LAFAYETTE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER
SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY IN RADIOGRAPHY

The Radiologic Technology Program in Radiography sponsored by Lafayette General Medical Center is a twenty-four consecutive month, full-time, certificate program. The program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The JRCERT office is located at 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182; 312-704-5300; website: www.jrcert.org, e-mail: mail@jrcert.org. Upon completion of the program, the graduate may apply for the examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

Program Mission:

Our mission is to provide students with the didactic and clinical education needed to become competent radiographers.

Program Goals:

1. Develop clinical competence required of radiographers.
2. Students will demonstrate critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills.
3. Students will display an understanding of professional growth and lifelong learning.

The basic curriculum includes:

Intro to Radiography	Radiation Physics	Image Processing
Medical Ethics and Law Medical	Terminology	Pathology
Radiation Protection	Technique	Venipuncture
Patient Care	Radiobiology	Pharmacology
Anatomy and Physiology	Image Evaluation	Cultural Diversity
Radiographic Exposure	Quality Assurance	Intro to CT
Radiographic Procedures	Imaging	Clinical Participation

CLINICAL INVOLVEMENT

Clinical participation is integrated with the didactic phase of the program. Experience in performance of radiographic examinations, according to accepted professional standards, is provided.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

***** Note: Beginning in 2013, applicants must have a minimum of an Associate's Degree to be considered for admission to the Radiography Program.**

1. Completion of high school, or successful completion of a standard equivalency test, or certification of equivalent education by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education.

2. Satisfactory completion (2.0 or better on a 4.0 grading system) of the following college courses:
   - English Composition
   - Algebra
   - Psychology
   - Natural Science Course (biology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, physics)
   - Communications/Speech
   - Computer Applications or Computer Literacy

One 3- hour elective in either English, math or science

* Note: All college courses must be 3 credit hour courses.

* Remedial college courses do not apply and will not be considered as having fulfilled all educational requirements.

* College courses must be taken at a state university or a community college. Courses completed at technical colleges will not suffice.

* All prerequisite courses must be complete by the end of the spring semester coinciding with the application procedure.

3. Completed application form.

4. Official transcripts of **ALL** academic credits (high school and college).

5. Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references.

6. Documentation of observation time done in a radiology department.

7. A non-refundable application fee of $30.00 at the time the application is submitted.

8. An aptitude test administered by the radiography program faculty must be taken. The top ranking applicants who have fulfilled all other admission requirements will be eligible for an interview.

9. Participation in an initial interview conducted by the Program Director and/or Clinical Instructor. These interviews will be conducted in May and/or June. The Program Director will notify qualified applicants of the date and time of their interview.

The deadline for applying is April 30. Applications will NOT be accepted for any reason after the deadline date.

APTITUDE TEST

All applicants must take a standardized aptitude test administered by the program faculty. The top ranking applicants will be interviewed.

The aptitude test will be administered three (3) times. Scheduled test dates are in late April and early May. (Please refer to the application package for the next test dates.) Each applicant will be provided the option of selecting first and second choices (time permitting) for convenient scheduling of the test. The selection form is included with the application package, and should be returned upon completion of the application, along with the non-refundable fee of $30.00.

The program director will notify each applicant by mail, (time permitting), verifying their test date and time.

Applicants will receive notification of testing results.
Aptitude testing will be administered to each applicant only once during the admission year.

Test scores are not transferable from one year to the next.

The top ranking applicants, who have fulfilled all other admission requirements, will be interviewed initially by the Program Director and/or Clinical Instructor.

SELECTION

Those applicants who are aptly suited to the field of radiography will be invited for a second interview with the program's admission committee. Following the admission committee interviews, the committee will make its final decision as to those applicants selected to begin the program.

Six students, as authorized by the accrediting agency, will be selected without discrimination with regard to age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. All applicants will be notified by mail concerning their acceptance or declination.

Classes, for those selected, begin the first Monday following Labor Day.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Pre-requisite courses required by the LGMC Radiography Program must be obtained from a nationally accredited college or university. The LGMC Radiography Program does not transfer academic credits for previously taken courses at the college level.

LGMC does not accept transfer students into the radiography program.

FULL-TIME STUDY

A maximum of forty (40) hours per week of classroom instruction and clinical participation is normal. Students spend two hours each day in the classroom. The remainder of the day is spent in the clinical area. This will include evening and weekend rotations during the last six months of the program.

GRADING

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 85% in all didactic and clinical courses.

EXPENSES

1. A $100.00 registration fee must be paid prior to beginning the program.
2. The tuition is $9,000.00. Upon admission to the program, a non-refundable deposit of $1,000.00 is due. The remaining $8,000.00 can be paid in full, or paid monthly over the twenty-four month period.
3. Textbooks and supplies cost the student approximately $1,500.00.
4. Accepted students must have a physical exam by their physician. Approximate cost to the student is $80.
5. Accepted students must be Healthcare Provider CPR certified. Approximate cost to the student is $80.
6. Students are required to wear uniforms and lab jackets that they must provide themselves. Approximate cost is $250 per year.
7. Students must attend the LA Society of Radiologic Technologists annual meetings each July they are in school. Approximate cost is $300 ($150 per year).
8. American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) credentialing and LA licensure cost the graduating student $260. Both are required to work as a radiographer in a hospital in the state of Louisiana.

9. Housing and board are NOT furnished by LGMC.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Students must have a well-developed sense of responsibility and will be expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Incompetence, misconduct, insubordination or violation of institutional or program policies are causes for dismissal from the program.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

A neat and clean appearance in required uniform is expected. More information concerning proper attire will be provided to those applicants who are accepted into the program.

HOLIDAYS

The following holidays are observed by LGMC and the radiography program.

1. New Year's Day
2. Martin Luther King Day
3. Mardi Gras Day
4. Good Friday
5. Independence Day
6. Labor Day
7. Thanksgiving Day
8. Christmas Day

LEAVE

The student is allowed eight (8) days of absence per academic year. The student will be scheduled for one week of vacation during the week of July 4th, and one week of vacation in late December.

CPR CERTIFICATION

All students must begin the program with healthcare provider CPR. A current healthcare provider CPR card must be maintained the entire time the student is in the program.

STUDENT SERVICES

1. Counseling and advisement
2. Tutoring as needed
3. Veterans Administration (VA) services

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student will graduate from the program when all of the following requirements have been fulfilled.

1. Successful completion of all didactic work as specified by the program.

2. Successful completion of all competencies as required in the clinical education plan.

3. Completion of all clinical hours.

4. Return all hospital and/or school property (markers, I.D. badge, radiation monitoring badge, locker

key, parking permit, etc).

5. All financial indebtedness to the program and/or hospital has been cleared.

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL AND TUITION REFUNDS

Any student wishing to withdraw from the program must inform the program director. All hospital property must be returned. Tuition paid in full (excluding the Registration fee and the initial $1,000.00 paid) will be refunded on a prorated basis after completion of the withdrawal procedure. Tuition paid on a monthly basis will not be refunded.

APPLICATIONS

If you have not received an application with this information, they will be available after January 15 and through April 29. The application process will continue from February 1 through April 30. Please direct inquiries to:

Radiography Program Director
Lafayette General Medical Center
1214 Coolidge Ave.
Lafayette, LA 70503

All descriptions, standards and policies in this bulletin are merely informational. They do not imply or serve as a contract between the applicant and the program. The administration and/or faculty reserve the right to make changes in administrative, educational and/or financial policy.

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