

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM Emphasis in Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Magnetic Resonance Imaging technologists use specialized equipment to produce cross sectional images of the human anatomy. Unlike diagnostic x-rays and Computed Tomography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) does not depend on radiation to produce images. MRI produces diagnostic images by placing the patient's body in a strong magnetic field. MRI images are able to show differences in water content between various body tissues. MRI is used for detecting pathologies such as tumors, infections, lesions, arterial and vascular abnormalities, and trauma to organs etc. Magnetic Resonance Imaging technologists are responsible for explaining the procedure and preparing the patients for their examination, documenting the patient's medical history and ensuring that the desired anatomy and pathology is accurately demonstrated. With an advanced imaging education such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging as well as completing a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS) you will be recognized as a leader in your field.



OUR PROGRAM

BSRS with an emphasis in Magnetic Resonance Imaging, at the University of New Mexico is a degree completion program for those students who would like to finish the last two years of education to gain a bachelor's degree. Aside from the additional course work for the BSRS, the Magnetic Resonance Imaging program consists of three semesters of clinical training and two additional physics/instrumentation classes, which leads to a Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging. It is designed to accommodate those technologists who are working while finishing their BSRS. Eligible participants are registered technologists in the field of diagnostic imaging. Students are admitted into the Magnetic Resonance Imaging program in the fall semester. The program is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Upon successful completion, students are eligible to sit for the national MRI certification examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).



ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The application deadline for admittance into the Magnetic Resonance Imaging program is June 1st of each year. Program information is provided online at our website (see back of brochure) or upon request from the Radiologic Sciences Department in the UNM School of Medicine. Applicants submit completed applications directly to the Radiologic Sciences Program. A separate application to the University of New Mexico is required only if an applicant is accepted into the program. We will invite applicants who appear to be best qualified for an interview with the Program Selection Committee, and final selection is made from the interviewees. The program's selection process does not discriminate against any applicant based on sex, age, race, religion, creed, or national origin.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

We admit 6 to 8 students to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program each year and the majority of applicants accepted are New Mexico residents. Selection criteria include grade point average, completed prerequisites, health care experience, references, and an interview with the Program Selection Committee.

- 1. Applicant must meet the University of New Mexico admission requirements (refer to UNM Catalog).
- 2. While competitive grade point averages are usually higher, each applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in post-secondary course work.
- 3. A completed application, three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts must be received by the Radiologic Sciences Program office by June 1st. Please visit the checklist located on the Radiologic Sciences website for verification of completed application process:

http://hsc.unm.edu/som/radiology/RadSciences.shtml

- 4. Students participating in the CT program must be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB) prior to admission.
- 5. The program selection committee will conduct personal interviews with selected student candidates.



PROGRAM CURRICULUM

For those who have already completed a certified Radiography program or Nuclear Medicine program, this course work is required to be transferable from another institution. The following curriculum is required for completion of the Radiologic Sciences Bachelor Degree Program with an emphasis in Computed Tomography.

Class

Credit Hours

| Requirements for MRI emphasis: (three credit hours each) | | | | |
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| | | Total credit hours | 72 | |
| HSCI | 405 | Medical Imaging Theory II (fall, spring) | | |
| HSCI | 378 | Current Problems I (fall only) | 3 | |
| HSCI | 406 | Medical Imaging Theory III | 6 | |
| HSCI | 480 | Human Cross Sectional Anatomy (fall only) | 3 | |
| HSCI | 399 | Current Problems II (spring only) | 3 | |
| | | Fine Arts | 3 | |
| | | Foreign Language | 3 | |
| | | Humanities | 3 | |
| | | CJ Elective from list | 6 | |
| | or 102 | Current Moral Problems | 3 | |
| PHIL | 245 | Professional Ethics | | |
| CS | 150L | Computing for Business Students | 3 | |
| ECON | 335 | Health Economics | 3 | |
| ECON | 106 | Introductory Microeconomics | 3 | |
| ECON | 105 | Introductory Macroeconomics | 3 | |
| PSY | 105 | General Psychology | 3 | |
| BIOL | 248L | Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab II | 1 | |
| | | The Health Sciences | | |
| BIOL | 238 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II for | 3 | |
| BIOL | 2471 | Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab I | 1 | |
| DIOL | 231 | The Health Sciences | 3 | |
| BIOI | allu 124L 237 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I for | 4 | |
| DIOL | 125 and 124I | Sciences and Nen Meiers | 4 | |
| | 121 | College Algebra Biology for Health Boloted | 3 | |
| ENGL | 102 | Composition II: Analysis and Argument | 3 | |
| ENGL | 101 | Composition I: Exposition | 3 | |
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| RADS | 450 | Physics of Magnetic Resonance Imaging 1 (<i>fall only</i>) | | |
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| RADS | 451 | Physics of Magnetic Resonance Imaging I (spring only) | | |
| RADS | 460 | MRI Clinical I | | |
| RADS | 461 | MRI Clinical II | | |
| RADS | 462 | MRI Clinical III | | |
| RADS | 452 | MRI Physics Review | | |
| Course numbers are for UNM. Consult the UNM Catalog for further course descriptions | | | | |

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TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for the Radiologic Sciences Bachelor Degree program and MRI program is based on current tuition. Please refer to the most recent course catalog.

General UNM information may be obtained by calling: 1-800-CALL UNM (225-5866).

Consult the UNM Catalog for information on tuition, financial aid, housing, or admission requirements for the University. The Catalog is available at the UNM Bookstore, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; or online at: www.unm.edu/

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This brochure contains pertinent information concerning the Radiologic Sciences Bachelor Degree Program and CT program and is subject to change without written notice obligation. The Radiologic Sciences Bachelor Degree Program cannot be held responsible for misinterpretation of information.

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For further Radiologic Sciences Bachelor Degree and MRI program information or application materials, visit:

http://hsc.unm.edu/som/radiology/RadSciences.shtml

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