Los Angeles City College's
Radiologic Technology Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) List

Dear prospective Radiologic Technology student,

Thank you for your interest in LACC's Radiologic Technology Program. Compiled in this document are commonly asked questions by students. If your question is not on the FAQs list or you have a specific question, please reach out to our Program Director (RadTech@lacitycollege.edu), or the Radiologic Technology Department Chair, Julie Washenik (washenj@laccd.deu).

Q: What are the prerequisite courses I need to apply to the Radiologic Technology Program?
A: There are seven (7) prerequisite courses needed to apply to the Radiologic Technology Program: (26 units)
1. RT 200 Introduction to Radiologic Technology (3 units)
   - must be completed at LACC
2. RT 201 Medical Terminology for Radiologic Technology (3 units)
   - If taken this course at another college, it must a 3-unit college level Medical Terminology course, substituted via a general petition
3. RT 202 Introduction to Electromagnetic Radiation Image Recording and Processing (4 units)
   - must be completed at LACC.
   - Enrollment requirements:
      - ENG 028 Intermediate Reading and Composition (3 units)
      - ENG 067 Writing Lab (0.5 unit)
      - MATH 115 Elementary Algebra (5 units)
      - RT 200 Introduction to Radiologic Technology (3 units)
      - RT 201 Medical Terminology for Radiologic Technology (3 units)
4. Anatomy 001 Introductory to Human Anatomy (4 units)
5. Physiology 001 Introductory to Human Physiology (4 units)
6. MATH 115 Elementary Algebra (5 units), equivalent, or higher
7. English 101 College Reading and Composition I (3 units)
   - Enrollment Requirement: E.S.L. 008 or ENG 028 or placement in ENG 101
* Completion of all General Education Requirements for an associate degree by the end of the spring semester of the application year.
* Documentation of forty (40) volunteer hours at a medical imaging center (clinic/hospital). Effective 2024.
* The RT 207 Patient Care class is no longer a prerequisite requirement. However, it is now a cohort class, as 25% of the ARRT exam is based on this content. If you have previously taken this course and passed, you are NOT required to retake it.
* The RT 203 Intro to Digital Radiography/Introduction to Anatomy & Positioning course has been archived and is no longer a prerequisite requirement.

Q: How do I apply to the Radiologic Technology Program? When are the deadlines?
A: The online application process can be found on our LACC Radiologic Technology Website. Applications must be submitted between February 1st to March 31st. More information can also be found on our Rad Tech Program Brochure.

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Q: What is the selection process?
A: Students are chosen randomly, via a lottery system, via a waitlist (2023-2025). Each year we will require students who are already on the waitlist to email the Program Director their intent to maintain their status on the waitlist or not. If openings are available, we will randomly select students to fill any available openings. The Program Director will post online the last 4 digits of your student ID number and ranking placement. Effective 2026, there will only be no waitlist, only a lottery selection based on applicants that meet all the prerequisites. Please refer to the Radiologic Technology website for more information.

Q: How many students are accepted each year?
A: Currently, we are accepting only 20 students each year. This is due to the number of students each clinical site can train.

Q: How long is the waiting list for acceptance into the program?
A: Currently, the waitlist is full till 2024, with only several available spots for entry in Fall 2025. If there are any openings, we will bump up students from the consecutive waitlist and open the application link. Date TBD. Beginning January 2026, students will be selected via a lottery system, no waitlist. If you were placed on the waitlist, you **must** contact the program with your intent to continue to maintain your placement on the waitlist. Please send an email to RadTech@lacitycollege.edu with your student ID, your full name. You must use your student email address. In the email subject, please write "Class of 20XX Student".

Q: Will the waiting list be available online?
A: The waitlist will be posted on the LACC Radiologic Technology Program website as soon as it is available. Typically, it is posted Feb. 1 each year. The list will have the last four numbers of the applicants' student ID and the ranking of the student.

Q: How long is the program?
A: Upon acceptance, the Radiologic Technology program is two years.

Q: Is the program accredited by the JRCERT?
A: Yes.

Q: What is the estimated cost of the program?
A: Approximately $6,693. More detailed information is in our Radiologic Technology Program Brochure.

Q: How do I communicate with a College Counselor to plan courses?
A: Currently, you can schedule an online counseling appointment via Cranium Café.

Q: Do my college classes transfer to LACC?
A: A college counselor will be able to determine which courses are accepted at LACC.

Q: What are the general education requirements?
A: A college counselor will be able to help you with the courses you need. The first step is to apply to the college and obtain a student ID. Then schedule an appointment with a college counselor.

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Q: What is the success rate of students passing the board examination? Job placement rate?
A: Current Program Effectiveness Data can be found on our LACC Radiologic Technology website.

Q: Can I take RT 200, RT 201, and RT 202 in the same semester?
A: You can only take RT 200 and RT 201 in the same semester. Please note that you must complete both classes, along with ENG 028, 067, or ENG 101, before taking RT 202.

Q: Is it possible to apply while completing the prerequisites?
A: Yes, you can apply in the spring semester with the intent to complete all the required prerequisites in that semester. You must submit an official transcript between the application timeframes. After passing all prerequisite courses you took in the spring, you must submit a copy of your unofficial transcript, letting the Program Director know you passed and completed all the prerequisite courses to qualify to be in the lottery selection.

Q: Is it possible to be on the waitlist while completing the prerequisites?
A: In order to be on the 2025 waitlist, you need to take all the required prerequisite courses, then apply. After the Program Director determines that you meet the minimum requirements, your name will be drawn from a lottery before you can be added to the waitlist. Beginning January 2026, students will be selected via a lottery system, there will be no waitlist.

Q: If I have questions regarding my application, whom do I contact?
A: All questions regarding the program or your application, please send an email to RadTech@laccitycollege.edu The program director and department chair are monitoring the inbox.

Q: Is there a recency on any of the required prerequisite courses?
A: No, however, if you are planning on continuing to earn a post-modality certification (CT, MRI, Radiation Therapy) or a higher degree (Bachelor's or Master's degree) some colleges require a five year recency for certain courses, i.e., anatomy and physiology. It is highly recommended you meet with a college counselor at the school you intend to apply or transfer to and ask what their recency requirements on specific programs.

Q: How many clinical sites does the program have?
A: Currently, we are affiliated with three clinical partners:
1. Good Samaritan Hospital/PIH: Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital
2. Kaiser Permanente – Los Angeles Medical Center (Hollywood)
3. Kaiser Permanente – West Los Angeles Medical Center
4. RadNet – Multiple locations
5. Children's Hospital (CHLA)

Q: Upon acceptance into the Radiologic Technology program, are students allowed to pick which clinical site they train at?
A: No, the clinical sites will do an intake of transcripts, required documents, and modules (i.e., HIPAA, Bloodborne pathogens, etc.). to verify that students meet their organization's criteria.

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Q: What are the required documents needed by the clinical sites?
A: Each facility requires different training modules and documentation not limited to a background check, drug screening, mandatory vaccine status (i.e., DTaP, MMR, Hep B, COVID-19, and booster, flu), physical/mental health clearance, TB test, mask fitting, HIPAA compliance, CPR-BLS training, Fire safety, Bloodborne training, etc.

Q: I have a criminal/ethics violation record. Am I able to apply to the program?
A: You must contact and apply to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Ethics Committee before applying to the LACC Radiologic Technology Program. The committee will determine if you are eligible to sit for the national board exam.

Q: What is the curriculum once I get accepted into the program?
A: Students can find this information in our 2023 Program Brochure on our Radiologic Technology website.

Fall Semester (1st year) – (19 units)
Radiologic Technology 103- Radiographic Anatomy and Positioning- Skeletal System (4 units) Radiologic Technology 205- Fundamentals of X-Ray Physics (4 units)
Radiologic Technology 207 - Patient Care and Management (4 units)
Radiologic Technology 208 - Cross Sectional Anatomy and Pathology (3 units)
Radiologic Technology 240 - Radiation Protection and Biology (4 units)

Winter Semester (1st year) – (2 units)*
Radiologic Technology 210 - Quality Management (1 unit) Radiologic Technology 108- Radiographic Bootcamp (1 units)*
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Spring Semester (1st year) – (13.5 units)*
Radiologic Technology 104 - Radiographic Anatomy and Positioning -Cranium and Visceral Organs (4 units)
Radiologic Technology 206 - Radiographic Exposure (4 units)
Radiologic Technology 209 - Pharmacology and Venipuncture with Basic Life Support (BLS) (3 units)*
Radiologic Technology 260 - Introduction to Clinical Education (4 units)
*The program is being modified to reduce the number of units and hours for the RT 209 course to 1.5 units.

Summer Semester (1st year) – (6 units)
Radiologic Technology 280- Clinical Education in Radiologic Technology I (6 units)

Fall Semester (2nd year) – (15 units)
Radiologic Technology 211 - Computed Tomography (3 units)
Radiologic Technology 281 - Clinical Education in Radiologic Technology II (12 units)

Winter Semester (2nd year) – (4 units)
Radiologic Technology 282 - Clinical Education in Radiologic Technology III (4 units)

Spring Semester (2nd year) – (15 units)
Radiologic Technology 243- Principles and Practices of Fluoroscopy (3 units)
Radiologic Technology 283- Clinical Education in Radiologic Technology IV (12 units)

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*RT 210 Quality Management (3 units) was changed to 1 unit.
 RT 209 - Pharmacology and Venipuncture with Basic Life Support (BLS) (3 units) was changed to 1.5 units.

**Please note, this program is a two-year full-time commitment. Often students must take evening and Saturday classes and/or clinic. Our curriculum requires students to study outside of the classroom. Work-life balance is often a challenge for our students who require to work or have family obligations. There are college resources available for students.

Q: Where can I go for my volunteer hours?
A: We recommend first trying to volunteer at one of our clinical partners. Please go through the hospital's Volunteer Services. You may try other local outpatient clinics or hospitals with a medical imaging center close to your home. Other larger organizations you may want to try are UCLA Ronald Reagan, USC Keck Medical Center, Cedar Sinai, St. John's Hospital, other Kaiser Permanente Hospitals, or Providence Hospitals.

Q: What kind of documentation do I need for my volunteer hours?
A: A letter/email from volunteer service at the Clinic/Hospital you attained your volunteer hours. The letter must be on the institute's official letterhead or the email must be sent from the organization (no personal emails are accepted).

Q: Am I able to do more than 40 hours?
A: Yes, some hospitals require more than 40 hours for volunteers to fulfill their service. However, the program only requires a minimum of 40 hours.

Q: I already work a medical facility; can I use my work hours as my volunteer 40 hours?
A: Yes, if you currently work in a medical imaging center. Your employer must identify the capacity of your duties in the department. Your duties must align with you working closely with the physicians and technologist with a great understanding of the equipment, duties, and the procedures performed.

Q: Is there tutoring available for any Radiologic Technology courses?
A: There are Math and English labs available. However, tutoring is only available for students enrolled in a Math or English course. Currently, there is no available tutoring for our Radiologic Technology courses. However, the faculty are trying to secure a lab and radiographic math/physics tutor.

Q: What I if I don't see my question listed?
A: Please contact the Program Director or Department Chair. Faculty contact is found on our [Radiologic Technology website](#).