Frequently Asked Questions
Radiologic Technology Program
Spartanburg Community College

How do I apply for the Spartanburg Community College Radiologic Technology Program?

- General information about the RAD TECH application process is available on the SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE-RAD TECH webpage [Radiologic Technology | Spartanburg Community College](#)

- Applications are available on-line via the SCC Student Portal at the beginning of each academic year. The link is available until the deadline for application submission. Students will follow the directions provided in the application.
    - Students must have completed the following Phase 1 classes with a grade of C or higher in order to be eligible to apply. (The one exception is for COL 101 – students may pass with a grade of D.)
        - COL 101 (may substitute COL 103)
        - MAT 110 or MAT 111 or MAT 130
        - BIO 112 (or the combination of BIO 210 **and** BIO 211)
        - ENG 101
        - SPC 205

- The applications will be verified, points totaled, and a ranking assigned to each student based on the calculated scores from completed applications.

How many students are accepted each year to start the program?

The Radiologic Technology Program usually accepts 24 - 30 students each year. This number is based on the number of clinical sites/rotations available for students, number of rising second-year students as well as the program clinical capacity as determined by the accrediting agency, the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

I heard Spartanburg Community College has a waiting list to enter the Radiologic Technology program. Is this true and how long is the waiting list?

Spartanburg Community College's Radiologic Technology Program DOES NOT have a waiting list for admission into the program. The application packets for non-accepted students are kept on file until the first day of the Fall Term in the event that one of the originally accepted students declines his or her slot.

What GPA score is required for admission into the Radiologic Technology program?

The student must have a minimum of a 2.50 GPA or higher on the Phase 1 (required) courses for the program to be eligible to apply.

When can I apply for the Radiologic Technology program?

Students may apply once the application is available via the SCC Student Portal. However, students should not submit the application until all the Phase 1 classes are completed and a grade awarded.

The application deadline for the Radiologic Technology Program is set for once per year, in May, following the end of the spring term.

How many points do I need to be accepted into the program?

There is no "magic" number of points for acceptance into the program. The applicant pool changes yearly, and therefore the high and low points change also. The student should work toward having as many points allowed for his or her situation.

Is the Information Session mandatory?

No; however, attendance is encouraged so students may hear first-hand information from an instructor. Students may earn points for attending an information session – attendance is only valid for the current application year.

What can be used as an Elective?

The required elective must be a humanities course that is at least three credit hours. Refer to the course catalog for the choices available for the Radiologic Technology Program.

How long is the Radiologic Technology Program?

The Radiologic Technology Program's professional curriculum is five consecutive terms. Students begin in August of one year and complete the program in May of the second year. Students attend Fall, Spring and Summer terms of the first year, and Fall and Spring terms of the second year.

Is the Radiologic Technology Program offered in an on-line format?

The Radiologic Technology program is an in-person program of study. Except for one didactic course, all didactic courses meet face-to-face. All clinic courses are in-person courses as well. The student spends approximately 27 – 37 hours per week in the classes/clinic each term (depending on the specific term).

Am I required to undergo a criminal background check and a drug screening to enter the Program?

Yes, all students undergo both a criminal background check and a drug screening prior to entering the Radiologic Technology Program. Specific information is given to the student at the program orientation after acceptance.

Do all students have to go to all clinical sites during the Program?

Yes, all students spend equal time at all clinical sites throughout the program. Each clinical site offers a unique learning atmosphere. Current clinical used include:
- Spartanburg Medical Center – Church Street Campus
- Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus
- Pelham Medical Center
- Immediate Care Center – Reidville Road
- North Grove Imaging
- Union Medical Center
- Immediate Care Center - Gaffney
- Immediate Care Center – Westside
- Immediate Care Center – Eastside
- MGC Orthopaedic Surgery – Eastside
- AdventHealth Polk

Travel to and from these sites is the responsibility of the student.

What are the clinical obligations? Are clinical hours during the daytime only?

Students receive a clinical schedule at the beginning of each term. While the majority of clinic hours do occur during Monday – Friday daytime, as students move into the second term there will be Monday – Friday second-shift hours as well as weekend (Saturday and Sunday) hours added into the clinical schedule.

Clinic hours range from 9 hours per week to 27 hours per week, depending on the specific term.

Students are never assigned more than 10 hours per day or 40 hours per week in the clinic.

Is there a dress code for clinic?

Yes, students will be provided the specific dress code for clinic at the program's orientation. In addition to wearing a specific uniform, these guidelines (not fully inclusive list) must be followed as well:
- Fingernails must be neat, clean and short (no more than slightly visible when looking from the palm of the hand). Nail polish is not allowed. Acrylic, gel, or silk wrap nails are not allowed. Nail tips are not allowed.
- A matching set of small post earrings for pierced ears is permissible. Earrings are allowed in earlobes only. (One earring per ear. The earring must not extend below the earlobe.) No additional body jewelry/body piercings/gauges are permitted.
- No necklaces, bracelets, or anklets are allowed. Rings should be limited to one (1) per hand.
- A wristwatch (with a second hand) must be worn on a daily basis. It may be analog or digital, but cannot be capable of internet access, texting, phone, or taking pictures.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.

Is it possible to work full-time and attend school?

Many students have families, work and attend school. The students are apprised in orientation of the number of hours required for the curriculum so they may adjust work hours each semester to accommodate their school schedules. Neither class nor clinical schedules will be adjusted for a work schedule. Many students can "multi-task" and experience no problems balancing school, family and work. We advise students to remain disciplined and practice good time management skills during the program.

Is it expensive to take the Radiologic Technology courses?

Spartanburg Community College's tuition fees are very affordable. Our Financial Aid office will be glad to counsel with any student who needs advice to apply for grants, lottery or scholarships.

There are additional fees associated with the Radiologic Technology program such as books, uniforms, clinical management system, immunizations, criminal background investigation and drug testing, CPR certification, national certification exam fees, etc.