if I am CPR certified?**

You will receive a card upon completion of the CPR class. A copy of the card will be requested by the program for verification.

**Do I need a computer?**

Yes, coursework requires students to have their own computer with dependable internet access, printer access, microphone, webcam accessibility, and Word. Upon application activation to Forsyth Tech students are assigned a college email address. Communication between students, faculty and any other college personnel will be by college email. Students are expected to use the college email for all college correspondence. Students need to read Forsyth Tech emails daily and check Blackboard or Canvas for announcements and/or assignments.

**Upon graduation, will I be eligible to apply to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) to sit for the national certification examination as a radiographer?**

Yes, if you have successfully completed all college and program requirements. However, you must be aware that the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists requires disclosure of any conviction, felony, or misdemeanor on the registry application. At the sole discretion of the Registry, convictions may disqualify the student from taking the registry examination.

- Applicants with a felony or misdemeanor conviction should file an [ethics review pre application](#) with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to determine registry eligibility prior to enrolling in the program. Additional information can be found on the [ARRT website](#).

**If I am an Undocumented Immigrant, how does that impact my application to this program?** Students who are not citizens of the United States pay out of state tuition in accordance with the State Board of Community Colleges. In addition, federal law prohibits states from granting professional licenses to undocumented immigrants.

**I am currently a Radiography student at another college or university and would like to transfer to pursue the Forsyth Tech Radiography program. What should I do?**

Contact the Director of Radiography, Nancy Andrews-Hall at [nandrews-hall@forsythtech.edu](mailto:nandrews-hall@forsythtech.edu). Also, you can see Transferring into the Radiography Program, in the Radiography Program Student Handbook link, on the program's home page.

**How do I know if this program will prepare me for a career in radiography and meets all requirements for national accreditation/certification?**

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) accredits the Radiography Program of Forsyth Technical Community College. Graduates are eligible to apply to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) to sit for the examination for national certification as a radiographer. Additional information about these organizations can be obtained by contacting:

- [Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology \(JRCERT\)](#).
- American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, 1255 Northland Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55120-1155, Phone: 651.687.0048 or at [The ARRT Website](#).
- **Note:** Individuals who have been charged or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony must pre-apply to the ARRT. Written preapproval to take the examination will be required. The pre-application fee is the responsibility of the student. Exceptions: You do not have to

**What day and approximate time are the day classes?**

When students take general education classes times will vary. Radiography classes/labs/clinical are daytime and usually over by 6:00 p.m. depending on the semester. Radiography program students are required to participate in night and weekend clinical rotations and are notified at the beginning of each semester of the dates and times. In the event of a natural disaster or pandemic dates and times are subject to change.

**Can I take classes on any Forsyth Tech campus?**

Some related courses are offered at other campuses; however, most courses are available only on the main campus. All radiography courses except for clinical education courses will be held on the main campus in Bob Greene Hall.

**What type of facilities does the program have on campus?**

The program has a well-equipped laboratory with laptop computers and energized DR x-ray units with workstations, and portable x-ray and mobile c-arm units. The laboratory is located on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus in Bob Greene Hall and provides students with hands-on learning and practice experiences.

The radiography program has a dedicated classroom that is equipped with internet access and a digital projection system.

**Do you offer the Radiography program in the evening?**

No, the program is only offered as a day program.

**How many semesters is the Radiography program?**

Five (5)- Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall, Spring

**How much does the program cost?**

The program cost can be found in a link on the Radiography Program website home page.

**Can I work while in the Radiography program?**

Yes, many of our students do work at least on a part-time basis while they attend the program. However, it is important to note that while it may be possible to work full-time while also attending the program, the time commitments – both in and out of the classroom – make it extremely difficult for those students to succeed in the program and graduate. From our experience, the best situation, if you must work, would be to do so on a part-time, as needed basis, which would allow for some degree of flexibility during times of increased course and clinical requirements.

**Is your radiography program accredited?**

Yes, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits Forsyth Technical Community College. In addition, the Joint Review Committee on the Education of Radiologic Technologists (JRCERT) accredits the Radiography program.

**I am CPR certified by the American Heart Association and my card does not read "Healthcare Provider." Do I need to retake the CPR class?**

Yes, CPR certification must be by the American Heart Association/Healthcare Provider.

**Where can I obtain "Healthcare Provider" CPR certification?**

Contact Forsyth Tech's Economic and Workforce Development Education Division at (336) 734-7023 to sign-up for a class or if you are presently working in a health care facility, they may offer the course at the facility.

**Do you have a waiting list?**

No, applicants must apply each year to be considered.

**How are applicants selected for the Radiography Program?**

Currently, the College uses a point ranking system using your college course work and the Health Occupations Test (TEAS).

**How many students do you accept, and do you accept each semester?**

Approximately thirty (30) are admitted Fall Semester of each year.

**When and how will I be notified of acceptance to the program?**

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program via an email to their Forsyth Tech email account. Applicants chosen as alternates or not accepted for the program will also be notified at that time.

**What am I required to do before the first day of class if I am accepted?**

Students will receive an email from the Program Director after acceptance to the program and the student's confirmation. The email will inform applicants of a mandatory Orientation Session with the Program Director and Faculty. During the Orientation Session students will be provided with information concerning additional program requirements.

**What if I am unable to attend the Orientation Session or meet the other requirements before the first day of class?**

Students not attending the Orientation Session and/or unable to meet the additional requirements will be unable to enter the program.

**How do I apply for Financial Aid?**

All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.ed.gov). Look at [Forsyth Tech's financial aid page](#) for more information regarding financial aid.

**What if I move while applying for this program?**

It is a student's responsibility to inform the college and program of changes in personal information regarding name, phone number, and mailing address. To update personal information, follow the instructions found on the Forsyth Tech Student Records web page regarding a Personal Information Change. Students may also visit Student Services to request a change.

**What if I am not admitted to the program?**

Applicants not admitted will need to re-apply by completing the MAR Checklist for the year of reapplication AND visit/email Student Services to confirm an active program status. Instructions regarding reapplication will be included in the applicant's status notification email. Students are responsible for following the guidelines for reapplication. Students are required to submit a new MAR each year to apply.

# Program FAQ

**Can I complete the associate degree Radiography program part-time?**

The related course work can be completed part-time, but once you are admitted to the program it is a full-time commitment.

# Admissions FAQ

## **Where is Forsyth Technical Community College located?**

Forsyth Tech's main campus is conveniently located. See our [main campus map](#) for more information.

## **How do I begin the admission process? How do I apply to the Radiography program?**

Instructions for college admission and Radiography program admissions can be found in the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) link found here:

<https://www.forsythtech.edu/programs/radiography/>

## **Do I have to be a high school graduate to enter the program?**

Yes, all applicants must have graduated from an accredited high school before entering the program.

## **What if I took the GED or graduated from an Adult High School, do I still need my high school transcript?**

Yes, this can help determine if you have met the admission requirements.

## **Do you accept the GED/ diploma/ adult high school diploma?**

Yes.

## **I took a class at a college or university in 1994, and the course does not pertain to the Radiography Program. Do I need to obtain an official transcript?**

Yes, the college needs official transcripts from your high school and all colleges attended.

## **Will any of my classes I have already completed transfer over?**

The college's Student Services, Academic Records/Transcripts Office will determine transfer credit based on student's official transcript. For additional information use the following link:

<https://www.forsythtech.edu/students/apply/transcripts/>

## **Do I need to complete all the related courses before I can be admitted to the program?**

No, related courses are not required for admission into the program. However, due to the competitive admission process, those students who have completed some or all the related courses will have higher point totals than those who have not, putting those students in a better position during selective admissions. Also, many students want to complete all general education courses prior to beginning the radiography coursework because it lightens their course load.

## **I have taken Anatomy & Physiology at another college over twenty years (20) years ago, will I need to retake the course?**

Currently, we do not have a time limit on Anatomy & Physiology for the Radiography program.

## **What courses count towards my Humanities/Fine Arts Elective?**

ART 111, ENG 131, ENG 231, HUM 110, HUM 115, HUM 120, MUS 110, PHI 215, PHI 240, and REL110.

## **What if I meet the requirements and have completed all the related courses, can I be accepted into the program?**

You can be considered for admission to the Radiography program. It is a selective admissions program which is competitive and has more applicants than seats available.