

Who are Radiologic Technologists?

- ***Radiologic Technologists are members of the health care team who provide direct patient care. They may create images of the human body to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. These images may be created using x-radiation, radioisotopes, sound waves, or magnetic fields. Some Radiologic Technologists provide radiation treatments and are called Radiation Therapists. All radiologic science professionals work under the medical supervision of a physician.***

Where do Radiologic Technologists work?

- ***Radiologic Technologists work in hospitals, imaging centers, cancer centers, and physicians' offices.***

What are some typical characteristics of people who choose careers in the Radiologic Sciences?

- ***Kind and Caring***
- ***"People Person"***
- ***Have a sincere desire to care for the sick and injured***
- ***Like Science and Math***
- ***Are analytical and creative***
- ***Are comfortable with computers***
- ***Are intrigued by technology***

What should I do to be a good candidate to become a Radiologic Technologist?

- ***Have a strong Math and Science background. (Contact the educational program for specific requirements.)***
- ***Be computer literate.***
- ***Be a Healthcare Volunteer.***

How long do I have to go to school to become a Radiologic Technologist?

- ***You may attend a two-year hospital based program, a two-year associate degree program, or a 4-year baccalaureate degree program.***
- ***Educational programs combine classroom education, laboratory practice and clinical education.***

What is rewarding about a career in the Radiologic Sciences?

- ***Helping to identify people's illness or injury so that they can get well.***
- ***Making the experience of having a radiographic examination or radiation treatment more comfortable for patients.***
- ***Knowing that every day, you make a difference in someone's life!***

How much money do Radiologic Technologists make?

- ***The starting salary for Radiologic Science Professionals in Virginia ranges from approximately \$31,000 - 48,000 per year (about \$15.00 –\$23.00 per hour).***
- ***Taking on more responsibilities and acquiring more skills can increase earnings. Individuals who are in charge of Radiology departments can make above \$75,000 per year.***