

Application & Information Packet



Bachelor of Science Degree in
Radiography

Please email application to: UAFS.HealthSciences@uafs.edu

Application for Admission
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiography

1. Complete this application. (Type or print legibly)
2. If classes are in progress at another institution, please attach a schedule of those classes.

Name _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Cell Phone# _____ Home Phone# _____ Work Phone# _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____
Street Number or P O Box City State Zip

Student ID# _____ Date of Birth _____

*Have you ever been charged and/or convicted of a misdemeanor ☐ Yes ☐ No **and/or** felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Do you have any pending cases? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, identify your next court date. _____

If this is a request for reentry, please supply the following information:

1. Date you left program, grade, and reason for leaving: _____
2. Work experience since leaving program: _____

List **all** Colleges, Universities, or Other Schools Attended (if more room needed, please continue on back):

Institution	Dates Attended
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____

*Have you completed all of the prerequisite courses for the program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered no, please list any outstanding prerequisites and when you plan to complete them.

* I understand that I shall not be considered for the program until I have been admitted to UAFS and submitted all required documentation. I understand that any notification of admission will be contingent upon a background check being accepted by all clinical agencies. Further, I understand acceptance is pending successful completion off all prerequisite courses. I understand and have read the Radiography Program Statement.

I, the below signed individual, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and ability, the information in this application is true and factual. I understand that false, misleading, or incomplete statements could lead to my subsequent dismissal or rejection as a radiography student.

Student Signature

Date



Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiography PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Radiography Program is a part of the College of Health Sciences (CHS) at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (UAFS). The Radiography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Commission on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Students desiring admission to the Radiography Program need to be aware of and understand the following information related to admission, progression, and graduation.

ADMISSION

Admission Criteria

To be considered for admission into the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Complete university admission requirements to include submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- 2) Have a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all college course work (including transfer work and excluding developmental courses) and be in good academic standing
- 3) Complete required prerequisite courses for the Radiography Program with a minimum of "C" or higher in each course prior to fall entry
- 4) Take the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Health Occupations Aptitude Examination

*For more information about testing, go to <https://academics.uafs.edu/academic-success/psychological-services-bureau-psb>.

NOTE: The application process for the Radiography Program requires a criminal background check. Many clinical facilities require a criminal background check and/or drug screen on CHS students and have the authority to deny clinical training in their facility, secondary to outcome of either screening. Students unable to practice in any clinical agency because of an adverse or negative background check will be unable to complete the program objectives, thereby revoking admission into a program or halting continued progression in the student's program of study. The application process for licensure requires state and federal criminal background checks. Students who have been convicted of a crime, including those that are sealed or expunged, must seek permission from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to write the certification exam to become a registered radiographer.

Application

Admission into the Radiography Program is competitive. Students who meet the minimum criteria identified above are eligible to submit an application for admission.

- 1) **Application Deadline** - May 15th for fall entry into the program
- 2) Eligible students must submit an application for admission to the Advising Coordinator for the College of Health Sciences prior to the application deadline

Selection

Selection is based on the following weighted system:

Phase One

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| • Quality Points earned for prescribed courses on the Radiography degree plan* | 40% |
| • Score earned on the PSB Exam | 30% |
| • Cumulative GPA | 30% |

*If a student has received college credit through Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) for a course, the student will be given quality points equivalent to a grade of "A" for ranking purposes.

NOTE: In the event that applicants have identical ranking scores, priority will be given to the student with the highest cumulative GPA. The top 30 applicants after Phase One of the selection process will proceed to Phase Two.

Phase Two

- Interview

NOTE: Following the completion of Phase Two, the top applicants will be offered positions for the available seats in the Radiography Program. **Meeting the minimum criteria for admission or taking courses on the Radiography degree plan does not guarantee admission into the program. Students not admitted must reapply to be considered for another semester. Students identified as alternates are not guaranteed a position in the next class.**

Additional Documentation

Students admitted into the Radiography Program must submit the following additional documentation prior to fall entry:

- Health Care Provider Statement/Medical Release form
- Proof of immunizations
- CPR Certification: American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS)
- Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screen

Note: Many clinical facilities require a criminal background check and/or drug screen on CHS students and have the authority to deny clinical training in their facility, secondary to outcome of either screening. Students unable to practice in any clinical agency because of an adverse or negative background check will be unable to complete the program objectives, thereby revoking admission into a program or halting continued progression in the student's program of study.

PROGRESSION

Science courses taken more than five years prior to entering the program will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Executive Director of Imaging Sciences and the Dean of the College of Health Sciences. See your advisor for more information and to request a science course evaluation.

The Radiography Program is competency based. To continue in the program, a student must maintain a 75 percent average in clinical performance and 75 percent through each didactic course.

A student dropped for academic or any other reason may apply for readmission if in compliance with the UAHS Student Academic Progress Policy as outlined in the course catalog. A student who discontinues the radiography sequence for academic or any other reason must petition for readmission to the Radiography Program. The readmission requirements are found in the Radiography Program Policy and Procedure Manual (see the Readmission Criteria & Procedure Policy). The student is not guaranteed a position for readmission. A student who is readmitted is accountable for the degree requirements in effect at the time of readmission.

A grade of "C" or better is required in ALL courses applicable to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiography.

GRADUATION

To earn a Radiography degree, a student must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required courses applicable to the Radiography Program; earn a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA in all course work required for the major; and earn a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative GPA on all work attempted at the University. The student must meet with the Advising Coordinator to complete the graduation application one year prior to intended graduation.

After being granted the Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiography, the student is eligible to sit for the national certification examination in Radiologic Technology administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

I have read and understand this program statement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Information is subject to change. Please check for current information before applying to the program.

Q. What is the difference between an x-ray technologist, a radiologic technologist, and a radiographer?

A. None. The names have evolved over time but represent the same professional position.

Q. When may I enter the Radiography Program?

A. One class of 20 students is admitted each year in May; classes begin in the fall semester.

Q. How long is the program?

A. The Radiography Program is a two-year sequentially formatted program. Once admitted, students are expected to complete the entire program in two years.

Q. If I take some courses ahead of time, can I complete the program in a shorter time?

A. No. Even though you must take some general education courses prior to entering the program, it will still take you two years to complete the radiography program. The radiography courses are offered in sequence with each course building on previous courses and are not offered out of sequence.

Q. May I attend the program on a part-time basis?

A. No. It takes 2 years including summers of full-time attendance to complete the program. Accreditation standards require all students to complete the program in 36 months or less.

Q. Are there any prerequisite courses to be taken prior to entering the program?

A. Yes, some are general education courses required for an associate degree in Arkansas. A good foundation in all of these subjects is essential for success.

Q. Will I be exposed to risks or hazards?

A. Yes, you may be exposed to infectious patients and substances. Students are taught proper procedures in radiation protection and standard precautions (infection and disease control) in the program.

Q. How is the job market?

A. Presently there is a shortage of radiographers across the country and in Arkansas. Job availability is excellent and is projected to remain that way for many years.

Q. Once I graduate from the Radiography Program and I am certified, where can I work?

A.

• Acute Care	• Traveling Technologists	• Medical Clinics	• Industrial Radiography
Hospitals	• Outpatient Surgery	• Mobile Radiography	• Sales and Service
• Physicians' offices	Centers	Services	

Q. How may I continue my education in radiography beyond my associate degree?

A. Bachelor of Science in Leadership, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, or Radiation Therapy; Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration, Radiologic & Imaging Sciences, Education, or Management; Specialized certification: MRI, CT, Ultrasound, Heart Catheterization, Special Procedures, Mammography, Bone Densitometry, or Quality Management.

Q. What are the costs of the program?

A. Estimated cost for the 2018-2019 school year is \$23,230 for in-state residents (includes AR, OK, MO, TN, MS, LA, TX) and \$45,922 for out-of-state residents. Costs may change without notice, other fees may apply, and additional costs may be incurred throughout the program's entirety. See the Radiography web page for more details.

Radiography Program

Admission, Selection, and Progression Chart

PRE-ADMISSION

- 1) Students are admitted to UAFS through the Office of Admissions and School Relations
- 2) Students are advised by the ROAR First-Year Advising Center through the first 24 credit hours

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- 1) Complete university admission requirements to include submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- 2) Have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA for all college course work (including transfer work and excluding developmental courses) and be in good academic standing
- 3) Complete required prerequisite courses for the Radiography Program with a minimum grade of "C" or higher in each course prior to fall entry
- 4) Take the PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

In State	\$ 23,230
Out-of-State	\$ 45,922

PRESCRIBED COURSES (116 points possible)

CHEM 1303	Chemical Principles†
MATH 1403	College Algebra†
BIOL 2203/2201	Human Anatomy/Lab†
BIOL 2213/2211	Human Physiology/Lab
ENGL 1203	Composition I†
ENGL 1213	Composition II
HLTH 1473	Medical Terminology
PSYC 1163	General Psychology - OR -
SOCI 2753	Introduction to Sociology
ITA 1003	Computer Apps Knowledge - OR -
ITA 1051 & 2 hours from: 1101, 1201, 1251	

† Denotes a program prerequisite

Science courses taken more than five years prior to entering the program will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Executive Director and the Dean. See your advisor for more information and to request a science course evaluation.

PSB PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM (380 points possible)

- May be taken twice in the Spring with at least 30 days between tests.
- Scores are valid for two years
- The highest score will be used for ranking purposes

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

TO APPLY: Students must meet **ALL** admission requirements

After taking the PSB and prior to the application deadline, students will submit an application to the Advising Coordinator.

- Application **deadline:** May 15th
- Admission is **highly competitive**
- Selection is based on the following weighted system:

Phase One

- **30%** Score earned on the PSB Exam
- **40%** Quality Points
- **30%** Cumulative GPA

Applicants ranked in the top 30 after Phase One will proceed to Phase Two.

In the event of identical scores, priority will be given to the student with the highest **cumulative GPA**.

Phase Two

The Personal Interview

Following the completion of Phase Two, the top applicants will be offered a position for the available seats in the Radiography Program.

ACCEPTANCE

- Upon acceptance into the program, students must submit the following additional documentation:
 - 1) Health Care Provider Statement / Medical Release Form
 - 2) Proof of current immunizations
 - 3) CPR certification: American Heart Association Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BLS)
 - 4) Criminal Background Check
 - 5) Drug Screen

LICENSURE

After being granted the Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiography, the student is eligible to sit for the national certification examination in Radiologic Technology administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

PROGRESSION

- To continue in the program, a student must maintain satisfactory clinical performance and a 75% average through each didactic course
- A student dropped for academic or any other reason may apply for readmission if in compliance with the UAFS Student Academic Progress Policy. A student who discontinues the sequence for academic or any other reason must petition for readmission to the Radiography program. The student is not guaranteed a position for readmission. A student who is readmitted is accountable for the degree requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses applicable to the AAS in Radiography
- **RADIOGRAPHY COURSES** must be taken in the following sequence (Pending Approvals):

FALL SEMESTER:

- RADT 1104 Intro to Radiography
- RADT 1112 Radiographic Procedures I
- RADT 1124 Clinical Education I
- RADT 1232 Radiation Physics

SPRING SEMESTER:

- RADT 1204 Image Production
- RADT 1214 Radiographic Procedures II
- RADT 1224 Clinical Education II

SUMMER SEMESTER:

- RADT 1312 Radiographic Procedures III
- RADT 1324 Clinical Education III

FALL SEMESTER:

- RADT 2412 Radiographic Procedures IV
- RADT 2425 Clinical Education IV
- RADT 2432 Principles of Radiation Biology/Protection

SPRING SEMESTER:

- RADT 2502 Imaging Equipment
- RADT 2525 Clinical Education V
- RADT 2601 Radiography Pathology
- RADT 2611 Senior Seminar

GRADUATION

- A Student must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required courses applicable to the Radiography Program; earn a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA in all course work required for the major; and earn a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA on all work attempted at the University.
- See the Advising Coordinator to submit an application for graduation one year prior to graduation