How To Enroll

STEP 1 You may apply to the college online at www.cabrillo.edu, or use the form in the Schedule of Classes. Your application can be faxed (831-479-5782), brought in person or mailed to: Admissions and Records Office, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

STEP 2 You will receive registration information in the mail, including your time to begin registering.

Who May Enroll

Cabrillo College is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, or anyone with a high school diploma or proficiency certificate. High school students also may attend classes at Cabrillo on a limited basis with the permission of their high school principals.

Radiologic Technology

The Profession

Radiologic Technologists interact with patients, physicians, and ancillary staff and are integral members of the diagnostic imaging team. They are competent to perform the full scope of practice, including all radiographic examinations in accordance with radiation safety standards for themselves, for clinical staff and for patients. Some technologists choose to specialize in computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, mammography, diagnostic medical sonography (ultrasound), nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, or positron emission tomography. Some of these modalities require additional certification.

“It was a very tough two years, but felt very short... Through the RT Program at Cabrillo College, I gained not only the education and training to pass the board exam but also something else --- something very valuable for the rest of my life. To Ms. Ann Smeltzer, the program director, and all the other wonderful people who supported me, I would like to say ‘Thank you’.”

— Hiroe Katagiri
Radiologic Technology

The Program

Students admitted to the Radiologic Technology Program receive 20 months of on-campus training in three educational domains: classroom, on-campus laboratory, and off-campus clinical laboratories at local hospitals and clinics. Clinical education laboratories require 16 to 40 hours per week, dependent on semester/session. This program prepares the student for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists examination and the California State Certification for Diagnostic Radiography, as well as for the California State permit in Fluoroscopy. Students may elect, and become prepared for mammography and MRI advanced level examinations. The Radiologic Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT–20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182, phone: (312) 704-5300) and the California Department of Health Services – Radiation Health Branch (CDPH-RHB). Cabrillo’s program has earned the highest level of accreditation awarded by the JRCERT and has a 100% pass rate on national board examinations. Each student is awarded with an Associate in Science degree upon successful completion of the program.

How To Apply

Requirements for application include successful completion of the program pre-requisites and completion of the application process. The program has a separate selection process and requires a separate application in addition to the general college admission. Selection is based upon the applicant’s completion of all required prerequisites with the appropriate GPA, clinical space available, and date of application. Radiologic Technology program applications are available in the counseling and Radiologic Technology offices and on the Radiologic Technology website at: www.cabrillo.edu/academics/radtech. Please contact the Radiologic Technology office at (831) 479-6461 for specific directions on the application process. Due to the course load, it is advisable to complete as many general education requirements as possible before entering the program. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee entry into the program, as enrollment is limited due to hospital clinical space.

"The education, experience and certifications I received through Cabrillo’s program allowed me to begin an exciting new career as a cardiac angiographer in the cardiac catheterization lab at a local hospital."
— Helyn Hensley

Application Process

The Radiologic Technology Program accepts applications year-round. A complete application packet consists of an application form and all transcripts mailed together via certified mail to the Radiologic Technology Department. Applications are available online at: www.cabrillo.edu/academics/radtech/ ApplyingToTheProgram.html. Once an application packet passes analysis by the Radiologic Technology counselor, the successful applicant is placed on the Radiologic Technology program waitlist, in first come, first-served order based upon the postal date on the application envelope.

For more information: cabrillo.edu/academics/radtech

Career Opportunities

Radiologic technology is an expanding field in the area of medical diagnosis and treatment. Imaging methods and procedures are constantly being developed and implemented to serve the patient and physician needs in our community. Job opportunities are prevalent in all modalities and are well compensated. Radiologic Technologists, or radiographers, work in a professional environment at acute care hospital facilities, medical clinics, imaging centers or private office settings. Skill categories include: patient care, positioning for diagnostic imaging, image formation including digital radiography, operation of imaging equipment, public and patient radiation protection, image quality assessment, and technical factors which control image production.