

Radiography Lab Experience and Virtual Career Shadowing

Is Radiography the career for me?

We want you to make an informed choice. The following can help prepare you in understanding the career of Radiography and provide insight as to your level of initiative and motivation for pursuing such a rigorous educational journey leading to a promising career.

If you know, or are in a class with, any of the radiography students ask them questions about the Radiography Program. The students will be completely honest with you. Be sure to ask them about the time commitment involved as a student in the program, how much practice time was needed in the lab during off-hours, and how much time could be reasonably devoted to working while enrolled as a student in the Radiography Program.

Preparation for Career Assessment Form and Interview

If you are academically qualified to be called for an interview, you will need to be able answer questions posed to you about the field of radiology by your interviewer(s). The interviewer(s) will want to know to the following:

- Do you really understand the field of radiography?
- Can you answer not only factual questions but more “deep seated” questions about radiology?
- Why have you made radiography your career choice?
- What is your level of initiative and motivation?

Radiography Lab Experience

We offer interested individuals, 18 years of age or older, an opportunity to volunteer as a patient in our lab course with both our faculty and students. This experience is not necessary for the application process yet can be very beneficial in evaluating the basics of the career and receiving honest feedback from current students already in the program.

Sign-ups are available by the third week during the fall semester and the second week during the spring semester. If interested, e-mail the department secretary at jbare@northampton.edu and a sign-up link will be forwarded. Please dress comfortably, you may opt to be positioned as if you are a patient and there may be positions that would be uncomfortable to perform in certain clothing that may restrict movement or challenge your modesty. The Lab Experience is offered at Bethlehem Campus only.

National Organizational Resources

Explore the following Organizational Resources:

- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
 - ✓ www.asrt.org
 - Explore ‘Career Center’ at very bottom of website page
 - ✓ <https://www.asrt.org/patients>
 - Explore resources concerning patients and peruse information regarding exams and procedures as well as patient safety information. Look at the Radiography exam descriptions since these are the exams you will be performing.

- American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)
 - ✓ The ARRT is the world's largest credentialing organization that seeks to ensure high quality patient care in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy. When you have successfully completed the program, you will be eligible to sit for the ARRT registry exam.
 - ✓ www.arrt.org
 - ✓ Explore 'About the Profession' to access information on the career and why credentials are important.

Virtual Shadow: Additional Informational Links

- Radiologic Technology as a Career
 - ✓ <https://youtu.be/6ZqcuLoSoww>
 - ✓ <https://youtu.be/VUUUKrNxV4U>
- Want to be a tech?
 - ✓ <https://youtu.be/1SlkTVHwhlg>
- Your Radiologist Explains: Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Examination
 - ✓ <https://youtu.be/PiYEy2Rz77s>
- A typical day in the life of an X-ray Technologist at an urban children's hospital
 - ✓ <https://youtu.be/lp5IBdSdr4U>
- Radiology Technologist-Career Conversation
 - ✓ <https://youtu.be/ffekM2PdQFM>
- Empathy: The Human Connection to Patient Care
 - ✓ https://youtu.be/cDDWvj_q-o8
- Inside the Operating Room-How Surgeons Use X-ray to Look at Kidneys
 - ✓ https://youtu.be/ozKO_Lkrd6k