Program Description

The radiologist assistant is a new level of imaging technologist. The registered radiologist assistant (R.R.A.) is an advanced-level radiographer who works under the supervision of a radiologist to promote high standards of patient care by assisting radiologists in the diagnostic imaging environment. The R.R.A. Under radiologist supervision, the R.R.A. will enhance patient care by extending the capacity of the radiologist in the diagnostic imaging environment by performing patient assessment, patient management, fluoroscopy and other radiology procedures. Although, the Radiologist Assistant will not take the place of a radiologist, the assistant will allow the radiologist to focus more time on interpretation rather than on procedures. A radiologist assistant will have completed an advanced academic program encompassing a nationally recognized curriculum and a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship.

Description Of The Profession

A radiologist assistant is an advanced-role for experienced diagnostic radiologic technologist who are already competent in radiologic procedures. The radiologist assistant functions as a radiology extender, supplementing and supporting the work of radiologists. His or her duties might include patient assessment, patient education, image evaluation, ordering follow-up images, and performing routine fluoroscopic and selected interventional procedures. In performing these duties, the radiologist assistant would free up radiologists to focus on interpretation, diagnosis and treatment.

Full-time and Part-time status

In general, the Radiologist Assistant program at Rutgers, School of Health-Related Professions (SHRP) is designed to meet the needs of working diagnostic radiographers. The 44 credit program can be accomplished on a part-time basis. The part time option is designed to be completed in 3 years. All course requirements for graduation must be completed within 4 years of starting the program.
**Department Faculty**
Please see the department faculty under Medical Imaging Sciences / Newark campus.

**Primary Campus Location**
The program is a distance-learning program. Primary office is located in Newark.

**Curriculum**
See database for program requirements and course descriptions and select your program.

**Mission/Goals/Objectives**
The Master of Science Radiologist Assistant program is designed to enhance the professional development of Diagnostic Radiographers in the workforce. The program offers courses both traditionally and via distance learning. Throughout the duration of studies students are presented with the knowledge and skills necessary for advanced practice. The combination of a strong academic curriculum and intensive clinical training provides a program that is comprehensive in its methods and capable of thoroughly training students in the advanced practices of a Radiologist Assistant. The credits earned in the program may be used to meet the ARRT's continuing education requirements. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are awarded a Master of Science degree from Rutgers-SHRP.

**Major Clinical Affiliates**
- University Hospital, Newark, NJ

**Admissions Requirements**
In order to qualify for admission, applicants must meet the following Requirements:
- graduated from a Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology approved Diagnostic Radiography program
- earned bachelorate degree with an accumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- possess an up to date New Jersey Diagnostic Technologist license and current registration by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (to determine NJ state license eligibility contact the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Radiological health at (609) 984-5890)
- employed as a full time radiographer for a minimum of one year.
  - identify a radiologist group to serve as your preceptor (academic/clinical)
- provide three letters of recommendation (two from a radiologist)
- provide personal statement
- provide proof of current Basic Cardiac life Support Certification (BCLS)
- Prerequisite course: Introduction to Pathophysiology, Human Disease or an equivalent. The program does offer an Introduction to Pathophysiology course every Spring/Summer semester on line.

Selection for admissions is a competitive process that is the responsibility of the faculty. Decisions are based on a composite of the applicants overall academic ability, including achievement in professional and science courses. Aptitude in oral and written self expression; personal characteristics such as leadership potential; and life and work experiences are also considered.

**For more information**
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