

MRI/CT FAQs

If you have questions not covered here, please contact the Continuing Education Department at (570)702-8979 or the Radiology Department at (570) 702-8942.

PROGRAMMATIC

Where do I attend classes?

All didactic coursework is on-line. Coursework is done at your own pace but must be completed within the assigned term schedule. All online testing must have a passing grade of 75 or better.

An orientation session and safety seminar will be held on Johnson College's Campus located at 3427 N. Main Avenue, Scranton, PA. for all of the applicants who follow Track 1.

The College will notify you at a later date of the time and exact campus location.

What are the hours of the program?

All didactic coursework is done at the pace of the student within the specific term schedule.

Clinical hours begin in Term 2 for Track 1 and may be any day of the week – both day and evening shifts. Clinical shifts (hours and days) are coordinated with the sponsoring clinic or hospital. However, clinical hours are typically two days per week for 7.5 hours per day, Monday thru Friday.

The student may feel that that they require additional clinical time if they are not acquiring the competencies in the aforementioned times above. It will be up to the student to discuss this with department members to negotiate additional time at the clinical site. The student will also need to communicate any of these concerns or issues with members of the Radiologic Technology Department at Johnson College.

What are my chances of getting in?

The size of the class accepted in track 1 is dependent on the availability of MRI and CT clinical sites. Our average class size is 10 students.

Conditional acceptance is based on a first-come, first-serve basis for complete applicant packages. Your placement in the program is secured when completed application and program payment is received.

For Track 2 completed applications and secured clinical site along with payment will secure placement in the program.

For Track 3: Complete application and verification of employment along with payment will secure placement in the program.

What does the program cost?

Tuition is \$3,800 and recommended books will be an additional cost for Track 1 and Track 2.

If you pay in full to secure your spot in the program, a discount of \$300 will be given for a fee of \$3,500 for both tracks.

Otherwise, tuition must be paid in 2 installments. The first installment of 50% (\$1,920) must be received to secure your spot in the program. The final installment of 50% (\$1,900) must be received one month after start date.

For Track 3, tuition is \$2,400 and recommend books will be an additional cost.

Additional costs include: application fee, background checks, CPR class, drug screening, and liability insurance (\$20).

Financial aid and scholarship assistance are **not** available for this program.

Once I complete the program will I be licensed or certified?

Once you complete the program you will be eligible to take the related ARRT national certification examination. When you pass that exam, then you'll be certified in MRI or CT by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

To learn more about ARRT MRI Certification, click here:

<https://www.arrt.org/Certification/Magnetic-Resonance-Imaging>

To learn more about ARRT CT Certification, click here:

<https://www.arrt.org/Certification/Computed-Tomography>

What type of degree will I have when I'm finished with the program?

Certification of Completion

What are the biggest challenges for the programs?

The biggest challenge may be working during the clinical portion of the program. Your clinical training hours are typically 16 hours per week for approximately 20 weeks during Term 2 and Term 3. Coordinating clinical hours during existing work hours can be challenging.

The student is responsible for making the necessary arrangements with the clinical site. This may entail performing the required clinical rotation around their existing job or any other obligation. In any event, it is the student's responsibility to keep up with the didactic online portion and related assignments and complete the required competencies. All online testing must have a passing grade of 75% or better. The student also needs to be aware of the time limitations in which they are required to obtain all of the required competencies. We keep track of each competency and all of the hours that you are at the clinical site (time sheets and competencies will be faxed to Johnson College) If the

student is behind in a large amount of competencies by the beginning of Term 3, (please see program dates listed below), please understand that they will probably need to make arrangements for more clinical time; again, the student will need to negotiate this with the clinical site personnel and also inform the college of their plans. We cannot extend the program time because you are lacking competencies; the student will have to put more time in at the clinical site.

Also, please understand that each clinical site requires a great deal of effort to obtain. Without the mandatory amount of competencies, the student would not be able to sit for the ARRT Certification Exam. Our expectation is that our students are a professional and will act accordingly at the site you are placed. Many of them are already working in a hospital or Out-patient setting and understand that we will encounter different situations and personalities. Please try to remember that our students are there to learn and complete the required amount of competencies. **Clinical placements are final and will not be changed for TRACK 1.**

What is required of applicants prior to clinical start?

Track 1:

- 2 Step Mantoux
- Urine Drug Screen
- PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- FBI- Federal Criminal History Clearance
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- CPR (AHA)
- Proof of Medical Insurance

*All must be completed and sent to Johnson College prior to clinical assignment.

Track 2:

The following needs to be completed and forwarded prior to clinical start date.

- 2 Step Mantoux
- Urine Drug Screen
- PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- FBI- Federal Criminal History Clearance
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- CPR (AHA)
- Proof of Medical Insurance
- Completion of criminal background check

Track 3:

- Verification of Employment

DIDACTIC COURSEWORK

Is a personal computer required?

Yes, a personal computer (desktop or laptop) is required.

Is the internet required?

Yes, you must have reliable high speed internet access.

Can I work at my own pace?

Yes. However, you must complete the required topics during the timeframe assigned.

What can I expect from the online didactic topics?

There are 12-15 online didactic topics. Each topic has 3 video lectures and 3 post-tests. Handouts and worksheets are provided to accompany the video lectures. Questions can be posted to the 'Discussion Forum' and answers are available to everyone in the group. Post-tests are taken and graded online. A video can be viewed as many times as needed (and it is highly recommended to review multiple times) prior to taking the post-test. Recommended texts provide additional related content.

How do I know if I am prepared to take the online didactic classes?

There are several characteristics that successful online learners have in common. Here are just a few:

- Proactive
- Self-motivated
- Self-directed
- Self-disciplined
- Have the ability to set and achieve their own goals
- Have strong time management skills
- Have good reading comprehension skills
- Have the ability to resist constant distractions

If you have most or all of the above characteristics then you should be prepared to successfully complete the online didactic courses in this program.

Can I receive ARRT Continuing Education Credits for online didactic topics?

Yes! In order to receive ARRT continuing education credits for completed topics, a participant must successfully pass all 3 related post-tests. A student only receives 3 attempts to pass the post-test. If they fail all 3 attempts, the student will be unable to receive continuing education credits for the particular topic. Failure to pass a post-test does not impact ability to sit for the ARRT certification exam.

CLINICAL SITES

What are the clinical sites that participate?

The clinical sites vary from year to year. Some are out-patient imaging centers, some are hospitals. All clinical sites will be located within a 90-mile radius of Johnson College for track 1.

Do I have to find my own clinical site?

No. Johnson College assigns all clinical sites once a participant has paid in full their tuition and successfully passed all criminal background checks, drug screening and passed term 1 of the online didactic portion of the program.

What criminal background checks and drug screenings are required for the clinical site?

Applicants accepted into the Certificate Program must submit to the following screening exams or provide documentation their certifications are current and do not lapse during the clinical experience for track 1. All must be submitted prior to clinical start. For track 2 applicants must submit all the requirements one month prior to their clinical start date. **Students are financially responsible for exam costs.** You can call Revolutionary Screening Services at 570-483-3600 for prices.

- 2-Step Mantoux
- Urine Drug Screen
- PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- FBI – Federal Criminal History Clearance
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- CPR (AHA)
- Proof of Medical Insurance

Please note: Failure to pass the background checks and/or drug screenings will prohibit a student from participating in the clinical experience and no tuition refunds will be given.

Where can I go to secure my background checks and drug screenings?

You can secure your results at a location of your choice. Johnson College partners with Revolutionary Screening Services in Olyphant, PA to allow applicants to conveniently complete all documents required at their facility in one appointment. Utilizing Revolutionary Screening Services is not required.

To learn more about Revolutionary Screening Services, call 570-483-3600.

Will I receive the ability to obtain all required competencies at my assigned clinical site?

Clinical sites are selected to ensure students are exposed to required clinical procedures. However, we cannot always guarantee that all students will acquire competency in every clinical procedure within the 300-hour clinical experience. Staff

will work with each student to assist in obtaining exposure to all clinical procedures. It is the student's responsibility to master the competency.

Please see the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) guidelines for clinical competency requirements.

When do I learn my clinical site assignment?

To be eligible for a clinical site assignment, students must have their tuition paid in full, successfully passed all background checks and drug screening as well as provide verification that their AHA CPR certification is current and will not lapse during the clinical experience. Those eligible students will be notified of clinical assignments in a timely fashion. Students must successfully obtain 75% or better on all required testing.

Do I get paid for my hospital/clinical training experience in the program?

No.

Am I guaranteed a job at the clinical site after I finish my training?

No.

Is it possible for a student to secure their own clinical site?

Clinical sites are provided by Johnson College. However, a student is allowed to secure their own clinical site as long as the following criteria are met:

- The clinical site has a registered MRI and CT Technologist to oversee and sign-off on required clinical competencies.
- Periodic communication between Johnson College and the clinical site is required.
- An executed contract between Johnson College and the clinical site is required before the clinical commences.

*Further information is available upon request

How do I notify Johnson College about a clinical site I would like to secure?

Once a student has identified a clinical site that has a registered Technologist who is willing to be present during their clinical experience and sign off on required competencies, they must submit to Johnson College the following information:

- Name of clinical site
- Contact information of person who will be clinical supervisor
 - Name, phone number and best time to reach them
- Name and ARRT Registry number of clinical supervisor
- Clinical/Student Agreements will be available for applicants for required signatures.

*More information is available upon request

Johnson College will contact the specified clinical site and work to secure an executed contract. Johnson College cannot guarantee an agreement can be reached with the desired clinical site. If an agreement is reached after all the spots are filled in the program, the student will be put on a waitlist for the next Certificate Program start.

APPLICATION

Can applications be mailed or hand-delivered?

Yes.

Can applications be e-mailed or faxed?

No.

Will incomplete applications be considered or accepted?

No.

Do I need to include copies of other paperwork?

Yes. You must include a copy of your Radiography, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine or Radiation Therapy certification and any other special awards or certifications.

Who should I get to fill out my Applicant Recommendation forms?

All recommendation forms must be completed by people you have worked with within the medical profession. Those with the most recent experience with you would be the best to contact. Both Applicant Recommendation forms must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the recommender's signature across the seal. Sealed envelopes should be returned to you – to be included with your other application materials.

How does the selection process work?

Completed application can be submitted any time after March 1, 2015 for track 1. For track 2 applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed for eligibility Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Conditional acceptance will be given to those who submit complete application packages and meet program eligibility. Acceptance into the program is only secured when payment, either in full or partial, is made.

Those who apply or make payment after the program is filled will be put on a waitlist for the next Certificate Program start for TRACK 1.