

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)?

UMDNJ is the state university of the health sciences. There are eight schools on four campuses across New Jersey and a fifth Internet Campus. UMDNJ is the largest university of its kind in America and is a leader in health care research, education, and patient care.

What is the mission of UMDNJ?

The University's mission is to promote professional standards of excellence among students and health care professionals by meeting the health needs of New Jersey citizens as well as across the country through the coordination of education, research and community service.

What is SHRP?

SHRP stands for the School of Health Related Professions, one of eight schools at UMDNJ.

Our specialization is two-fold:

- *Preparing students for entry-level health care careers.*
- *Educating health professionals for career advancement.*

Accreditation Status

The School of Health Related Professions, as part of the UMDNJ, is fully accredited by the Commission of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. This is a voluntary, non-governmental, peer-based membership organization dedicated to educational excellence and improvement through peer-evaluation and accreditation. The commission is a recognized leader in promoting and ensuring quality assurance and improvements in higher education. It defines, maintains, and promotes educational excellence and responds creatively to a diverse, dynamic, global higher education community that is continually evolving. January 23, 2010, the ARRT Board of Trustees determined the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Health Related Professions Radiologist Assistant Program to be in substantial compliance with the ARRT Recognition Criteria for Radiologist Assistant Educational Programs. Accreditation is in effect through January 31, 2015.



SCHOOL OF HEALTH
RELATED PROFESSIONS

University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

UMDNJ-SHRP Homepage

<http://shrp.umdnj.edu>

Program Requirements & Course Descriptions

<http://coursecatalog.umdnj.edu>

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ADMISSIONS

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SHRP

Department of
Medical Imaging Sciences

exclusively dedicated to healthcare

rigorous course work

the very best faculty & students

state-of-the-art equipment

*it's all
about*

CHOICES...

Master of Science Radiologist Assistant Program



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Master of Science Radiologist Assistant Program (MSRA)

Students who choose UMDNJ's School of Health Related Professions want a University that is exclusively dedicated to health care, with state-of-the-art equipment, rigorous coursework, and faculty who care. All our resources go toward supporting a health care educational environment that attracts and nurtures the very best faculty and students.

DESCRIPTION OF PROFESSION

A radiologist assistant is an advanced-level radiologic technologist who enhances patient care by extending the capacity of the radiologist in the diagnostic imaging environment. The radiologist assistant is an ARRT-certified radiographer who has completed an advanced academic program encompassing a nationally recognized radiologist assistant curriculum and a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship. With radiologist supervision, the radiologist assistant performs patient assessment, patient management, fluoroscopy and other radiology procedures. The radiologist assistant also makes initial observations of diagnostic images, but does not provide an official interpretation. Radiologist assistants can provide their service in a variety of medical settings where the radiologist is responsible for the interpretation of the procedures.

From *The Radiologist Assistant: Improving Patient Care While Providing Work Force Solution, Consensus Statement from the Advanced Practice Advisory Panel*, March 9-10, 2002, Washington, D.C

It's all about choices... choosing the best Radiologist Assistant graduate program to help you achieve your career goals. If you are a highly motivated, bachelor prepared, and ARRT certified or licensed radiologic technologist who wants to:

Enhance your current knowledge, develop new skills and proficiencies so you can meet the challenges of a changing radiology profession and health care system

Develop a more sophisticated approach to accessing, valuating, synthesizing, and communicating health related information;

Become a more effective contributor, and assume a greater leadership role in the radiology profession.

What is the Master of Science Radiologist Assistant Program (MSRA)?

The MSRA Program is a 44-credit part-time online master's degree for radiologic technologist professionals who hold a baccalaureate degree and are certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology or licensed to practice radiography in the US.

The program develops an individual's ability to 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.

Who is this MSRA program designed for?

It is designed for radiology professionals who have been practicing for a minimum of one year and want to advance their knowledge, learn new skills and proficiencies needed to meet the challenges of a changing radiology profession and health care system.



How is the MSRA curriculum designed?

The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of today's busy professionals. Every semester the part-time student is registered for 6 credits.

The RA curriculum is based on guidelines and content proposed by the ASRT and ARRT. It is divided into specific content areas that represent the essential components of an RA program.

Course		Credits
MSRA 5110	Pathophysiology for Radiologist Assistants	3
MSRA 5100	Radiobiology, Radiation Safety, & Health Physics	3
MSRA 5200	Advanced Patient Care and Pharmacology	4
MSRA 5120	Patient Assessment, Management & Education	3
MSRA 5111	Imaging Pathophysiology & Clinical Pathways	3
MSRA 5230	Roles & Responsibilities in Radiology Procedures, Techniques & Quality Care	3
MSRA 5212	Imaging Pathophysiology & Clinical Pathways II	3
MSRA 5112	Law, Regulation & Risk Management	1
MSRA 5219	Clinical Preceptorship and Image Evaluation I	3
IDST 6400	Evidence Based Literature Review	3
MSRA 5319	Clinical Preceptorship and Image Evaluation II	3
MSRA 6219	Clinical Preceptorship and Image Evaluation III	3
MSRA 7209	Clinical Internship	9

Admission Requirements for MSRA Program

Applicants must meet the following requirements for admission:

- Suggested completion of an introduction to Pathophysiology, Human Disease, or equivalent course
- Graduate of a Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology approved Diagnostic Radiography program
- Possess a BS degree with an accumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Possess an up to date NJ Diagnostic Technologist license and/or current registration by the ARRT
- Submit notarized copy of current ARRT registry and state license
- Employed as a radiographer for a minimum of one year
Identify a radiology group to serve as your preceptor (academic/clinical) with signed agreement
- Provide three letters of recommendation 2 from a radiologist and 1 from another source
- Provide personal statement
- Provide proof of current BCLS certification