



Radiography Program Application Process

101 College Drive ~ Hot Springs, AR 71913 ~ (501) 760-4222, Ext. 4269 or 4285

All students admitted to the Radiography program must successfully pass a criminal background check and a drug screen.

1. Provide copy of unofficial high school transcript or GED. Transcript and diploma must be attached to your application. Also any college you have attended, please provide unofficial transcripts.
2. Complete Radiography Application & attach applicable transcripts (see step 1) and attach items from step 3 - 5.
3. Current TB skin test.
4. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation (can use form provided on web-site or have persons type or hand-write recommendations) - We do **not** accept recommendations from family members. Attach all to Radiography Application.
5. On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:
 - a. Give your reasons for choosing Radiography as a career.
 - b. The Radiography courses are very time intensive. What plans have you made to prepare to meet this schedule?
 - c. What are your plans and aspirations for the future?
6. Upon completion of the application process, the applicant will be notified by mail to schedule the HESI (Health Education Systems, Inc. exam).
 - a. Study resources can be found at this website: <http://www.nursing-exams.ca/exams/HESI.html> or a study guide can be purchased at Books-a-Million (Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review)
 - b. The HESI is administered on a computer (computer literacy is recommended). It takes approximately 4 ½ hours to complete and the format is both multiple choice and fill in (short answer) responses.
 - c. **Math:** 50-item exam. Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion. Recommended Time: 50 minutes.
 - d. **Reading Comprehension:** 47-item exam. Reading scenarios that are health related. Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. Recommended Time: 60 minutes
 - e. **Vocabulary and General Knowledge:** 50-item exam. Contains basic vocabulary that is often used in health care fields. Recommended Time: 50 minutes.
 - f. **Grammar:** 50-item exam. Contains basic grammar, including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, and commonly occurring grammatical errors. Recommended Time: 50 minutes
 - g. **Anatomy and Physiology (A&P):** 25-item exam. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. Recommended Time: 25 minutes.
7. Upon completion of the application process, the division secretary will contact you to schedule your eight hours of observation. Observations will be arranged in February through April.
8. All paperwork is to be completed and returned to Radiography Office by the second Monday in March, March 14, 2011.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES:

Admission to the Radiography Program is selective with a new class starting in the fall of each year. Applications for the Radiography Program are accepted during the spring semester with a deadline of the second Monday in March. Applications may be accessed through this web site (http://www.npcc.edu/Academics/HealthSciences/Documents/Radiography_Applicationpdf.pdf) or by calling the Health Sciences secretary at 501-760-4269. Completed application along with official transcripts and a copy of a current TB skin test must be submitted to the Health Sciences Secretary. It is your responsibility to assure that all paperwork is complete when submitted. Once your admission file is complete, you will be contacted by the Health Sciences secretary to schedule an observation in the radiology department at two area hospitals and to take your HESI exam. You will be required to complete a total of eight hours observation at two different hospitals. Observations will be arranged in February through April.

The last step of the admissions process will be an interview with the program faculty and area clinical instructors. Acceptance will be based on HESI scores, grade point average in general education courses and recommendation of the Admissions Committee.

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