

Heartland Community College Radiography Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is Radiography for you?**

Yes, if you are caring and compassionate, accept responsibility, use good judgment, have initiative as an adult learner, are willing to be ethically and legally accountable for your actions, and are respectful of the rights of people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, social status, and religious beliefs.

- **How long is the program?**

Heartland offers a two-year (including two summer sessions) Associate in Applied Science Degree in Radiography program. The program includes general (non-RAD) courses as well as radiography courses. **We strongly encourage students to complete all or most of the general courses prior to being admitted to the Radiography program.** Also, students may need to take English, math, or reading courses if placement testing indicates a student's skills are below college level in any of these areas, and students will need to satisfy the BIOL 181 prerequisite if they have not previously completed the Anatomy and Physiology I course.

Once admitted to the program, Radiography students take classes for four consecutive semesters and two summer terms and graduate in December of their second year. The sequencing of radiography courses does not allow for a more rapid progression through the program even if general (non-RAD) courses have been completed prior to admission into the Radiography program.

- **Can I complete the four (4) general (non-RAD) courses while I am in the Radiography program?**

Yes, however applicants are encouraged to complete the majority of general (non-RAD) courses prior to enrolling in the Radiography program. These courses are: BIOL 181, BIOL 182, ENGL 101, and a college-level math class. Please note that Technical Math does not satisfy the math requirement.

- **Are financial aid and scholarships available?**

Yes, financial aid is available. Please check with the Financial Aid Office in Enrollment Services to determine your eligibility for financial aid and various college-wide scholarships.

- **How much math is involved in radiography?**

To be eligible for admission, students must test into college-level math or take the appropriate courses to reach college-level math. The college placement test will tell you and your advisor if you need some assistance in meeting the radiography admissions requirement. You will not be admitted to the Radiography program until you have met this requirement.

The following courses will require students to complete math calculations: RAD 111, RAD 134, RAD 214, RAD 234, and RAD 236. A college-level math course is required as part of this curriculum.

- **Do you have a waiting list?**

Heartland does not carry over a waiting list of qualified applicants from year to year. Qualified students who are not admitted need to submit a new application the following year so that we are aware of their continued interest in the program.