Radiographic Imaging FAQs

Your journey to become an x-ray technologist in Ohio begins with the Ohio Allied Health Consortium. An associate of applied science degree in Radiographic Imaging (x-ray) can be earned at three of our Ohio schools – Clark State Community College (Springfield, OH), Northwest State Community College (Archbold, OH), and Urbana University (Urbana, OH).

For more information on the Ohio Allied Health Consortium's x-ray technologist programs, please visit our Radiographic Imaging Program page. You can also learn more about x-ray technology by visiting The American Society of Radiologic Technologists' website www.asrt.org.

How often will I have to come to campus?

Most radiographic imaging (x-ray) courses include hands-on labs, which must be done on campus. These labs will take place every Friday and will last approximately 5 hours. The hours will rotate between morning and afternoon lab sessions depending on the semester. Students will also be expected to come to campus for midterm and final exams.

Where will I do my clinical rotations?

Every attempt will be made to assign distance education students to clinical rotations within their local geographical area.

How often will I attend clinical education?

First year students attend clinical education two days a week during spring semester. They go four days a week during summer semester. Second year students go two days a week for the rest of their time in the program.

How long is a clinical day?

A clinical day is eight hours, typically 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

How much time will I spend preparing for classes?

Plan on spending at least 15-18 hours a week watching the lectures, doing assignments, and studying.

How will I access the radiographic imaging (x-ray) classes?

Most class lectures are videoconferenced so you will watch them live from a classroom at your local partner college. Other class lectures are webcast which means you will be able to watch them as they are being delivered on your own personal computer. All class lectures are archived for later viewing if you are unable to watch the lectures as they are being given.

The class materials, which include lecture outlines, power point slides, and assignments, will be made available to you online via Rhodes State College's course management system.

Will I have any contact with my radiographic imaging (x-ray) instructors?

All instructors have their contact information (i.e., email address, office phone #) posted on the online course management system. You will be encouraged to call or email them with questions/concerns. Instructors are also available the days you are on campus for your labs.

What qualities does a successful student enrolled in a distance education program possess?

To be successful in a distance program, you need to possess good time-management skills, basic computer skills, be highly organized, and be willing to take control of your educational experience.

Will I be able to continue working full-time as I do the Radiographic Imaging Program? Based on past observations, this is not recommended.

Will I have any contact with the students enrolled in the campus Radiographic Imaging (x-ray) Program?

The contact you will have with campus students is minimal. You will take final exams alongside each other on campus, and you may be scheduled with a campus student/s during clinical rotations. You will all walk together during the graduation ceremony.

Is the distance program easier than the campus program?

No. The distance program follows the same guidelines and curriculum as the campus program. Every attempt has been made to provide equal opportunity among both groups of students