

Selective Admission Process

Competitive Application Scoring

The Radiography Program is highly competitive. As an applicant, you want to make sure that you have the highest overall grade point average (GPA) possible. 65% of the total applicant point score is based on academics, 5% is from the Career Assessment Form (CAF), and 30% comes from the interview.

High School Applicants: Dual Enrollment

High School applicants are evaluated based on their High School grades, level of their coursework and any dual enrollment courses. High School applicants are typically on a three-year path and take the general core courses during the first year.

High School Pre-Requisites for General Education Requirement

The high school prerequisite for Math is two-units of algebra with a grade of C or better (College level Elementary Algebra and Intermediate Algebra with a grade of C or better may be substituted).

If you do not have the prerequisite background for math, you can take the math placement test. However, make sure you have the two-units of high school algebra or the equivalent. ***For example, you can place into Introductory Statistics without having the high school prerequisite of two-units of algebra, but you still need the prerequisite math as described in the first sentence of this section to meet the program application requirement.***

- College Algebra (MATH 140) is highly recommended if you intend to pursue a bachelor's degree in the future.
- If you do not have a strong background in a lab-based biology course, it is recommended to take Essentials of Biology (BIOS115) before taking API and APII

If you have additional questions, contact the Admissions Office at 610-861-5500 or adminfo@northampton.edu.

General Education Requirements

It is important to understand that most applicants have completed most, if not all, of the general education requirements. As stated previously, 65% of the total applicant point score is based on academics. The greater the number of completed general education requirements, the higher your academic point score will be.

The general education courses are:

- Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- English I & II
- College Algebra or Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Communication
- Elective (3 credits, 100 level or higher; highly recommend Medical Terminology)
- College Success

If you have not taken Anatomy & Physiology I & II and the Math requirement, it is suggested you get them done first. The grades for these courses are weighted more than the other general core courses since they form the foundation for the program course work.

Keep in mind that withdrawing from and retaking general education courses to increase one's GPA etc. results in point reductions in the applicants score. You want to do well in a course the first time it's taken. For example, if you are taking Anatomy & Physiology for the first time and expect to earn a grade of "C", DO NOT withdraw, and retake it for a higher grade. A grade of "A" on the second attempt will only earn one additional point which is not worth the time and expense.

Application Process: Transcript, Career Assessment Form, and Interview

The application portal opens by October 1st and closes by February 1st. To be considered as a candidate for the Fall semester start of the program, it is imperative that you complete the following before the deadline:

- All official transcripts
 - ✓ Both high school and college
 - ✓ Validation of prerequisites will be made by Admissions.
- "Career Assessment Form"
 - ✓ Linked on the **Radiography Program Web page**
 - ✓ Verify completion before uploading; **it can only be uploaded once.**
 - ✓ Refer to 'Virtual Career Shadowing and Radiography Lab Experience', located on the program webpage, as a means of research for the CAF.

If your application is incomplete, such as missing documents or forms, you will not be considered for an invitation to the required interview prior to determining acceptance into the Radiography Program. To validate that all required paperwork has been received, please check your application portal. If you have additional questions, contact the Admissions Office at 610-861-5500 or adminfo@northampton.edu.

After review of academics and the career assessment form, competitive applicants will then be extended an invite to a required, in person and on campus, interview by late March. If you are absent from this process, your application will be forfeited.

Decisions for Acceptance

Meeting the minimum requirement does not indicate guaranteed acceptance into the program. Applicants are scored based on a combination of academics, the quality of the career assessment form, and interview performance.

Decisions for acceptance into the Radiography Program are typically made within two weeks after interviews. Accepted candidates will then receive an invitation to a **mandatory** health and program information session towards the end of the spring semester. If absent from this process, your seat will be rescinded from the Radiography Program.

Admission Requirements after Acceptance

Upon acceptance into the program, students will be given a Radiography Acceptance Checklist Packet that provides a timeline for completion of the essential program admission requirements. Some key requirements include acknowledgement of Medical Marijuana Policy, HIPAA Policy, Essential Functions of Radiographer, and documentation of mandatory immunizations and/or titers such as: COVID-19 vaccine, influenza (FLU) vaccine, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chickenpox).

There are affiliation agreements between the hospitals and the College that mandates that the hospitals be informed of any criminal record of incoming students. Therefore, the Radiography Program

requires, by both the College and hospital affiliates, a criminal background check for each student (State, FBI & Child Abuse). Accepted students who submit a report reflecting “no record” (no conviction) can consider themselves as “fully” accepted into the Radiography Program.

Anyone with incidents that have not been adjudicated or anyone on probation will have their acceptance into the Radiography Program rescinded.

If there is a criminal record, the student will be *conditionally accepted* until a decision is made by the Allied Health Review Committee and the assigned Hospital. The Allied Health Review Committee will require a written explanation from the applicant describing the offense that led to the conviction. Upon receipt of the statement, the Allied Health Review Committee will consider the report and make a recommendation to the Program Director regarding the applicant’s acceptance into the program.

Conditional applicants will be notified of their status within 3 days following the committee’s review. The applicant may appeal the decision in writing within 5 working days of the decision to the Vice President for Academic Affairs whose decision is final.

The hospital’s criteria (same as the criteria for hiring an employee) may be more stringent than the College’s. It is important to recognize that hospitals have the right to deny access to any student with a criminal record based on their institution’s criteria. Therefore, the hospital’s decision to deny clinical access would override that of the Allied Health Review Committee.

If, for any reason, an applicant is denied clinical placement based on their criminal record their acceptance into the Radiography Program will be rescinded.

Please note that if even an applicant with a criminal record is accepted into the Radiography Program, it would be prudent for the fully accepted student to do the **American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) pre-certification application**, found on the www.arrt.org website. The ARRT is a national credentialing organization charged for certifying and registering our students after program completion. The ARRT has the final say as to who may or may not sit for the national ARRT certification examination which is required to pursue and maintain a career in Radiography.