

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

Radiation Therapy Program

Advanced Certificate

Fall 2026



Application Deadline: June 11th, 2026 at 5pm

Note: Please see specific program registration or admission packets for detailed information on when to begin completing health requirements, drug tests, CPR, criminal background checks and proof of insurance submission. Timing varies depending upon either entrance to or participation in the clinical component of a given program. Funds paid to Edward Corporate Health or to a personal health care provider/ source, [CastleBranch.com](https://www.castlebranch.com), insurance companies, and funds used towards CPR completion are not eligible for any sort of refund from College of DuPage if the required course(s) are not successfully completed.

Note: Students are not accepted into this program until they receive an official acceptance letter from the College of DuPage Nursing & Health Sciences Division.

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Diagnostic Medical Imaging – Radiation Therapy Technology Program at College of DuPage. This packet of information has been developed to provide you with a complete overview of our program, including the process for admission.

Although the program is considered a one-year certificate program, students must be a graduate of an accredited Radiography or Nuclear Medicine program, have an associates or higher degree and have completed the general education courses listed on in this packet.

We have made every effort to make the information in this packet complete, however, should you have further questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Program Information Disclaimer

This program information is published for that purpose only; however, the information in this packet is not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the program. The program reserves the right to change, at any time, without notice, graduation requirements, fees and other charges, curriculum, course structure and content, and other such matters as may be within its control, notwithstanding any information set forth in this program information packet in accordance with College of DuPage policies and procedures.

Program Mission Statement

The primary goal of the Radiation Therapy Program is to educate students with didactic, laboratory, and clinical experience in preparation for the administration of ionizing radiation to humans for therapeutic purposes. Program policies and procedures have been designed to meet or exceed those established by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. The graduate will demonstrate competency to meet state licensure, and/or certification application requirements defined by law for radiation therapy, deliver compassionate patient care, and function as an integral member of the health care team with competence and confidence.

Policies and Procedures

All Nursing and Health Science Division policies and procedures are found on our [Division website](#). It is the students' responsibility to ensure they have reviewed and understand the policies and procedures. The Nursing and Health Science Division reserves the right to change, at any time, without notice, these policies and procedures.

Priority for Admission

1. In-District applicants which includes:
 - In-District applicants who reside within Community College District 502
 - Applicants who are part of the [CAREER Consortium Agreement](#) (meaning your residing community college does not offer the particular program in which you are applying)
 - Applicants working full-time in-district (proof of in-district employment will be required each semester)
2. Out-of-District applicants (who are NOT part of the CAREER Consortium Agreement)

Statement on Transfer of Credit

The acceptance of transfer credit from other institutions is at the sole discretion of the Records/Graduation office. Any questions regarding credit should be directed to their office at (630) 942-3838

Radiologic Technology and Radiation Therapy

Radiologic Technology is a broad term encompassing allied health professions that use different types of energy to produce diagnostic images or treat diseases. This includes **Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, and Radiation Therapy**.

At the **College of DuPage (COD)**, the initial programs in Radiologic Technology were in **Radiography** and **Nuclear Medicine**.

- **Radiographers** (formerly called x-ray technologists) are responsible for obtaining radiographic images and assisting diagnostic radiologists, who interpret medical images.
- **Nuclear Medicine Technologists** administer small amounts of radiopharmaceuticals to evaluate organ and tissue function. Images are produced using specialized gamma cameras and computer software.

COD offers an **advanced certificate program in Radiation Therapy Technology** for graduates of accredited Radiography or Nuclear Medicine programs.

The Role of a Radiation Therapist

Radiation Therapists are highly skilled healthcare professionals trained in **radiation physics, radiation safety, patient anatomy, and patient care**. They work as part of a multidisciplinary oncology team to deliver precise radiation treatments for cancer and other diseases.

Primary Responsibilities

Radiation Therapists:

- Review prescriptions and diagnoses provided by the Radiation Oncologist.
- Act as a liaison between patients, physicians, and other supportive care providers.
- Prepare and operate treatment equipment, including immobilization and protection devices.
- Maintain accurate treatment records and documentation.
- Assist in **tumor localization** and **dosimetry procedures**.
- Administer daily radiation treatments, typically seeing patients **3–5 times per week over a 4–7 week treatment plan**.

Radiation therapy works by directing high-energy ionizing radiation to targeted tumor cells, damaging their DNA and eventually destroying them while sparing surrounding healthy tissue.

Collaborative Team Members

Radiation Therapists work closely with:

- **Radiation Oncologists** – Physicians who develop and oversee cancer treatment plans using radiation.
- **Medical Dosimetrists** – Specialists who calculate and design customized radiation dose distributions under the supervision of a medical physicist.

Salary and Job Outlook

According to the **American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Radiologic Technologist Wage and Salary Survey (2022)**:

- The **average full-time salary nationwide for Radiation Therapists** is **\$96,650**.
- In **Illinois**, the average is slightly higher at **\$98,010**.

The **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics** projects **faster-than-average employment growth** for Radiation Therapists through at least 2024 due to the growing demand for cancer treatment and technological advances in radiation oncology.

The College of DuPage Radiation Therapy Program

The **Diagnostic Medical Imaging – Radiation Therapy Program** at COD provides a **comprehensive 12-month certificate program** that combines didactic education and hands-on clinical training.

Admission Requirements

Students must:

- Be graduates of an **accredited Radiography or Nuclear Medicine program**, such as **College of DuPage Radiography or College of DuPage Nuclear Medicine**.
- Meet all COD and clinical site health, background, and technical standards.

Program Schedule & Course Delivery

- **Start Date:** Fall semester
- **End Date:** Following Summer Semester
- **Clinical Education:** Full eight-hour days on **Mondays, Tuesdays and a third day to be determined by your Clinical Site** at an affiliated medical facility. **All students must attend 24 hours per week. 1,000 hours are required for the whole program.**
- **Didactic Coursework:** **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings** at the College of DuPage main campus.
- **Course Delivery Format:**
 - COD is **transitioning most Radiation Therapy courses to fully online delivery** over the coming academic year.
 - Courses are currently offered in a **blend of in-person, NET (online), and hybrid formats** at the Program Director's discretion.
- **Transportation:** Students are responsible for their own transportation to COD and clinical sites.

Working students should arrange employment so that it does not interfere with clinical and class hours.

Curriculum and Certification

The curriculum follows the **ASRT national Radiation Therapy curriculum** and meets all didactic and clinical competency requirements for eligibility to take the **American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)** national certification examination.

Before being cleared to apply for ARRT certification, students must:

1. Successfully complete all academic and clinical requirements.
2. Pay all program-related fees and charges in full.
3. Return all COD and clinical site property or reimburse for lost or damaged items.

Graduates who pass the ARRT exam are eligible to practice in all states; however, **state licensure** (including Illinois) may also be required.

Additional Resources

For more information on Radiation Therapy and professional development, visit:

- www.acert.org – Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology
- www.arrt.org – American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
- www.asrt.org – American Society of Radiologic Technologists
- www.issrt.org – Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR RADIATION THERAPY STUDENTS

Receiving an advanced certificate in Radiation Therapy from College of DuPage signifies that the holder has been educated to competently practice in all Radiation Therapy department settings and is eligible to apply for licensure in the State of Illinois.

The Radiation Therapy Program requires students to engage in diverse, complex, and specific experiences essential to the acquisition and practice of healthcare practitioner skills and functions. These functions are necessary to ensure the health and safety (including radiation safety) of patients, fellow students, faculty, and other healthcare providers.

The essential functions necessary to acquire or demonstrate competence in Radiation Therapy are vital for successful admission and continuance in the Radiation Therapy Program in addition to the standards of behavior and academic conduct set forth in the College of DuPage Code of Student Conduct, Health Science Programs Policy for Professional Conduct, and the Radiation Therapy Program Design. These include, but are not limited to, the following functions, skills, competencies, abilities, and behaviors:

MOTOR CAPABILITY

- Move from room to room, and maneuver in treatment areas and small spaces.
- Squat, crawl, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, maintain standing balance, and climb stairs when necessary.
- Lift and carry up to 50 lbs. and exert up to 100 lbs. force or push/pull (e.g., positioning immobilization devices, assisting patients on/off the treatment table).
- Use hands repetitively; maintain sufficient fine motor function for precise equipment manipulation.
- Stand and walk for extended periods of time during clinical rotations.
- Perform CPR and assist in patient transfers as needed.
- Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.
- Maintain appropriate motor control and avoid repetitive or sudden movements that may disrupt patient positioning or equipment operation.

SENSORY CAPABILITY, PROCESSING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION

- Coordinate verbal and manual instructions when assisting with patient positioning or treatment setup.
- Auditory ability sufficient to hear patient communication, alarms, and emergency signals.
- Visual acuity to accurately read treatment plans, verify field lights, laser alignment, and electronic medical records.
- Comfortable working in close physical proximity to patients while maintaining professional boundaries.
- Appropriately respond to sounds specific to treatment environments (e.g., machine alarms, intercom communication, patient distress).
- Adapt to various lighting conditions encountered in simulation and treatment rooms.
- Tolerate and adapt to textures common in clinical practice (e.g., thermoplastic masks, bolus, positioning aids).
- Maintain focus despite environmental or visual stimuli common in radiation oncology departments.
- Employ effective coping strategies when managing sensory or environmental challenges.

COMMUNICATION ABILITY

- Communicate effectively in English with patients, families, and healthcare providers, both verbally and in writing.
- Adjust communication appropriately for intended audiences (patients, caregivers, interdisciplinary team members).
- Establish rapport with patients and families from diverse cultural, emotional, and intellectual backgrounds while providing reassurance and education about procedures.
- Function effectively as a member of the healthcare team.
- Understand and use medical terminology and treatment-related vocabulary; demonstrate computer literacy for electronic treatment records.
- Engage in back-and-forth conversation with patients and team members; respond appropriately to questions and concerns.
- Recognize and respond to nonverbal cues (e.g., patient discomfort during treatment).
- Maintain appropriate eye contact and demonstrate empathy during interactions.
- Adapt communication style for various clinical contexts, including emergency situations.

PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITY

- Function effectively under stress, including during treatment machine malfunctions or patient emergencies.
- Respond appropriately to medical emergencies and unexpected patient reactions.
- Adhere to infection control procedures and maintain a sterile field when applicable.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills in patient care and treatment delivery (e.g., adjust positioning to accommodate patient limitations).
- Use sound judgment and safety precautions to protect patients and staff from unnecessary radiation exposure.
- Address clinical concerns or questions to appropriate team members promptly.
- Organize and prioritize tasks such as quality assurance checks, patient setup, and documentation.
- Adapt when protocols or procedures change and maintain performance despite challenges.
- Develop coping strategies for new or complex situations; recover constructively from setbacks or criticism.
- Demonstrate progressive independence in clinical decision-making over time.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION

- Function effectively in simulation, treatment, and oncology clinic environments with varying temperature, lighting, and noise levels.
- Transition between treatment rooms and simulation areas without disrupting workflow.
- Maintain clinical performance despite unexpected environmental changes (e.g., machine downtime, patient scheduling changes).
- Respond appropriately to various sounds in treatment environments, including emergency alarms and intercom instructions.

BEHAVIORAL SKILLS & PROFESSIONALISM

- Follow policies and procedures required by academic and clinical settings.
- Adhere to the College of DuPage Academic Honesty Policy and Code of Conduct.
- Maintain patient confidentiality and abide by HIPAA regulations.
- Demonstrate cooperation with instructors, therapists, and members of the healthcare team.
- Maintain professional composure even when clinical workflow is disrupted.
- Focus on patient needs despite environmental or personal distractions.
- Exhibit self-awareness regarding personal behaviors and their impact on the clinical environment.

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE & PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

- Maintain professional judgment and composure when caring for patients undergoing cancer treatment, including those experiencing emotional distress or end-of-life concerns.
- Demonstrate empathy and compassion while maintaining appropriate professional boundaries with patients and families.
- Adapt communication and care approaches to support patients who may be anxious, fearful, or emotionally fragile.
- Utilize effective stress management and coping strategies to ensure safe and effective patient care.
- Seek appropriate support or resources (through faculty, employee assistance programs, or other channels) when personal stressors or emotional challenges may impact clinical performance.
- Engage in self-awareness to recognize when personal emotions may influence patient interactions and adjust behavior accordingly.

NOTE: The Radiation Therapy Admission Committee reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant who is unable to fulfill these essential functions as described. If, after determining through the Office of Access and Accommodations a student is unable to complete the essential functions as described with or without accommodations, the DMIR Admission Committee has the right to deny admission to any applicant. Students who feel they have been discriminated against on basis of disability should refer to the Student Complaint Process housed at: <https://www.cod.edu/student-life/dean-of-students/>.

Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Goal 1: Students will demonstrate clinical competence.

- **SLO 1.1:** Students will accurately administer therapeutic radiation treatments following established safety and professional guidelines.
- **SLO 1.2:** Students will demonstrate proper patient positioning, immobilization, and treatment delivery techniques.

Goal 2: Students will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

- **SLO 2.1:** Students will adapt treatment delivery techniques for patients with unique or complex needs.
- **SLO 2.2:** Students will evaluate treatment plans and recognize when modifications are necessary for patient safety and accuracy.

Goal 3: Students will communicate effectively.

- **SLO 3.1:** Students will communicate professionally and compassionately with patients and families.
- **SLO 3.2:** Students will effectively exchange information with the radiation oncology team.

Goal 4: Students will demonstrate professionalism.

- **SLO 4.1:** Students will exhibit ethical and professional behaviors in the clinical setting.
- **SLO 4.2:** Students will recognize the importance of professional development and continuing education.

Goal 5: Program effectiveness will be demonstrated.

- **SLO 5.1:** Students will complete the program successfully.
- **SLO 5.2:** Graduates will pass the ARRT Radiation Therapy Certification Examination on the first attempt.
- **SLO 5.3:** Graduates will obtain employment in the field within 6–12 months of graduation.
- **SLO 5.4:** Employers and graduates will express satisfaction with the quality of the program.

Applicants are also advised that the Radiation Therapy Program follows a rigorous curriculum requiring serious student memorization, practical application of theory, and coursework. Taking personal time off (i.e. vacations) outside scheduled breaks is strongly discouraged and may affect program continuation or ability to complete the program as scheduled.

ESTIMATE OF STUDENT FEES

Please visit the [Program Costs webpage](#) for estimated fees. Estimate does not include provisions for travel to and from school and clinical education sites. For textbooks and fees related to general education requirement courses, or for the cost of the required health requirements. Financial Aid is available; visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) in SSC 2220 or call (630) 942-2251 or (630) 942-2252.

COURSE SEQUENCE – RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM

SEMESTER 1 (FALL)

RATH 2310	Radiation Therapy Physics
RATH 2321	Cross-sectional Anatomy/Imaging Principles
RATH 2301	Principles & Practice I
RATH 2331	Clinical Practice I

SEMESTER 2 (SPRING)

RATH 2311	Radiation Biology, and Protection
RATH 2322	Pathophysiology
RATH 2302	Principles & Practice II
RATH 2332	Clinical Practice II

SEMESTER 3 (SUMMER)

RATH 2312	Quality Management
RATH 2323	Operational Issues
RATH 2303	Principles & Practice III
RATH 2333	Clinical Practice III

Statement on Citizenship/Visa Status

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- U.S. citizens
- Permanent residents

Student Email Policy

Student Email Policy College of DuPage will send all official communications to you through your official COD email (dupage.edu). You will no longer be able to use a preferred email account. You do have the option to forward these communications to a personal email account if you wish. Check out your COD email to get the message about: Official COD communications, financial aid communications, Application to graduate, Transfer credit evaluation, Prerequisite proof Sensitive, FERPA-related communications, Transcript order, Important messages from instructors; <https://www.cod.edu/student-life/resources/information-technology/email/email-policy.html>

Drug Testing and Background Check

Statement on Drug Testing and Criminal Background Checks Students accepted into the Diagnostic Medical Imaging - Radiography program are subject to mandatory drug testing and a criminal background check upon acceptance performed at the student's expense in accordance with college policy. Fingerprinting may also be required. **Your Background check and Drug test must come back prior to attending clinical. You will be given a grace period of three days to get your health requirements completed if they do not come back due a situation that is out of your control. Three days will be the maximum amount of time given to any student. Program dismissal will occur if you delay your health requirements intentionally.**

Statement on Medical Care and Health Insurance

Students are responsible for their own medical care and health insurance while in the program. Students must possess health care insurance in order to train at the clinical affiliate. The student is responsible for any costs that may be incurred related to personal injuries he/she may acquire while performing activities at the clinical affiliate. The affiliating clinical facility and/or College of DuPage cannot be held liable for such injuries. Please visit the Center for Access and Accommodation website for additional details. Students are required to provide evidence of current health insurance coverage. Please follow specific guidelines as instructed for submitting proof of insurance.

Statement on Medical Malpractice Insurance

Malpractice insurance is required and is included in the clinical education tuition costs on an annual basis. Students must be officially registered and listed on the instructor's class roster for all clinical courses to be covered by the malpractice insurance.

Statement on Transportation Students

Statement on Transportation Students are responsible for finding their own transportation to and from the college and clinical site. No special accommodation will be made for students with transportation problems. Students may be required to travel to geographically dispersed (off site) clinical education settings.

Statement on Health and Public Service Program Discipline Procedures

All students must have a signed acknowledgement of the Discipline Procedure on file with the Radiation Therapy program upon admission. Students will also receive specific rules and policies for the Radiography program to sign upon admission

Statement on Ethical and Professional Standards

Applicants who misrepresent themselves and/or falsify records (transcripts, letters, forms, etc.) will lead to disqualification and/or program dismissal. Students who misrepresent themselves may be ineligible to apply to other health care programs at College of DuPage.

Admissions Checklist

The Program can admit only a limited number of students. A selection process has been established to admit the most qualified students. Each step in the process is outlined here in detail. All steps must be completed if applicable to be considered for admission to the Program.

Along with the above requirements, you **must** follow **and** complete the admission checklist that is provided to be considered for acceptance and have acceptable interpersonal skills for the profession. You are reminded that the Radiation Therapy Technology Program has a limited enrollment (approximately 12 - 20 students based on clinical site availability) and an early admission deadline.

NOTE: Admission Committees for all Health Science programs have the right to deny admission to any applicant that they feel is unable to fulfill the essential functions as described in this packet. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all material listed below have been completed and received by the designated office, by 5 pm on June 11, 2026.

This is a list of what you must do to be admitted to the Program. You should mark each item as you complete it to ensure that none of the steps are missed. **THESE SHOULD BE DONE IN ORDER.**

_____ 1. Attend a highly recommended Radiation Therapy Information Session to learn about the program and application requirements with Brittany DeCicco at deciccob@cod.edu. These can be done in person or via Zoom. An information PowerPoint will be supplied for your convenience. These are typically offered in a group setting.

_____ 2. **Health Insurance proof:**

Students are expected to provide proof of a **Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan** prior to the start of the program. The comprehensive health insurance plan must cover you **throughout the length of your clinical experience**, which in most cases, consists of the entire length of the program. If you are in need of Health Insurance, please see important dates below and visit <https://cod.studentbenefitplans.com/bpg-insurance-individual/>.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 1st – January 15th- Open Enrollment

If you will need health insurance ANYTIME in 2026, you must apply during the current open enrollment period.

December 15th: Deadline to enroll in a plan that will start January 1st, 2026.

January 15th: Deadline to enroll in a plan that will start February 1st, 2026.

After January 15th – enrollment is closed.

If you miss open enrollment but have a qualifying life event, you can apply during a [Special Enrollment Period](#).

While we **cannot** guarantee your official acceptance into the program, you need to be aware that there is short timeframe of when you are able to purchase a Health Insurance plan. The purpose of this step is to make you aware and that the time to research and purchase is **NOW**. Purchasing health insurance outside of this timeframe will take months and may prohibit your admittance into the Program.

NOTE: Obtaining Health Insurance is NOT an application requirement but it is a requirement to be in the program.

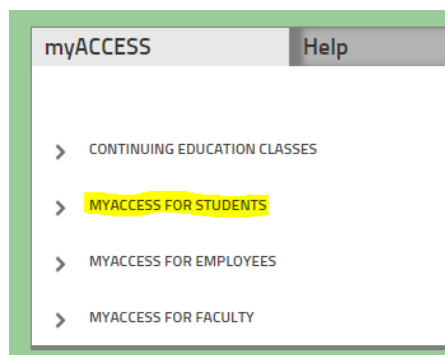
3. If you have not been admitted to College of DuPage, please complete the **non-refundable** \$20 [College of DuPage General Admissions Application](#) online. **This application is for general admissions to College of DuPage only; it is not an application to the Health Sciences Limited Enrollment Radiation Therapy program.**

4. To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in **ALL** official Transcripts from institutions that you have attended. Immediately:

- a. Submit your official transcript(s) to **College of DuPage, Office of Student Records** *If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.*
- b. Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Log into myACCESS account, click on 'myACCESS for Students', select '**My Profile**'. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under '**Transcript Institutions**'.

NOTE: If you have an international transcript from high school or college, it must first be evaluated. Please visit the following website <https://www.cod.edu/records/international-transcript-evaluation.html> for details.

5. Complete the **non-refundable** \$50 [Health Career Selective Enrollment Program Application](#) online by logging into the student portal at <https://inside.cod.edu>
- Click on myACCESS for Students



- Click on the Health Careers Applications link



- Select Health Careers Application



- Select **Radiation Therapy Certificate** when asked “What selective enrollment program are you applying to?”

Once the application is given, you may not change the term or program. If you do not have a credit card, you can purchase a prepaid credit card from your local retailer. Please only apply if you are interested in the upcoming Cohort Year, Applicants looking for 2 or 3 years out should wait to apply to their desired Cohort.

6. Complete the [College of DuPage Residency Verification form](#) and provide proof of residency to the **Office of Student Registration Services** and e-mail to registration@cod.edu by the program application deadline date. You **MUST** send from your [@dupage.edu](#) e-mail address.

Note:

- If this residency requirement has not been given to Registration by the program application deadline date, you will not be considered for admission.
- Separate Residency Verification Forms must be submitted for each program application.

7. Application Forms required:

- ALL applicants must contact a Clinical Instructor and arrange a FORMAL VISIT at a clinical site of your choice. The list of Clinical Sites can be found in this packet on page 25. Please email the Clinical Site from your COD EMAIL requesting an interview. PRINT and bring pages 26-28 to the Clinical Site with you for your interview. The form is titled “**College of DuPage Radiation Therapy Clinical Site Interview Form**”. Please inform the Clinical Site Interviewer that the completed form should be sent to hsadmissions@cod.edu. The form must be sent from the Clinical Site Interviewer. *NOTE: If accepted into the program, placement is not guaranteed to be at that site. Also, once you have completed your site interview, please refrain from contacting the clinical site regarding your application status. Repeated inquiries after your interview may jeopardize your application and could result in its dismissal.*

8. Submit official transcripts to the **Office of Student Records** showing proof graduation from an accredited Radiography or Nuclear Medicine program and completed an AAS degree or higher. Please note that additional merit points will be given higher level degree completions such as Bachelor or Master’s degrees. Refer to Step #3 for verification of receipt process. If you are incoming from COD you do not need to do this step as we have your transcripts.

9. Submit verification of current American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMTCB) **Certification** to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

10. Please submit your **ARRT or NMTCB Certification examination scores** to hsadmissions@cod.edu. To maintain the integrity and trustworthiness of this evaluation process, please submit your scores via the designated platform, including a screenshot or PDF or your official score report to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

This will ensure a transparent and reliable assessment of your merit points. We encourage you to take pride in your accomplishments and to strive for the highest possible scores in order to maximize your merit points. You need to have your full name and final cumulative score included.

11. **Verification of additional credentials** (if applicable) - Please inform hsadmissions@cod.edu if you have any ARRT certifications in the ARRT imaging modalities other your primary. Examples include; Mammography, CT, MRI, etc. All additional credentials from the ARRT will be verified directly from the official ARRT website. **It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their credentials are current and accurately reflected on the ARRT site.**

12. For the 2025 admission cycle: Successful completion of Anatomy & Physiology (ANAT 1551 or 1552 **OR** 1571 or 1572) or equivalent within the last 10 years from program start date 8/25/2016– 8/25/2026 **prior** to admission. (NOTE: If interested in the **2026** admission cycle, students must have **BOTH** ANAT 1151 & 1552 **OR** ANAT 1571 & 1572). A&P 1500 will be accepted but for a smaller amount of points. See Merit Evaluation for details.

13. Successful completion of MATH 1102 (Math for Health Sciences) **or higher** taken within the last 10 years from program start date (8/25/2016 - 8/25/2026) **prior** to admission.

For **additional merit points**, it is **highly recommended** to take MATH 1431 (Precalculus I) **AND/OR** MATH 1428 (College Algebra with Applications). You can take one or both for MATH 1431 or 1428 courses which will give you additional points.

14. Successful completion of **HLTHS 1110 (biomedical terminology)** within the last 10 years from program start date (08/25/2016 – 08/25/2026) **or** equivalent **OR** relevant minimum of 3 years of **Documented Healthcare Work Experience from your Supervisor** that must be completed within the last two (2) years from the application deadline date **prior** admission.

If submitting **Healthcare Work Experience documentation**, please request that your Supervisor submit an official letter on company letterhead that includes the details listed below to hsadmissions@cod.edu. This documentation must come directly from your Supervisor.

We recognize that varied roles in healthcare contribute to a comprehensive understanding of patient care and the responsibilities inherent in the field. Therefore, the Admissions Committee will assess each applicant's experience based on the following considerations:

- **Nature of the Role:** The extent of direct patient interaction and responsibilities.
- **Duration of Experience:** The length of time spent in the role and consistency of engagement.
- **Relevance of Experience:** How the experience relates to the competencies required in the field of radiation therapy.

This policy aims to ensure that all applicants demonstrate meaningful and relevant experience in healthcare, contributing to their preparedness for the challenges of our program. We encourage you to clearly articulate your experiences in your application and to provide any relevant documentation that supports your role in patient care. Examples of accepted roles include Paramedic, CNA, Radiologic Technologist, CT Technologist.

15. **Employment Verification** – To validate your employment history in healthcare, a formal verification letter must be submitted directly from your Supervisor to hsadmissions@cod.edu. This letter must adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Origin:** The letter must be sent from the email address of your supervisor.

- **Official Letterhead:** The letter must be printed on official organizational letterhead.
- **Content Requirements:** The letter must include:
 - a. Your full name
 - b. Duration of your service (years of employment)
 - c. Your role within the organization
 - d. A brief description of the general tasks associated with your role
 - e. **Signature:** The letter must include a handwritten signature from your supervisor.

These measures are in place to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the credentials presented during the admissions process. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these requirements and look forward to reviewing your applications.

_____ 16. **Oncology Experience** (if applicable) – Request that your Supervisor submit official proof of oncology experience within the past 2 years by submitting official employment verification on company letterhead to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

_____ 17. **Personal Statement** - Please e-mail your personal statement to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

Radiation Therapy Program – Personal Statement Prompt

Radiation Therapists work closely with patients over the course of several weeks, often supporting them through some of the most challenging moments of their lives. Compassion, professionalism, and a strong commitment to patient care are essential qualities in this field.

Please write a **300–500 word Personal Statement (double-spaced)** that addresses the following:

1. **Your Academic and Professional Goals**
 - What are your goals upon admission to the Radiation Therapy Program at College of DuPage?
 - Where do you see yourself **five years after completing the program**?
2. **Your Motivation and Career Path**
 - What led you to choose a career in Radiation Therapy?
 - How do you hope to make a difference in the lives of patients?
 - How do you believe **being admitted to this program will change your life—and the lives of the patients you will serve**?
3. **Relevant Experiences**
 - Describe any previous experience in healthcare, volunteer work, or patient care.
 - Share a specific example of a time when you made a meaningful difference in a patient's or individual's life.

Submission Requirements

- **Length:** 300–500 words, double-spaced.
- **Format:** Typed using a word processing program and saved as a **PDF or Word document**.
- **Language:** Must be written in **English**. Proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation are required.
- **Evaluation:** Statements will be scored on the **quality of content, clarity of thought, and ability to communicate professionally and effectively**.

18. COMPLETE YOUR HESI A2 and Critical Thinking EXAM

HESI A2 Merit Scoring – Radiation Therapy Program

Overview

The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) and Critical Thinking Exam are required for admission to the Radiation Therapy Program. Scores help evaluate academic readiness and critical thinking skills necessary for success in health professions.

Applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and will be ranked based on their total merit points using the HESI Scale described below.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must achieve a minimum of 75% on the following sections to be eligible to apply:

- Vocabulary & General Knowledge
- Anatomy & Physiology

Only the most current HESI exam attempt will be considered.

Scoring Method (HESI Scale)

Scores are converted to points as follows:

- 90–100% = 3 points
- 80–89% = 2 points
- 70–79% = 1 point
- 0–69% = 0 points

Critical Thinking Exam (0–1000 scale) is converted as follows:

- 800–1000 = 3 points
- 700–799 = 2 points
- 600–699 = 1 point
- Below 600 = 0 points

Merit Scoring Table

Section	Score (%)	Scale Points	Max Points
Learning Styles	_____	_____	3
Personality Profile	_____	_____	3
Critical Thinking	_____	_____	3
Anatomy & Physiology	_____	_____	3
Reading Comprehension	_____	_____	3
Vocabulary & General Knowledge	_____	_____	3
Math	_____	_____	3
TOTAL POINTS	_____	_____	21

HESI Admission Assessment (A2) & Critical Thinking Exam – Applicant Information

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Scheduling Your HESI Exam

1. Request to Test

- Email **academictesting@cod.edu** to request taking the HESI exam. ****This must be done when you are ready to take the exam, you should email no sooner than 30 days prior to your desired exam date****
- Include in your email:
 - **The program you are applying to (Radiation Therapy)**
 - **Your full name**
 - **Your College of DuPage Student ID number**

2. Payment & Access Code

- You will receive a reply with a **payment link** to purchase your test access code (approximately **\$60 per exam**, subject to change).
- Payment is made **directly to the testing company**, not College of DuPage.
- After payment is confirmed, you will receive a scheduling link.

3. Scheduling & Testing Location

- The exam must be taken **in person** at the **Glen Ellyn Testing Center**.
- You will have **up to 4 hours** to complete the exam.
- You may take the HESI Exam **up to two times per application cycle** with at **least a 30-day interval between** the two exams. Only the **most recent exam attempt** will be used for scoring.

Scoring & Merit Points

Applicants can earn **up to 21 points** toward their overall merit score based on HESI performance.

Why We Use the HESI Exam

The HESI Exam was added to:

- **Ensure Academic Readiness** – Evaluates key science, math, and reading comprehension skills.

- **Evaluate Critical Thinking Skills** – Measures reasoning, ethical decision-making, and prioritization in healthcare situations.
- **Support Fair & Standardized Selection** – Provides objective scoring to supplement academic and clinical experience.

_____ 19. **Recommended Courses** – **NOT** required for admission but optional for additional merit points.

- SURGT 1000 – Ethical Considerations in Healthcare
- SPANI 1114: Spanish for Healthcare Professionals

_____ 20. Degree Completion – Additional merit points will be given for bachelor's or master's degree completion. You can also submit a professional resume to hsadmissions@cod.edu for an additional point.

_____ 21. The Merit Evaluation can be found on the following page- it is subject to change. You also must be accepted by a clinical site regardless of your merit score. NOTE: The Program Chair will be taking care of clinical placement acceptance. Please note that we do not share the Merit evaluation with students.

MERIT EVALUATION RADIATION THERAPY

Category	Criteria	Maximum Points Available	Points Earned	Notes
Academic Pre-Requirement Courses (A=2 POINTS, B =1 POINT, C= 0.5 points) **MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINE EACH YEAR UNLESS YOU HAVE JUST GRADUATED FROM RADIOGRAPHY OR NUCLEAR MEDICINE- PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE PROGRAM CHAIR FOR QUESTIONS**	BOTH Anatomy & Physiology I & II Two (2) semesters of Anatomy & Physiology are STRONGLY SUGGESTED. A& P 1551/1571 or 1552/1572 If a student only has: ANT 1500 - 0.25 points for a “C”, 0.5 points for ‘an “B” 1 point for an “A”	4 points		Up to 2 points per course (1551/1552 or 1571/1572). If a student only has: ANT 1500 - 0.25 points for a “C”, 0.5 points for ‘an “B” 1 point for an “A”
	MATH 1102 or higher	1 point		MATH 1102 and above. 0.25 points for a “C”, 0.5 points for ‘an “B” 1 point for an “A”
	Medical Terminology (HLTHS 1110)	2 points		*OR* 3 years or more of healthcare experience (equals 2 points) must submit employment verification
American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) or Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) Score	Percentile ranking/ Score	Up to 4 points		Higher score = more points, scale is below.
Healthcare/Patient Care Experience **STUDENT EXPERIENCE DOES NOT COUNT, POINTS SUBJECT TO THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE BASED ON YOUR ROLE IN HEALTHCARE**	1-2 years 2-4 years 5+ years	1 point 3 points 4 points		Must submit employment verification. “Examples of qualifying roles include CNA, EMT, Medical Assistant, Radiologic Technologist, CT Technologist, or similar positions involving direct patient care. Administrative, volunteer, or student roles do not qualify
Oncology Experience with Proof	Proof of employment/volunteering in oncology	1 point		Must submit employment verification.
Supplemental/Recommended Courses- *COURSES ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT OPTIONAL FOR ADDITIONAL POINTS, GRADES OF A/B/C ACCEPTED*	SURGT 1000: Ethical Considerations in Healthcare	1 point		
	SPANI 1114: Spanish for Healthcare Professionals	1 point		

	MATH 1431 – Precalculus I OR/AND Math 1428 – College Algebra with Applications	4 points		For additional points , it's highly recommended to take one or both courses . You can earn up to 2 additional points each. If you take only 1102 or higher without these courses, you will only have 0.25-1 point for your MATH. A grade of “C” or above will give the applicant 2 points per course.
Program Alignment Review	Clinical Site Interview	Up to 2 points		2 points max. Interview must be attended and documented. Points are based on professionalism and completion, not subjective assessment.
	Personal Statement	Up to 1 point		Focus on applicant's understanding of and commitment to radiation therapy
	Professional Resume Submission	Up to 1 point		Submitted = 1 pt, Not Submitted = 0 pts.
Additional Academic Achievements	Master's Degree (Any Major)	1 point		
	Bachelor's Degree (Any Major)	0.5 point		
	Professional Certifications	Up to 2 points		For additional certifications in the ARRT imaging modalities other than your primary, examples (Mammography, CT, MRI) 1 point per modality
Re-Applicant Bonus	Previous Applicant	1 point per year of application		Awarded to previous applicants to recognize continued interest and perseverance, per year, up to 3 points total.
COD Graduate (Radiography or Nuclear Medicine)	COD Alumni	1.5 Points		Awarded to COD Alumni. Additional points awarded to COD Radiography or Nuclear Medicine graduates to support educational continuity.
COD Graduate (Additional Modality, Ex. CT, Mammography)	COD Alumni	1 Point		Awarded to COD alumni who completed an additional modality certificate (CT, Mammo, etc.). Supports educational alignment with COD programs.

Accreditation Requirement	Certified Radiography/Nuclear Med Program	Required	Pass/Fail	Mandatory for application eligibility
Mandatory Information Session	Group or Individual Session with the Program Chair	Required	Pass/Fail	Documentation of session is required
Associate Degree or Higher	Associate degree or higher	Required	Pass/Fail	Applicants must have an AA Degree or higher
Total Points Available		35 Points		

Merit Evaluation Chart with HESI A2

The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) and Critical Thinking Exam will be scored separately and combined with the standard merit evaluation to determine applicant ranking.

Category	Maximum Points Available	Notes
Learning Styles	3 points	Scale: 90–100% = 3 pts, 80–89% = 2 pts, 70–79% = 1 pt, 0–69% = 0 pts
Personality Profile	3 points	Same scale as above
Critical Thinking	3 points	Converted from 0–1000: 800–1000 = 3 pts, 700–799 = 2 pts, 600–699 = 1 pt, below 600 = 0 pts
Anatomy & Physiology	3 points	Must be $\geq 75\%$ to apply
Reading Comprehension	3 points	Scale as above
Vocabulary & General Knowledge	3 points	Must be $\geq 75\%$ to apply
Math	3 points	Scale as above
Total HESI A2 Points	21 points	

Applicants will be ranked using both the Merit Evaluation (35 points total) and the HESI Exam (21 points total) for a combined maximum of 56 points.

HESI Admission Assessment (A2) & Critical Thinking Exam – Applicant Information

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Admissions Statement: The Radiation Therapy Program at College of DuPage is committed to equitable admissions practices. All applicants are evaluated using a standardized, point-based rubric designed to minimize bias and emphasize academic readiness, clinical experience, and professional preparation. All communication with faculty, staff, and clinical sites is considered part of the professional evaluation process. Merit evaluation scores are confidential and used solely by the admissions committee for selection purposes. Scores will not be disclosed to applicants under any circumstances. This policy ensures the integrity and fairness of the admissions process. Applicants who are not accepted are encouraged to reapply during a future cycle and may contact the Program Chair for general feedback on strengthening their application. Specific scoring details will not be provided. Applicants may be placed on a wait list and ultimately may not be accepted into the program. Merit evaluations and final cohort placements are subject to the overall applicant pool and program capacity each year. Applicants must also be graduates of an accredited Radiography or Nuclear Medicine Technology program and be eligible for certification through the ARRT or NMTCB. Proof of program completion and credentials will be verified by the admissions committee. As of 2025, we are not longer requiring Recommendation Forms to Admission.

1. Official Statement on Merit Point Scales for NMTCB and ARRT Scores

We are pleased to announce the implementation of merit point scales for the NMTCB (Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board) and ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists) examination scores. These scales are designed to recognize and reward your academic achievements in a transparent manner.

NMTCB Merit Point Scale:

- **375 - 399: 1 Point**
This range acknowledges those who have met the minimum passing criteria.
- **400 - 424: 2 Points**
Scores within this range align with the national average, encouraging students to aim for at least this level of performance.
- **425 - 449: 3 Points**
This range recognizes above-average performance and incentivizes students to strive for higher scores.
- **450 and above: 4 Points**
Scores in this category reward exceptional performance, highlighting candidates who significantly exceed the average.

ARRT Merit Point Scale:

- **75 - 79: 1 Point**
This range recognizes students who have met the minimum passing score.
- **80 - 84: 2 Points**
Scores in this range acknowledge satisfactory performance above the minimum threshold.
- **85 - 89: 3 Points**
This category rewards above-average performance, motivating students to excel.
- **90 and above: 4 Points**
Scores at this level celebrate exceptional achievement, recognizing students who excel significantly.

To maintain the integrity and trustworthiness of this evaluation process, please submit your scores via the designated platform, including a screenshot or PDF of your official score report to hsadmissions@cod.edu. This will ensure a transparent and reliable assessment of your merit points. We encourage you to take pride in your accomplishments and to strive for the highest possible scores in order to maximize your merit points.

2. Official Statement on Healthcare/Patient Care Experience Requirements

As part of our admissions process, we would like to clarify the criteria regarding Healthcare/Patient Care Experience. It is important to note that **student experience does not count towards this requirement. Points awarded for healthcare experience will be subject to evaluation by the Admissions Committee based on the specific role you have held in the healthcare setting.**

We recognize that varied roles in healthcare contribute to a comprehensive understanding of patient care and the responsibilities inherent in the field. Therefore, the Admissions Committee will assess each applicant's experience based on the following considerations:

- **Nature of the Role:** The extent of direct patient interaction and responsibility.
- **Duration of Experience:** The length of time spent in the role and consistency of engagement.
- **Relevance of Experience:** How the experience relates to the competencies required in the field of radiation therapy.

This policy aims to ensure that all applicants demonstrate meaningful and relevant experience in healthcare,

contributing to their preparedness for the challenges of our program. We encourage you to clearly articulate your experiences in your application and to provide any relevant documentation that supports your role in patient care. Examples of accepted roles include Paramedic, CNA, Radiologic Technologist, CT Technologist.

3. Official Statement on Verification of Additional Credentials and Employment Verification Requirements

This is to inform you about the procedures for verifying additional credentials from the ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists) and the requirements for employment verification as part of your application process.

Verification of Additional Credentials:

All additional credentials from the ARRT will be verified directly from the official ARRT website. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their credentials are current and accurately reflected on the ARRT site. You must let the admissions committee know that you have additional modalities you would like included in your Merit Evaluation via email at hsadmissions@cod.edu

Employment Verification:

To validate your employment history in healthcare, a formal verification letter must be submitted directly to hsadmissions@cod.edu. This letter must adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Origin:** The letter must be sent from the email address of your supervisor.
- **Official Letterhead:** The letter must be printed on official organizational letterhead.
- **Content Requirements:** The letter must include:
 - a. Your full name
 - b. Duration of your service (years of employment)
 - c. Your role within the organization
 - d. A brief description of the general tasks associated with your role
 - e. **Signature:** The letter must include a handwritten signature from your supervisor.

These measures are in place to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the credentials presented during the admissions process. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these requirements and look forward to reviewing your applications.

4. Official Statement on Clinical Site Interviews

As part of the application process, you are required to contact the clinical site of your choice to schedule a site interview. This interview is crucial for assessing your suitability for clinical placement within our program. Clinical sites have the right to accept or deny a student's placement at their facility.

Once you have completed your site interview, please refrain from contacting the clinical site again regarding your application status. Repeated inquiries after your interview may jeopardize your application and could result in its dismissal. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this important guideline. This process helps maintain professionalism and ensures a smooth experience for all applicants.

“All application documents delivered to the College of DuPage pertaining to a health sciences admissions file become the property of the College of DuPage and will not be returned to applicants. This includes but is not limited to transcripts, letters of recommendation, clinical evaluation forms or outside test reports.”

REQUIREMENTS AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Statement of Health

Students admitted to Health Career programs must complete the necessary [Health Requirements](#), certifying that their health status will allow them to safely pursue the education objectives of the Radiation Therapy program. The requirements include a criminal background check, drug screen, Edward Corporate Health Clearance, and completion of the Medical Document Manager piece provided through [CastleBranch.com](#). **Please do not complete the Clinical Requirements until you are instructed to do so.** The Health Requirements Packet may be downloaded at [Health Requirements](#). **Your Background check and Drug test must come back prior to attending clinical. You will be given a grace period of three days to get your health requirements completed if they do not come back due a situation that is out of your control. Three days will be the maximum amount of time given to any student. Program dismissal will occur if you delay your health requirements intentionally.**

PLEASE NOTE if you have been found guilty of a felony, you may have difficulty obtaining a license and/or becoming registered to practice in this profession.

The Deadline for Applications is June 11th 2026 by 5PM

The Admissions Committee meets in mid- June. Around the last week of June the Acceptance letters are emailed. These include the student's hospital assignment and an accept-or-reject letter. The accept-or-reject letter must be returned by a specific date. If not, we will place students from the waiting list. Students from the waiting list will continue to be placed until the Program start date or until the list is exhausted.

Requests for admission are **not** automatically carried over to the following year. Applicants who were not accepted for the cycle in which they originally applied are asked to pay the \$50 non-refundable Health Science application fee and submit any/all supporting documents as listed on the Admissions Checklist of the Application Packet requirements (if applicable). Transcripts of any additional coursework must also be submitted to the Records Office. Students who have applied previously are not given preference for readmission, but a high multiplier is used on the merit evaluation form for those who were qualified but not admitted in a previous year. NOTE: Students re-applying are advised to contact a Radiation Therapy program faculty member to review their file to see if they can improve their Merit Evaluation score in any way.

Conditional Alternate List Option – Radiation Therapy Program

Approximately the first **3–5 students** on the alternate list may be offered a **conditional position** in the Radiation Therapy Program. The purpose of conditional acceptance is to prepare a small number of students to replace those who were initially accepted into the program but **officially withdraw prior to the start of the Fall semester**.

Important Conditions

1. Clinical Site Placement

- If you accept this invitation, you will be assigned to the clinical site with the vacancy created by the withdrawing student.
- **You may not choose your clinical site placement.**

2. Acceptance Notification

- **Conditional candidates will be notified prior to the start of the Fall semester whether they are accepted into the program or will remain alternate status.**
- Students who are not moved into the official cohort will be required to **re-apply the following year** if they wish to be considered for admission.

3. Re-Applicant Multiplier & Merit Points

- Conditional students who are not placed will receive the **reapplicant bonus** the following year.

4. Professional Conduct & Essential Functions

- Students must demonstrate the **Essential Functions of a Radiation Therapy student** while enrolled in conditional courses.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION – RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM

All students accepted into the **Radiation Therapy Program** are required to attend a **mandatory New Student Orientation** during the **first week of the Fall semester**.

This orientation will be held **both online and on campus** and is designed to prepare students for the start of the program and their upcoming **clinical placements**. Topics will include:

- Program policies and professional expectations
- Clinical education requirements and first-day clinical expectations
- Curriculum structure, competency tracking, and grading
- JRCERT accreditation standards and student responsibilities

Attendance is **mandatory**. Failure to attend will be considered a **decline of the offered position**, and the student will not be permitted to begin the program

Clinical Sites- Subject to Change

<p>Prime Health Resurrection Medical Center 7435 West Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 990-8533 Debra Dowz, RT (T) ddowz@primehealthcare.com</p>	<p>Duly Health and Care 430 Warrenville Rd, Suite 100 Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 432-6745 Lucie Zegadlo-Rodriguez, RT(T) lucie.zegadlo-rodriguez@duly.com</p>
<p>Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee 10 Health Services Drive, Suite 2 DeKalb, IL 60115 (815) 756-4722 Amy McGough, RT (T) amy.mcgough@nm.org</p>	<p>Northwestern Medicine Cancer Center Delnor 304 Randall Rd. Geneva, IL 60134 (630) 262-8554 Eric Shackleton, RT(T) eric.shackleton@nm.org</p>
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TENTATIVE CLINICAL AFFILIATES*

*As of the writing of this packet, these clinical sites have expressed an interest in hosting students but the contracts have yet to be finalized. In addition, we are currently soliciting new sites that are not yet on this list. Please contact the program director for the most recent list of sites.

CLINICAL PLACEMENT IS NON-NEGOTIABLE. CLINICAL SITE PLACEMENT MAY REQUIRE YOU TO ROTATE TO MULTIPLE DIFFERENT CLINICAL SITES THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AT A CLINICAL SITE CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE PROGRAM DISMISSAL. This is encompassing but not limited to familial relationships, please alert the Program Director immediately if you have any family members or prior relationships established within your clinical site.

College of DuPage Radiation Therapy Clinical Site Interview Form

Evaluator Name and Title:

Evaluator Email:

Clinical Site:

Student Name:

Criteria	1	3	5	Comments/Score
Timeliness	5-10 Minutes Late	On time, prepared for interview	5-10 Minutes Early, prepared for interview	
Politeness	Student interrupts/hurries interviewers several times, does not thank interviewers	Student interrupts/hurries interviewers 1-2 times during interview; thanks interviewers	Student never interrupts/hurries interviewers; thanks interviewers	
Overall Attitude	Lack of interest and enthusiasm; passive/indifferent	Shows basic interest and some enthusiasm	Appropriately interested and enthusiastic about interview process	
Questions: Asking & Answering	Did not have any questions for the PC, Inappropriate/inaccurate answers to questions; did not answer all questions	Asked one question/unrelated questions. Answers are acceptable and answers all questions.	Asked appropriate questions related to the field. Thorough, appropriate answers to questions	
Communication	Shows lack of interest; speaking unclear; inappropriate volume. Responses are inconsistent, lacking in sincerity. Displays inappropriate body language or numerous hesitation markers. (Ex. "Um, Uh, Hmm.")	Showed some interest; speaking unclear; varied volume, Responses generally consistent; specific examples provided consistently; shows sincerity. Body language is appropriate. Minimal hesitation.	Very attentive; speaking clearly; enthusiasm for profession/program conveyed; business-tone volume, Responses all consistent; uses concrete, specific examples; shows sincerity with all answers. Professional Body Language without hesitation.	

Introduction	Unacceptable behavior and language; unfriendly	Acceptable behavior, well-mannered, courteous; professionalism lacking	Professional behavior and language; friendly and courteous	
Appearance	Overall appearance is untidy; inappropriate clothing choices; poor grooming	Overall appearance is neat; acceptable clothing choice; well groomed	Overall appearance is very neat; job interview appropriate clothing; well groomed; clinic appropriate or business-like appearance	
Scenario Responses	Inappropriate/uneducated response, lack of critical thinking. Unconfident.	Response is adequate based on the student's prior education. Slight use of critical thinking, semi-confident.	Response shows outstanding critical thinking skills and educational background. Extremely confident.	
Best Possible Score: 40 points				Overall Score: /40

For the Clinical Instructor to fill out only:

COMMENTS:

Would you like this student to be placed at your Site if they are accepted into the Cohort?

Does this student have any known conflict of interests for your site? (Ex. Family members working currently at your site)

Please send completed form to hsadmissions@cod.edu

You will be asked at least 3 questions from each section at the discretion of the Clinical Instructor along with these main questions:

1. Describe to me what interactions you have had with patients.
2. What experience have you had with miscommunication and/or conflict resolution with a patient/fellow employee, and how did you resolve the problem?
3. Tell me how you handle a situation when you know you've done something wrong and how did you rectify that situation?

General Questions (3)

1. Why did you choose Radiation Therapy, and what makes you a strong candidate?
2. What are your strengths, and how do you handle stressful situations?

3. How do you create a positive patient experience?

Behavioral Questions (3)

1. Share a time you made a mistake and what you learned.
2. Describe a situation where you had to adjust quickly to change.
3. Give an example of being flexible to meet a patient's or team's needs.

Critical Thinking Questions (3)

1. Describe a time you solved a problem before it escalated.
2. How did you adapt care for a complex or very sick patient?
3. Share a time you had to make a quick decision under pressure.

Integrity Questions (3)

1. Give an example of protecting patient privacy or following safety principles (e.g., ALARA).
2. How would you handle a disagreement with a team member or superior?
3. What would you do if you witnessed dishonesty in school or clinic?

What we are looking for in the Radiation Therapy Program at College of DuPage:

Applicants who:

- Show Professionalism
- Have Emotional Maturity
- Are a Good Fit for Radiation Therapy Team
- Show Academic Readiness
- Are able to work with diverse populations

Radiation Therapy Program – Student Quick Start Guide

This is a convenience summary only. The full 2026 Admissions Packet governs all policies, procedures, and requirements. Students are responsible for reviewing and following the complete packet.

Key Dates & Contact

- Application Deadline: June 11, 2026, by 5:00 PM
- Acceptance Notifications: Late June 2026/ Early July 2026
- Contact: Brittany DeCicco, Program Chair – deciccob@cod.edu

Top 5 Must-Know Requirements

1. Must be a graduate of an accredited Radiography or Nuclear Medicine program and hold an Associate degree or higher.
2. Complete all Admissions Checklist items in order (see full packet).
3. Minimum HESI A2 Scores: 75%+ in Anatomy & Physiology and Vocabulary; Critical Thinking 600+.
4. Clinical Site Interview required – placement is non-negotiable
5. Health, background, and drug screening must be completed before clinical start.

Merit & HESI Scoring (Simplified)

- Merit Points: 35 points max – based on academics, clinical experience, certifications, personal statement, and interview.
- HESI A2 & Critical Thinking: 21 points max – academic readiness & reasoning.
- Total Possible: 56 points.

Full Merit Table in Admissions Packet.

Disclaimer

This Quick Start guide does not replace the official Admissions Packet. All policies, rules, and detailed instructions are outlined in the full packet and are binding on all applicants.

Radiation Therapy Program – Student Admissions Checklist (2026)

This checklist is for your convenience only. The full 2026 Admissions Packet governs all policies. Check off each step as you complete it.

☐ Step 1: Attend Radiation Therapy Information Session

Deadline: Before applying

Notes: Email Program Chair for schedule.

☐ Step 2: Apply to College of DuPage (General Admission)

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: Online application; \$20 fee.

☐ Step 3: Submit ALL official transcripts

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: Ensure they are received in Records.

☐ Step 4: Complete \$50 Health Careers Application

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: InsideCOD portal; Radiation Therapy Certificate.

☐ Step 5: Complete Residency Verification Form

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: Email to registration@cod.edu from COD email.

☐ Step 6: Schedule and Complete Clinical Site Interview

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: Print Clinical Site Interview Form; site sends directly to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

☐ Step 7: Submit ARRT or NMTCB Certification + Scores

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: Email PDF/screenshot to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

☐ Step 8: Complete Required Coursework (A&P, Math, Medical Terminology)

Deadline: Before 8/25/26

Notes: Must meet 10-year recency requirement.

☐ Step 9: Submit Personal Statement (300-500 words)

Deadline: Before 6/11/26

Notes: Email to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

☐ Step 10: Take HESI A2 & Critical Thinking Exam

Deadline: By 6/11/26

Notes: Request testing ~30 days before desired date; 2 attempts allowed.

☐ Step 11: Optional: Submit Additional Credentials or Degrees

Deadline: By 6/11/26

Notes: Can increase merit points (see Merit Table).

I acknowledge this is a guide only. I have read and will follow the full Admissions Packet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____