



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Minneapolis VA Health Care System
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for considering the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MINNEAPOLIS VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM) School of Radiologic Technology. In response to your request I am forwarding an application and information packet describing our radiography program. If you would like to apply to the program a complete application includes the following admission requirements. These documents are to be submitted no later than **December 15, 2023, at 16:00 hours**. Documents received after this date and time will not be considered for the current school term.

Required Admission Procedure Forms

- **Resume**
- **Narrative Statement**
- **Education Transcripts**
- **Three Letters of Reference**
- **A Signed Technical Standards Form**
- **General Education Credits**

The Federal Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants meeting the basic admission requirements will be invited to the school for an interview with a committee panel and a tour of the department. If you have any questions concerning the application process please contact:

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612-467-4355

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Clinical Coordinator
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612-467-2546

Web address: [School of Radiologic Technology | VA Minneapolis Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#)

REQUIRED ADMISSION PROCEDURE FORMS

All applicants must have completed a four-year degree, from an accredited, post-secondary school recognized by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology.

The exception would be a student currently enrolled in a four-year degree radiography program with which the VA Program has an articulation agreement. In these circumstances, the VA School of Radiologic Technology is an independent two year academic and clinical program without compensation leading to certification as a radiologic technologist for students who are concurrently enrolled at an affiliate university/college leading to a baccalaureate degree.

Prerequisites for all students must be completed before applying to the VA School of Radiologic Technology.

The following are the mandatory classes required:

| Prerequisite Courses | Credits | When to Take |
|---|---------|--|
| Anatomy & Physiology I | 3 | Must be completed or in the process of completing with a minimum GPA of 2.0 prior to submitting an application to the program. |
| Writing Class or Speech Communications | 3 | |
| College Algebra or Statistics or Mathematics for Liberal Arts or Logic | 3 | |

All post-secondary education classes must be completed at a 2.0 or greater GPA

1. RESUME REQUIREMENTS

Please enclose a typed resume which includes the following:

- Full Name
- Address
- Day and Evening Phone Numbers
- E-mail Address
- Education
- Work Experience
- Social Security Number
- Country of citizenship (only United States citizens are eligible to apply to the VA School of Radiologic Technology).
- Other Qualifications or Achievements

2. NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Please type a short narrative statement explaining your interest in radiography. You may want to include why you want to enter the radiography profession, any related medical experience you may have, why you would like to be part of the Minneapolis VA Health Care System's program or any personal motivations for applying to this school.

3. EDUCATION TRANSCRIPTS

Please provide an official copy of your transcripts from high school and two or four-year college. GED diplomas are accepted. Please have all official transcripts **mailed directly to:**

**Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS)
Attention: Sharon Collins or Bradley Johnson
School of Radiologic Technology-114
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417**

4. Miscellaneous Information

Transfer Students - Due to the sequential nature of all radiology didactic and clinical courses the VA Radiologic Technology program *does not* accept transfer credits for radiology course work or clinical experience from any other radiologic technology program.

Background Checks – Acceptance into the program is dependent on the background clearance of the applicant.

Drug Testing – As students of the VA School of Radiologic Technology you will be subject to random drug testing

Technical Standards

The student must have:

- sufficient eyesight to observe patients, manipulate equipment, and evaluate radiographic quality
- sufficient hearing to assist patient needs and communicate verbally with other health care providers
- sufficient verbal and written skills to communicate needs promptly and effectively in English
- sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly, manipulate equipment, lift a minimum of 45 pounds, and ensure patient safety
- satisfactory intellectual and emotional functions to exercise independent judgment and discretion in the safe technical performance of medical imaging procedures

Please read the following statements identifying technical standards appropriate to radiologic technology. The Radiologic Technologist must have sufficient strength and motor coordination required to perform the following physical activities:

- Heavy Lifting - 45 pounds and over
- Moderate lifting - 15-44 pounds
- Light lifting – under 15 pounds
- Moderate carrying 15-44 pounds
- Pushing or pulling heavy objects or patients
- Reaching above your shoulder
- Perform tasks with finger dexterity
- Walking or standing for 8 hours or more
- Repeated bending
- Near vision correctable at 13” to 16” to Jaeger 1 to 4
- Far vision correctable in one eye to 20/20 and to 20/40 in the other
- Work closely with others
- Work alone
- Work extended or irregular hours
- Work around machinery with moving parts
- Work around electrical energy
- Perform frequent reaching and manual dexterity with regards to handling accessory equipment for diagnostic purposes
- Frequently transport, move, lift and transfer patients from a wheelchair or stretcher to a radiographic table
- Ability to communicate clearly to instruct patients during procedures
- Possess normal visual and audio acuity
- Hear adequately to perceive and interpret patient and equipment signals

Are you able to perform satisfactorily all the technical standards identified above?

Yes _____

No _____

Students' name (Print) _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Signature: _____

Program Official: _____ **Date:**

Background Checks, Random Drug Testing

All applicants must submit to a federal background check for acceptance to the VA Program and a Minnesota State background check. Students may be subject to random drug testing obligations.

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LETTER OF REFERENCE

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Full name of individual providing reference
Position or title
Address and telephone number
Name of student

b. Areas of interest to include in the reference letter are:

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- What do you consider to be qualities, strengths and weaknesses of the applicant? If possible, give examples.
- Do you place full confidence in the applicant's integrity? Radiographers work with confidential information and must be trusted.
- How does the applicant relate to, or work with, people? If possible, give examples.
- Additional comments about the applicant.

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