



## **SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL OF RADIOGRAPHY**

In order to ensure that the education we provide is the very best in the field, the St. Francis SOR continuously monitors the field of Radiologic Technology and the Healthcare Industry in general. We recognize the growing needs and demands for Radiologic Technologists to be Bachelors prepared. As such, we are adjusting our current program to meet these industry demands. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that the St. Francis School of Radiography will transition our current R.T. certificate program to a full Bachelor's degree starting in the Fall 2015!

St. Francis SOR plans to offer the new Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology (B.S.I.T.) in an "upper-division" format. That is, SOR will only offer Radiologic Technology classes at St. Francis. In order to confer the bachelor's degree, a student will need to transfer in 53 semester hours in lower- division general education and Imaging Technology support courses.

### **Mission and Goals**

The Mission of the Program: Saint Francis School of Radiography is committed to excellence in education. We provide the healthcare community with competent, entry - level professionals in the field of Medical Imaging. The graduate acquires the knowledge and clinical experience necessary to qualify for the National Registry examination.

This program has been developed to provide the necessary technical skills to promote responsible and dedicated technologists. The student's professional capacity is built on progressive maturity, social and emotional values. It is of the utmost importance that he/she learns the meaning of human dignity and his/her responsibility to the patient, the profession and him/herself. The School of Radiography is dedicated to developing knowledgeable, patient centered healthcare professionals by incorporating the Presence Health Core Values: Honesty, Oneness, People, and Excellence,

### **Goals of the Program**

In support of the program's mission statement, the program has developed the following:

**1. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills.**

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate effective communication skills on the clinical floor.
- Students will demonstrate effective written communication in the classroom setting.
- Students will be able to verbally evaluate radiographs.

**2. Students will develop critical thinking skills for application in the clinical setting.**

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will adapt standard protocols for non-routine examinations.
- Students will critique images for diagnostic quality and devise necessary factors for quality improvement.

**3. Students of the program will be clinically competent.**

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate accuracy in positioning skills.
- Students will select appropriate technical factors.
- Students will demonstrate proper radiation protection practices.

**4. Students will model professionalism.**

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate high ethical standards.
- Students will summarize their professional development career plan.

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicant must:

1. Proof of Associates or higher degree achievement is required to gain admittance and sit for the national boards. Associate degree equivalency credit hours will be evaluated.
2. **Saint Francis applicants must have achieved an Associate's or higher level degree and also are required to meet these core requirements:**

Applicants must demonstrate a current (within the last 5 years) math and science background by possessing from a collegiate institution:

- o College Algebra or higher
- o Anatomy and Physiology (must include a lab.) Online courses not accepted.

**Although an applicant may have achieved a college degree, applicants still need to meet Saint Francis pre-requisites within the requested predetermined time period (College Algebra and Anatomy and Physiology.)**

Additional requirements in General Education from a collegiate level are:

<b>General Education:</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Imaging Support Courses:</b>	<b>Credits</b>
English Composition I & II	6 SH	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 SH
Speech Communications	3 SH	Medical Terminology	3 SH
Social Science Electives	6 SH	Introduction to Computers	3 SH
Humanities/Fine Arts	9 SH	Growth and Development/Lifespan	3 SH
Physical Science	3 or 4 SH*	College Algebra or higher	3 SH
Life Science	3 or 4 SH*		
General Electives	6 SH		

The core prerequisite classes must be completed with a grade of C or better in order to be considered.

3. Applicants must submit three character references (two professional and one personal — which may not include immediate family or self). Letters of recommendation forms may be found under the link Admissions and Forms.
4. Consideration will be given for experience in a health care environment (work or volunteer.)
5. Completion of both technical standards compliance form and pre-employment health screening physical.

## **Applications**

Applications are accepted by the School of Radiography for the Fall term 2015 beginning February 4th – May 31st. Applications must include a completed application, \$50.00 application fee (subject to change) made payable to Saint Francis School of Radiography, three letters of recommendation: two professional and one personal (not self or family), validated official transcripts from previous schools attended and the healthcare experience form (if applicable). Proof of Associate degree or equivalent hours is required. Those applicants meeting the specified criteria will qualify for a standardized entrance exam. Applicants qualifying for the next level will be invited for an interview. Applicants are considered irrespective of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, and any other protected class.

**Saint Francis does not accept transfer credits from other radiography programs.**

## **Classes**

The 2-year program begins each fall. It is considered a full-time commitment consisting of approximately 35 hours a week. Breaks and vacations are scheduled. Upon graduation, each student qualifies for the National Registry for Radiologic Technologists examination. Successful completion of the examination certifies the Technologist. A “Registered Technologist” in Radiography may use the credential initials - RT (R). Completion of our proposed Bachelor Degree program will entitle you to use B.S.I.T., R.T. (R)

## **Program**

The School of Radiography has been in operation for more than 65 years. Scholastic classes are taught at Presence St. Francis Hospital. Clinical class rotations are held throughout Presence Health Radiology Departments and other approved clinical settings. These classes offer the student the variety and volume necessary to become completely competent in Radiography. Successful completion of all classroom and clinical requirements and satisfaction of all financial obligations will allow the student to graduate. Scholastic counseling services are available upon student request or faculty determination.

During the program, students have the opportunity to experience all phases of Radiography and its related fields. Each student rotates through General Radiography, Fluoroscopy, Trauma, Surgery, Interventional Radiography/Cardiac Cath. and Computerized Tomography (CT). Rotations through Magnetic Resonance (MRI), Ultrasound, Radiation Therapy, Pet Scan and Mammography are optional modalities.

## **Cost**

Tuition/fees are considered each year. Tuition will be determined upon the approval of the B.S.I.T degree. The refund policy is included in the student handbook. Books and materials are additional. A book list is provided prior to the start of each semester and the student will be responsible to purchase the books prior to the start of class. Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available upon the approval of the B.S.I.T degree.

## **Faculty**

The Program Director is Mary Ellen Newton MSM, RT (R)(M). Laura Olson BA, RT(R) (CT) is the Clinical Coordinator. Additional faculty members include Clinical Instructors at each clinical site. The department Radiographers, Radiology Residents and Radiologists also serve as support staff for the school.

## **Approval**

The school is fully accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). We received the highest accreditation award, the maximum eight years, in 2007. <http://www.jrcert.org>, JRCERT, 20 N. WACKER DR., SUITE 2850, CHICAGO, IL. 60606-3182, (312) 704-5300.

Further information is available in the student handbook (available upon request.)

For complete information regarding the program: [www.presencehealth.org/presence-saint-francis-hospital-evanston-saint-francis-school-of-radiography](http://www.presencehealth.org/presence-saint-francis-hospital-evanston-saint-francis-school-of-radiography). Any questions, please email Donald Chun, Admissions Director - [dchun@presencehealth.org](mailto:dchun@presencehealth.org) or Jacquelyn Cvikota, Assistant Admissions Director [jcvikota@presencehealth.org](mailto:jcvikota@presencehealth.org) OR call the Admissions Department at (847) - 316-6393.