

UNLV Radiography Program

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Dear Radiography Program Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the [Radiography Program at UNLV](#). The instructions for your application into the Radiography Program are included in this packet. **The Radiography Program has limited entry and admission is a competitive process.** You must be admitted to UNLV and complete the online [Radiography Application](#) along with all supporting documents.

Please review the entire packet for acceptance into the Radiography Program. Information about [UNLV](#) can be found on the main website www.unlv.edu. Information about the Radiography Program can be found on the program's website <https://www.unlv.edu/hpds/radiography>.

Applications are due by February 28. The following are required for admission consideration:

- **Minimum 2.5 Cumulative GPA or higher**
- **Copies of ALL course grades and unofficial transcripts of all colleges attended**
- **Current Degree Worksheet (From a Health Science Advisor)**
- **Attendance at a pre-admission Information Session**
 - (email- radiography@unlv.edu or call 702-895-3296)
- **Completed [online application](#) to the RAD Program**
- **One-page Personal Statement**
- **Experience cover sheet with supporting documents**

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the admissions committee.

The selected students start the program in the fall semester. Accepted students and alternates will be notified once the selection is complete.

Professionally yours,



Heidi Shelton D.C., R.T.(R)(ARRT)
Program Director

ABOUT RADIOLOGY AND UNLV

THE FIELD OF RADIOLOGY

Radiography was the first medical imaging technique developed shortly after the discovery of X-Rays in 1895, by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen. Since that time, Radiography has remained an important medical imaging technique with major advances occurring in the field as a result of advances in technology, equipment and the computer. With the development of the mini-computer in the early 1970s, medical imaging entered the world of computer technology resulting in improvements in radiographic equipment. Other developments include advanced imaging techniques such as computed tomography, in the early 1970s, and magnetic resonance imaging, in the early 1980's. These advanced imaging techniques have certifying exams, which may require certification in Radiography as a prerequisite.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Careers in the field are found in a variety of settings from small rural centers to large urban hospitals, clinics, surgery centers, and more. Radiography is a field of its own with advancements possible after additional education and training.

FACILITIES AND FACULTY

Campus facilities in the Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences Building provide the student with hands-on experience. These facilities include three radiographic laboratories. The program is affiliated with major hospitals and out-patient imaging centers in the Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson areas.

Clinical facilities provide students with practical experiences under the direction of imaging professionals and campus faculty. The program provides didactic and laboratory instruction by full-time, part-time and adjunct professionals.

ACCREDITATION

The Radiography curriculum is a structured program and accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The curriculum follows nationally approved standards. Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to take the national American Registry of Radiologic Technologists' (ARRT) certifying exam in Radiography

Current accreditation status is: **8-Years**.

Contact information for the JRCERT:

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

20 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 2850

Chicago, IL 60606-2901

Phone: 312-704-5300

Email: mail@jrcert.org

www.jrcert.org

MISSION, GOALS AND ADMISSION

The Radiography Program is housed within the School of Integrated Health Sciences in the Department of Health Physics and Diagnostic Sciences. The Program offers a Baccalaureate degree in Comprehensive Medical Imaging (CMI)– Radiography. The program is designed to prepare students for entry-level clinical practice.

MISSION

In concert with the Mission and Goals of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the Radiography Program is dedicated to the education of students in preparation for entry level clinical practice. Program administration, faculty and staff provide didactic and clinical education opportunities, which adhere to recognized standards, to all eligible students. The Program is committed to graduating students who are prepared to write appropriate certifying examinations and who are prepared to become practicing Radiography Professionals.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES

1. Students will become clinically competent.
 - a. Students will display proper radiologic positioning skills.
 - b. Students will demonstrate proper exposure factor selection.
 - c. Students will practice proper radiation safety.
 - d. Students will provide appropriate patient care.
2. Students will develop acceptable critical thinking skills.
 - a. Students will recognize patient conditions and initiate appropriate treatments.
 - b. Students will determine corrective measures that may be needed for suboptimal radiographs.
3. Students will develop acceptable communication skills.
 - a. Students will communicate effectively with patients and others.
 - b. Students will demonstrate effective written communication skills.
4. Students will demonstrate professionalism.
 - a. Students will demonstrate professional behaviors.
 - b. Students will demonstrate a professional work ethic.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Applicant files are reviewed by the Program Admissions Committee during the spring semester for acceptance to the class starting in the fall semester. Admission is based on the accumulation of points. Points are awarded based on the following:

Academic History	Percentage of total points (80 pts possible)
Cumulative GPA (GPA of all colleges attended, including UNLV)	15%
Select course grades*	45%
Personal Statement (See application information)	18.75%
Prior experience (See application information)	12.5%
Committee points (Awarded by the Admissions Committee)	8.75%

*The following courses are awarded points based on the grades received from a standard 4.0 scale

RAD 100	BIO 189	KIN 223	CS 115 or IS 101
RAD 117	ENG 101&102	KIN 224	MATH 126/127 or higher

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL IMAGING CURRICULUM CONCENTRATION IN RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCES/RADIOGRAPHY

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (36-39)

- 1st and 2nd Year Seminars (4-6)
 - HSC 100 First Year Experience (2)
 - English 231, 232, or PBH 205 (3)
- ****English 101 (3)**
- ****English 102 (3)**
- US and NV Constitution (4-6)
 - PSC 101 or HIST 100 (4)
- ****Math 126 & 127 or higher (6)**
- Social Sciences (9)
- Humanities (6)
- Fine Arts (3)
- Multicultural (3) can be filled with Multicultural cross reference list
- International (3) can be filled with International cross reference list

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS (26)

- ****Biology 189/189L (4)**
- ****Kinesiology 223/223L (4)**
- ****Kinesiology 224/224L (4)**
- ****Computer Science 115 or IS 101 (3)**
- Physics 151/151L (4)
- Chemistry 108 (4) or higher
- Health Physics 420 (3)

RADIOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL COURSEWORK (55)

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|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| • CMI 360 (3) | • RAD 317 (3) | • RAD 371 (1) | • RAD 333 (3) |
| • CMI 376 (3) | • RAD 350 (3) | • RAD 372 (3) | • RAD 334 (5) |
| • **RAD 100 (3) | • RAD 351 (1) | • RAD 373 (1) | • RAD 474 (3) |
| • **RAD 117 (3) | • RAD 354 (3) | • RAD 331 (5) | • RAD 486 (3) |
| • RAD 102 (3) | • RAD 370 (3) | • RAD 332 (3) | |

ADDITIONAL COURSE FOR IN DEPTH STUDY

1. RAD 490 (3)
 - * May be repeated up to 6 credits

****Highlighted courses** must be completed prior to application for admittance to the Radiography Program.

All other Highlighted prerequisite courses must be completed or enrolled in prior to application.

If (**) courses are not completed and/or other highlighted courses not in progress, application may be deemed ineligible.

120 TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL 2-YEAR COURSEWORK

JUNIOR YEAR (TOTAL HOURS: 30CR)

FALL I

RAD 350 Physics of X-ray Production	3cr
RAD 351 Physics of X-ray Production Laboratory	1cr
RAD 370 Radiographic Procedures I	3cr
RAD 371 Radiographic Procedures Skills Laboratory	1cr
RAD 102 Radiation Science	3cr
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>11cr</i>

SPRING I

RAD 317 Advanced Patient Care for the Radiologic Sciences	3cr
RAD 354 Digital Radiographic Technique and Practices	3cr
RAD 372 Radiographic Procedures II	3cr
RAD 373 Radiographic Procedures Skills Laboratory II	1cr
PHYS 151 General Physics I	4cr
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>14cr</i>

SUMMER I

RAD 331 Radiography Clinical Education II	5cr
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>5cr</i>

SENIOR YEAR (TOTAL HOURS: 30CR)

FALL II

CMI 376 Sectional Anatomy in Medical Imaging	3cr
RAD 332 Radiography Clinical Education III	3cr
CMI 360 Principles of Computed Tomography	3cr
RAD 486 Ethics and Medical Law in Radiology (<i>Distant Education</i>)	3cr
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>12cr</i>

SPRING II

RAD 333 Radiography Clinical Education IV	3cr
RAD 474 Radiography and Special Imaging Pathology	3cr
HPS 420 Radiation Biology	3cr
CHEM 108 Introduction to Chemistry	4cr
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>13cr</i>

SUMMER II

RAD 334 Radiography Clinical Education V	5cr
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>5cr</i>

Note: Professional classes may include additional costs such as a distant education or course fees. Course specific information can be found on [MyUNLV](#).

All courses must be taken in the order listed except PHYS 151, CHEM 108, RAD 102, HPS 420, and CMI 376 which may be taken during any semester offered. While it is strongly recommended CMI 360 be taken as written, it may also be taken whenever offered.

TRANSFER COURSEWORK, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, TITLE IX, & CLINICS

TRANSFER COURSEWORK

UNLV Radiography Program courses are only offered at UNLV. The Radiography Program **does not accept** transfer credit of previous Radiography courses taken at other institutions.

Students entering UNLV's Radiography Program may transfer some general education course work from other institutions. It should be noted that acceptance of courses is subject to change. Thus, prior to enrolling in a course, the student should verify that a course is still transferable with the UNLV Admissions Office. It is recommended that all students meet with their Health Science advisor.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in all coursework.
2. Carry no more than 8 credits below a 'C' that is not an 'F' in any required coursework other than RAD/HPS/CMI.
3. Obtain a grade of 'C' or higher in RAD, HPS, CMI coursework.
 - a. May repeat any RAD, HPS, CMI course up to (2) times for grades below a 'C'.
 - b. An 'F' in any RAD coursework results in expulsion

TITLE IX

UNLV does not discriminate in its employment practices or in its educational programs or activities, including admissions, on the basis of sex/gender pursuant to Title IX, or on the basis of any other legally protected category as is set forth in NSHE Handbook Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 13. Reports of discriminatory misconduct, questions regarding Title IX, and/or concerns about noncompliance with Title IX or any other anti-discrimination laws or policies should be directed to UNLV's Title IX Coordinator. The [Title IX Coordinator](#) can be reached through the online reporting form at <https://www.unlv.edu/compliance/titleIX>, by phone at (702) 895-4055, by mail at 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 451062, Las Vegas, NV, 89154-1062, or in person at Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH), Room 555.

CLINICAL OBLIGATIONS

Clinical education is a vital component in the training of a Technologist. The UNLV Radiography Program affiliates with acute care hospitals and outpatient imaging centers to provide a robust clinical education. UNLV faculty will assign students to clinical sites that provide a wide range of procedures. Clinical placement is solely determined by the Program and it is the student's responsibility to procure transportation to and from their clinical assignments.

Clinical assignments include:

1. 24 hours per week during the Fall II and Spring II semesters
2. 40 hours per week during Summer I and Summer II semesters
3. A minimum of 80 hours of a swing shift is required. A swing shift is defined as a shift ending at or after 7:00pm.
4. May be scheduled Monday-Sunday between 6:00am-9:30pm

PROGRAM CLINICAL AFFILIATES

HENDERSON HOSPITAL – 1050 W. Galleria Dr., Henderson, NV 89011

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOSPITAL – 3100 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128

NORTH VISTA HOSPITAL – 1409 E. Lake Mead, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

SPRING VALLEY HOSPITAL – 5400 South Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89118

ST. ROSE DOMINICAN, SAN MARTIN CAMPUS – 8280 W. Warm Springs Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89113

ST. ROSE DOMINICAN, SIENA CAMPUS – 3001 St. Rose Pkwy., Henderson, NV 89052

SUMMERLIN HOSPITAL – 657 Town Center Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89144

SUNRISE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER – 3186 Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89109

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (UMC) – 1800 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102

VALLEY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER – 620 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106

WEST HENDERSON HOSPITAL – 1155 Raiders Way, Henderson, NV 89052

DESERT RADIOLOGY

- 7200 Cathedral Rock Suite 230, Las Vegas, NV 89128
- 6675 S. Cimarron Rd Suite 105, Las Vegas, NV 89113
- 2020 Palomino Lane Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89106
- 2811 Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson, NV 89052
- 3025 S. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
- 2611 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway, Henderson, NV. 89052

STEINBERG DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

- 31 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89110
- 800 Shadow LN. Las Vegas, NV. 89106

PUEBLO MEDICAL IMAGING – 100 N. Green Valley Pkwy #130. Henderson, NV. 89074

UMC ORTHOPEDIC AND SPINE INSTITUTE – 2231 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS

The Radiography Program Application is online at: [Radiography Program Application](#).

Review the program information found on the [UNLV Radiography Website](#) before completing the online application.

The deadline for Radiography Program applications is February 28.

To find information on the Required Pre-Admission Information Session email: radiography@unlv.edu or call 702-895-3296.

This document serves as a resource to show the information that is required within the online application.

This is NOT the actual application.

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

MAILING ADDRESS

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Radiography Program
4505 S Maryland Parkway
Box 453017
Las Vegas, NV 89154

CAMPUS LOCATION

Bigelow Health Sciences (BHS), Room 345
Radiography Website: <http://www.unlv.edu/hpds/radiography>
Email: radiography@unlv.edu
Office: 702-895-3296
Fax: 702-895-1312

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION

In concert with UNLV's Equal Opportunity commitment, the Radiography Program is readily accessible to all eligible individuals "without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, Vietnam-era and/or disabled veteran status, any protected class under relevant state and federal laws, and in accordance with the University Policy, sexual orientation."

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Personal demographics will be completed based on the information in MyUNLV.

UNLV ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Have you previously applied to the UNLV Radiography Program?

Have you met with a Health Science Advisor?

- A current degree worksheet, obtained by a Health Science Advisor, is required.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

- Unofficial transcripts from each College/Community College/University etc. must be included from all institutions where courses are transferred, including UNLV.
- Cumulative GPA is calculated based on all previous college(s) GPA and UNLV.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement is meant to provide insight to the applicant's preparation and intentions for being a Radiologic Technologist. The statement should be written as a narrative essay with serious thought. The personal statement will be graded on the applicant's knowledge of radiography, question responses, grammar, and overall quality.

Do not put your name in or on the actual essay.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why are you choosing Radiography as a career?
2. What are your personal and professional goals?
3. What qualities do you possess that would make you a good Radiologic Technologist?

Your statement should adhere to the following guidelines

- 1 page maximum
- 12-point font
- Single spaced
- 1" margins

EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

The following is to provide guidance for gaining experience points. Examples given are not exclusive.

The 'Experience Form' found in this document can be included with the application.

WORK AND/OR VOLUNTEER.

Categories include healthcare, charitable, or military experience.

Healthcare and/or charitable work must be done within the past 4-years.

Definitions:

- Healthcare – Working or volunteering in a healthcare field where you perform patient care. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - o CNA, Imaging Tech Aid, Medical Receptionist, Patient Transporter, Medical Assistant, Etc.
- Charitable – Service with an organization where you volunteer your time to help individuals or the community. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - o Food pantries, Community clean up, Religious service, Etc.
- Military –Any current or prior service with the United States armed forces.

Proof of work or volunteer

Proof for work or volunteer experience **must** include the name of the organization and contact information from someone that can verify your work/volunteer experience. Include the description of your position and total work or volunteer hours completed. Examples include but not limited to:

- Letter of reference on company letterhead
- Attestation letter (i.e. Statement of verification) on company letterhead
- Time records
- Etc.

Proof submitted that cannot be verified is ineligible. Please do not include W2 or other records with your social security number or other identifiable information.

Certification/License

A certification or license is defined as medical skill you have received formal education for. The certification/license must be current and not expired.

Examples of acceptable certification include but are not limited to:

- CNA, Phlebotomist, EKG, LXMO. MA, EMT, Etc.

Non-acceptable certifications are those that do not provide a certified skill. Examples of non-acceptable certifications include but are not limited to:

- CPR (This is a required element for all Radiography students), Online CE, Academic awards, Etc.

Proof for certification/license are by submitting copies of the certification/license that include expiration dates if applicable.

Professional Involvement

Includes membership to a Radiology related organization/society. Membership must be current. Examples include but are not limited to:

- STARS
 - PACE Committee
- NvSRT
- ASRT
- Etc.

Proof for professional involvement is by submitting a receipt of paid membership and/or membership card that includes expiration dates if applicable.

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EXPERIENCE COVERSHEET

Use this form or a replicate as a cover sheet for all proof of experience.

May include a list in if there is more than 1 in each category.

Healthcare Work Experience

- I have **healthcare work** experience Yes No

Name of company where employed:

Full-time Part-time

Length of time employed:

Job duties:

Type of proof being submitted:

Volunteer Experience

- I have **healthcare volunteer** experience Yes No

Name of company where you volunteered:

Length of time volunteered (i.e. hours or years)

Volunteer tasks performed:

Type of proof being submitted:

- I have **non-healthcare volunteer** experience (i.e. charity) Yes No

Name of company where you volunteered:

Length of time volunteered (i.e. hours or years)

Volunteer tasks performed:

Type of proof being submitted:

Certifications/Licenses

- I have healthcare certifications or licenses Yes No

Type of certification/license:

Date of expiration (if applicable):

Professional Involvement

- I have membership to a Radiology related organization(s) Yes No

Name of organization(s):

Date of expirations:

Type of proof being submitted:

Military Experience

- I have prior military experience: Yes No

Branch of military:

Length of service:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to assist the applicant to ensure all required elements are gathered. This is not the application.

Application to the UNLV Radiography Program can be found here:

[UNLV Radiography Program Online Application](#)

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS/REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum of 2.5 Cumulative GPA or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Copies of all college unofficial transcripts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include all colleges attended, including UNLV	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Copy of Degree Worksheet <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed by a Health Science Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pre-Admissions Information Session with Program Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To schedule appointment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Call 702-895-3296 or email radiography@unlv.edu	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Experience Cover sheet with Supporting Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Personal Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PLEASE NOTE: Students who are not accepted and choose to re-apply need to submit another application, personal statement, transcript(s), degree worksheet, and experience documents. Attendance at an additional Information Session is **not** required.

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