



Department of Radiologic Technology & Medical Imaging

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

FAQs: AAS in Radiologic Technology

General Questions

I want to change my current major to Rad Tech. How do I go about making the change?

You should complete a **Change of Curriculum (COC) Form**** and submit it to the Registrar.

The form can be found here: <https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/registrar-forms/Forms/Index>

**Approval of this form will depend on completion of BIO 1101 or BIO 2311 and GPA (min 2.7).

Can I attend the clinical phase as a part-time student?

No. The program requires a full-time and day-time only commitment with no exceptions.

What is the length of the program?

The clinical phase of the program is 2 full years (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

NOTE: An additional year is needed to complete the pre-requisite courses.

What is the process for acceptance into the program?

To be eligible for acceptance into the rad tech program, students must:

1. Be a student at City Tech for at least one semester
2. Be in the RAD Tech major
3. Complete the 5 required prerequisites

Once eligible, students are selected for the clinical phase of the program once per year based on overall GPA + the prerequisite courses. Students are selected in the Spring semester for the following Fall semester.

Can I continue to work if I choose to while in the program?

Employment is the single greatest cause of failure in the program. Students who work are at risk of failing 1 or more RAD courses and therefore cannot continue.

I have a block on my account or cannot register for a non-RAD course, what should I do?

Check CUNYfirst for blocks, contact bursar for a financial block or registrar for registration issues.

I took BIO 2311 and 2312 more than 5 years ago, should I retake the course?

Yes. If BIO 2311 and 2312 has been taken more than 5 years, the courses should be taken again. *Contact the BIO Department for permission.*

Does the program prepare students for Ultrasound/Medical Sonography?

No... However, students who have already completed Medical Sonography and are credentialed may apply to the BS in the Radiological Science program.

Does the program prepare students for Nuclear Medicine Technology?

No... However, students who have already completed Medical Nuclear Medicine and are credentialed may apply to the BS in the Radiological Science program.

Does the program prepare students for Radiation Therapy?

No... However, students who have already completed Radiation Therapy and are credentialed may apply to the BS in Radiological Science program.

I am a transfer student, what are the requirements for acceptance into the program?

There is a residency requirement for transfer students. Students who transfer from other institutions must complete at least **1 full semester** at City Tech and meet all other academic requirements to be considered for the clinical phase of the AAS in Radiologic Technology.

What is the required pre-requisite for this program?

The minimum GPA is 2.7; however, the lowest GPA accepted in F22 was 3.4.

What are the clinical affiliates available for this program?

The program currently has **eleven (11)** Clinical Affiliates:

- The Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center
- The Brooklyn Hospital Center
- Hospital for Special Surgery
- Maimonides Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Morningside
- Mount Sinai West
- NYU Langone Brooklyn
- NYU Langone Hospital
- NYP: Weill Cornell
- NYP: Columbia Presbyterian
- NYC Health + Hospital: Woodhull

Does the program prepare students for the credentialing exam in Magnetic Resonance (MR) or Computed Tomography (CT)?

The associate program does not prepare students for the credentialing exam in MR or CT. However, the BS in Radiological Science does.

Program Requirements

What is the clinical phase of the Rad Tech program?

The clinical phase of the program is where the didactic and clinical courses are taken to satisfy the associate degree requirements. **All students must be accepted into the clinical phase of the program.**

*Being a RAD major does not guarantee acceptance into the clinical phase of the program.

What are the pre-requisites for consideration for the program's clinical phase?

AAS Prerequisite Requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> RAD 1124 Intro to Rad Tech	1cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 1101 English Comp I	3cr	ENG 1121 is okay if ENG 1101
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT 1275 Coll Algebra & Trig or higher	4cr	(A higher math level in the same sequence is acceptable)
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 1101 Biology	4cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 2311 Anatomy & Phys. I	4cr *	*Must be taken within 5 years
Total	16cr	

Can I register for RAD courses before being selected for the clinical phase of the program?

You may register for only 1 course with the prefix RAD prior to program selection. RAD 1124 Intro to Rad Tech is now a prerequisite for the program. **Effective spring 2019, candidates for the fall must complete this course by the end of spring.** RAD 1124 is offered in Fall, Spring & Summer. This course is not offered during the winter session.

Can I register for RAD 1124 in the summer if it's the only pre-requisite still needed for admission to the clinical phase?

If this is the only pre-requisite needed, taking the course in the summer does not guarantee admission to the clinical phase in fall of the same year.

How often are students selected for the clinical program?

Students are selected once per year. A new cohort begins the clinical phase of the program each Fall semester.

NOTE: The department selects and starts students for the clinical phase of the program once per year. The selection process is conducted only in spring and those who are selected start in the fall.

When will I find out if I have been selected for the clinical phase?

You would be informed during the early advisement registration (EAR) period in the spring semester. Students should contact the department for an appointment.

Can I start the clinical phase of Rad Tech in January?

No...The selection process is conducted only in spring and those who are selected start in the fall.

When should I have completed the prerequisite courses?

Candidates may complete the prerequisites at the end of fall or end of spring. However, note that qualified candidates enrolled in prerequisites during the spring semester will be conditionally accepted.

Condition entails that candidates complete the prerequisites by the end of spring and maintain a strong academic performance.

Candidates who complete the prerequisites by the end of December or Winter Session will be selected first without any conditions. Selection will continue until the end of the spring semester.

Advisement

When can I see an advisor?

The schedule for advisement varies each semester and can be found on department website: www.citytech.cuny.edu/radiologic

How do I make an appointment to see an advisor?

The schedule for advisement varies each semester, and to see an advisor, students must fill out the department **Request for Advisement Form**.

*The schedule and request for advisement form can be found on the department website: www.citytech.cuny.edu/radiologic

What can I expect during an advisement session?

During an advisement session, students can expect the following:

1. Discuss program requirements
2. Academic performance
 - Cumulative GPA must show excellent** overall academic performance
 - Prerequisite GPA** is based on academic performance in prerequisite courses only (**ENG 1101, MAT 1275 or higher, BIO 1101, BIO 2311, and RAD 1124**)
 - Two Writing Intensive Courses Needed** (1 in Gen Ed, 1 in major)
 - Read carefully the Required Functional Abilities/Technical Standards** (Available in the College Catalog and Department Website).
 - Computer Literacy Needed

3. Review and discuss your transcript/s
4. Review and discuss your academic progress
5. Select courses to register for the upcoming semester

What steps can I take to prepare for advisement?

To prepare for advisement a student can do the following:

- Note the dates of “open advisement” in your calendar
- Make sure that you have your up -to -date academic transcript ready to email to us (unofficial copy acceptable)
- Resolve any registration hold/s if applicable
- Read the schedule of classes in advance
- Think of any academic or career career-related questions or concerns you may have
- Plan to register for class early

I have a Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grade for one of the pre-requisite courses, what should I do?

The Radiologic Technology program falls under the category of Licensure, Accreditation, and Certification rules where candidates must demonstrate competencies in both academic and clinical requirements for their credentials. **Radiologic Technology students are to take the letter grade vs the CR grade so that the Admissions Committee would be provided with course grades to calculate the pre-requisite GPA.**

A grade of CR would impact the comparison between students who have 16 credits vs. those with less. **As a result, students with a CR grade are being advised to repeat the course.** This ensures that selected students demonstrate on their transcript that they have the required competency in the pre-clinical courses and their eligibility for the clinical phase. Again, **it is not advisable to use CR for program required courses.** This includes the RAD courses and any General Education courses listed on the Sample Course of Study form.

FAQs: “I have been selected to start in the fall,
and...”

Should I start reading the required textbooks ahead of time?

No... We strongly discourage students from reading the textbooks prior to starting the program. We find that it can be exceptionally damaging to our work in the classroom.

What should I do during the summer months to prepare for the program?

You should use this time to thoroughly review all materials covered in BIO 2311 Human Anatomy and Physiology I. You may start learning medical terminology. Begin with prefixes, suffixes, word roots and combining forms.

What if I have more questions and advisors are not available?

Refer to the College Catalog and Visit the website at:

<http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/radiologic>

Can I select my own schedule?

Each student will be provided with a pre-made schedule (grid) each semester.

Other Questions/Information

Program Website	http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/radiologic/
College Catalog	http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/catalog/docs/catalog.pdf
Academic Calendar	http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.aspx
Fall Semester Classes	Begin August 25, 2023
College Admission	Contact the Admissions Office at: admissions@citytech.cuny.edu or www.citytech.cuny.edu/admissions
Transfer Information:	Contact the Transfer Office at: http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/transfer/

Registrar: <https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/registrar/>

Financial Aid Questions Contact the Financial Aid Office at:

<https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/financial-aid/>

See the College Catalog at: www.citytech.cuny.edu

Counseling Questions Contact Counseling and Student Services at:

<http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/counseling/>