

***Frequently Asked Questions***  
**Radiologic Technology Program**  
**Spartanburg Community College**

**How do I apply for the Spartanburg Community College Radiologic Technology Program?**

General information about the RAD TECH application process:

- ALL Radiologic Technology program announcements are advertised on the SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE-RAD TECH webpage [Radiologic Technology \(sccsc.edu\)](http://www.sccsc.edu/radiologic-technology)
- Applications are available on-line at the beginning of each academic year. The link is available until the last day of application submission. Students will follow the directions provided in the application.
  - Students must have completed the following classes (Phase I) with a grade of C or higher in order to be eligible to apply. (The one exception is for COL 101 – students may pass with a grade of D.)
    - COL 101
    - MAT 110 or MAT 111 or MAT 130
    - BIO 112 (or the combination of BIO 210 AND BIO 211)
    - ENG 101
    - SPC 205
- The applications will be verified, points totaled, and a ranking assigned to each student based on the calculated scores from completed applications.

**How many students are accepted each year to start the program?**

The Radiologic Technology Program usually accepts 22 -24 students each year. This number is based on the number of clinical sites/rotations available for students as well as the Program's accrediting agency, the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

**I heard Spartanburg Community College has a waiting list to enter the Radiologic Technology program. Is this true and how long is the waiting list?**

Spartanburg Community College's Radiologic Technology Program DOES NOT have a waiting list for admission into the program. The application packets for non-accepted students are kept on file until the first day of the Fall Term in the event that one of the originally accepted students declines his or her slot.

### **What GPA score is required for admission into the Radiologic Technology program?**

The student must have a minimum of a 2.50 GPA or higher on the required Phase I courses for the program to be eligible to apply.

### **When can I apply for the Radiologic Technology program?**

- The application deadline for the Radiologic Technology Program is set for once per year, in May, following the end of the spring term.

### **How many points do I need to be accepted into the program?**

- There is no “magic” number of points for acceptance into the program. The applicant pool changes yearly, and therefore the high and low points change also. The student should work toward having as many points allowed for his or her situation.

### **Is the Information Session mandatory?**

- No, attendance is encouraged so students may hear first-hand information from an instructor.

### **What can be used as an Elective?**

- The required elective must be a humanities course that is at least three credit hours. Refer to the course catalog or program website for the choices available for the Radiologic Technology Program.

### **How long is the Radiologic Technology Program?**

The Radiologic Technology Program’s professional curriculum is twenty-one consecutive months. Students begin in August of one year and complete the program in May of the second year. Students attend Fall, Spring and Summer terms of the first year, and Fall and Spring terms of the second year.

### **Am I required to undergo a criminal background check and a drug screening to enter the Program?**

Yes, all students undergo both a criminal background check and a drug screening prior to entering the Radiologic Technology Program. Specific information is given to the student at the program orientation after acceptance.

### **Do all students have to go to all clinical sites during the Program?**

Yes, all students spend equal time at all clinical sites throughout the two years. Each clinical site offers a unique learning atmosphere. Clinical sites used include:

- Spartanburg Medical Center
- Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus

- Pelham Medical Center
- Immediate Care – Reidville Road
- North Grove Imaging
- Union Medical Center
- Immediate Care – Westside
- Immediate Care – Eastside
- Immediate Care - Gaffney
- MGC Orthopaedic Surgery - Eastside

Travel to these sites is the responsibility of the student.

**Are clinical hours during the daytime only?**

No, at the beginning of each semester a student will receive a clinical schedule specific to that course. Students may have Monday – Friday second-shift hours as well as weekend (Saturday and Sunday) hours in addition to the Monday – Friday daytime hours. The total number of clinical hours completed during second-shift weekday or weekends is less than 25% of the total number of clinical hours required by the program.

**Will it be possible to work full-time and attend school?**

Many students have families, work and attend school. The students are apprised in orientation of the number of hours required for the curriculum so they may adjust work hours each semester to accommodate their school schedules. Neither class nor clinical schedules will be adjusted for a work schedule. Many students can “multi-task” and experience no problems balancing school, family and work. We advise students to remain disciplined and practice good time management skills during the program.

**Is it expensive to take the Radiologic Technology courses?**

Spartanburg Community College’s tuition fees are very affordable. Our Financial Aid office will be glad to counsel with any student who needs advice to apply for grants, lottery or scholarships.

There are additional fees associated with the Radiologic Technology program such as uniforms/lab jackets, criminal background investigation and drug testing, CPR certification, testing fees, etc. An estimate of expenses for the program can be found at the following web site: [Radiologic Technology Expenses : Spartanburg Community College \(sccsc.edu\)](http://www.sccsc.edu/Radiologic_Technology_Expenses)