DIAGNOSTIC ASSISTANT

Program Conference

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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Kirkwood COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Diagnostic Assistant
VIRTUAL Admission Criteria Checklist

Name _____ K# _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Instructions: Place a mark (X) by completed items.

	Completed by Student for Program Admission	For office use only
1. ____	Attend a program conference, Date: _____	
2. ____	Submit application to Kirkwood, listing Diagnostic Assistant as your major	App date: _____
3. ____	Complete 9 prerequisite courses with a C or better. If these courses are taken at a different institution, please send all official transcripts to Enrollment Services, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or Transcripts@kirkwood.edu. ____ Human Anatomy & Physiology I, 4 cr. ____ Intro to Psychology, 3 cr. ____ Human Anatomy & Physiology II, 4 cr. ____ Composition I, 3 cr. ____ Microcomputer Literacy, 1 cr. ____ Medical Terminology, 4 cr. ____ Fundamentals of Oral Communication, 3 cr. ____ Intermediate Algebra, 4 cr. ____ Program Specific Humanities elective, 3 cr.	

	Completed by Student for Advising	For office use only
A. ____	Fulfill Placement Requirements by either: - Having Accuplacer/ALEKS tests or ACT tests on file with Kirkwood. Math scores must be within the last 2 years and Reading and Writing scores must be within the last 3 years to be valid. Accuplacer/ALEKS tests are free at the Test Center, which is located in 2055 Cedar Hall, 319-398-5456. - Having course equivalents of Comp I, Intro to Psych, or College Level Math. Official transcripts must be on file with Kirkwood to accept course credit. If scores are not sufficient to place in Comp I, Intro to Psych o program-required math, student is required to meet with advisor. - Having official transcripts of a previously earned degree (Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Professional degree) on file. Degree from:_____	Test: _____ Date: _____ OR Degree _____

VIRTUAL SUBMISSION PROCESS	For office use only
1) After the virtual program conference, when received, fill out and save the checklist to your electronic device. Then, e-mail a copy of your checklist to the Allied Health office. 2) Continue working on the program admission requirements, filling out and saving the form as needed. 3) Send an e-mail from your student email without the form to Allied Health, indicating you have completed all admission requirements. If you have questions, contact the Allied Health office.	Virtual Conference Submission: _____ Final Submission: _____ Checklist Processed: _____

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Phone: (319) 398-5566 | Fax: (319) 398-1293   Please keep all contact information updated in MyHub.

NOTE:	Remember to fulfill the Job Shadow requirement and mail the completed form to Ashley Balliet at the following address: Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology	1026 A Avenue NE	Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 Names of students meeting all admission criteria will be sent to the Mercy/St. Luke's Program Director for review. Application instructions will be sent to student from the Program Director; deadline is January 15th of each year.

Complete top portion.

Mark sections you have complete.

Follow Virtual Submission Process.

You will receive a copy of this checklist via your Kirkwood email following today's Program Conference.

WHAT IS RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY?

Radiologic technology is the art and science of applying ionizing radiation to humans to create images of the body. This aids physicians in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

Medical Imaging Careers:

Radiologic Technology
Computed Tomography
Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Sonography*
Radiation Therapy*
Nuclear Medicine*
Mammography
Cardiovascular Interventional
*Requires additional training
at an accredited program

AFFILIATE AGREEMENTS

- Beginning Jan. 1, 2015, candidates applying for American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certification exam must have earned an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT.

- M/StL (Cedar Rapids) **do not** offer an associate degree or higher as required by ARRT. Graduates from these institutions receive a **certificate** in Radiologic Technology.

- Through a **sharing agreement** with Kirkwood Community College (KCC), students will also receive an AAS degree in Diagnostic Assistant (unless they already hold a degree) after completing the first two semesters at M/StL.

- Students would **still** need to complete the remaining semesters at M/StL to be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) credentialing exam.

HOW IT WORKS

Path 1: You have a degree already.

Path 2: You do not have a degree but have taken some college courses.

Path 3: You are just getting started.

PATH 1: YOU ALREADY HAVE A DEGREE

❑ Attend a program conference.

❑ Apply to KCC and change your major to Diagnostic Assistant Degree.

❑ Turn in your official transcript to the One Stop Office in Kirkwood Hall.

❑ Meet with Allied Health Advisor.

> ❑ Determine if you have completed all the required prerequisite courses.
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> > ❑ If not, enroll in the needed courses at KCC.

❑ Once you have completed or have been granted transfer status for the prerequisite courses turn in your completed white checklist to the Allied Health Office and tell them you are ready to apply to M/StL.

❑ Mail completed 4 hour job shadow form to M/StL

❑ KCC will notify M/StL of interested applicants each November.

❑ You should receive separate applications to M/StL before Dec. 1.

❑ If you don't receive an application by Dec. 1, please contact the M/StL before Dec. 22.

❑ Application deadline for M/StL is January 15, please see application details.

PATH 2: YOU DON'T HAVE A DEGREE BUT HAVE COMPLETED SOME COLLEGE COURSES

- ❑ Attend a program conference.
- ❑ Apply to KCC and change your major to Diagnostic Assistant Degree.
- ❑ Turn in your official transcript to the One Stop Office in Kirkwood Hall.
- ❑ Meet with Allied Health Advisor.
  - ❑ Determine what credits you have to transfer.
  - ❑ Take at minimum 16 s.h. credit at KCC to attain residency.
  - ❑ Take at least 4 s.h. of elective credits at KCC.
- ❑ Once you have completed or enrolled in ALL the prerequisite courses and required electives turn in your completed white checklist to the Allied Health Office and tell them you are ready to apply to M/StL.
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- ❑ If you don't receive an application by Dec. 1, please contact the M/StL before Dec. 22.
- ❑ Application deadline for M/StL is mid-January, please see application details.

PATH 3: YOU'RE JUST GETTING STARTED

❑ Attend a program conference.

❑ Apply to KCC and change your major to Diagnostic Assistant Degree.

❑ Meet with Allied Health Advisor.

❑ You will need to take at least 33 s.h. of credit including prerequisite courses and electives at KCC to be eligible to apply to M/StL.

❑ Once you have completed or enrolled in for the prerequisite courses turn in your completed white checklist to the Allied Health Office and tell them you are ready to apply to M/StL.

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PREREQUISITE COURSES + AAS DIAGNOSTIC ASSISTANT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- A & P I – 4 SH
- A & P II – 4 SH
- Humanities elective – 3 SH (blue handout)
- Intro to Psychology – 3 SH
- Comp I – 3 SH
- Fundamentals of Oral Comm. - 3 SH
- Microcomputer Literacy - 1 SH
- Intermediate Algebra – 4 SH
- Medical Terminology – 4 SH
- ** 4 SH of elective needed <u>for degree.</u> If you already have a degree, you do not need this unless you want the degree from KCC (see handout). May not need if you have taken enough KCC credits as well.

PRE-REQUISITE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

- Must be completed with a "C" or above
- Transfer credit from other colleges is reviewed by KCC Allied Health Academic Advisors
- No class may be attempted and failed more than two times prior to a passing grade
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA from the pre-req courses
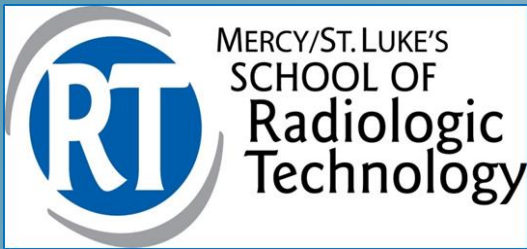
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Cindy Erenberger - front office

Heather Niec– Department Coordinator

- It is **your** responsibility to keep your Checklist updated with the office **each time you complete something**. The office will need to verify your checklist as you progress through the process.

- When you **have completed or enrolled** in the remaining prerequisite/elective courses, turn your white checklist into the Allied Health Front Office and tell them you are ready to apply to M/StL.

FIRST PRIORITY

- **First priority** will be given at MStL to those who have completed all pre-reqs by the January 15 application deadline.

- First priority does NOT mean you will be automatically accepted.

- It means if your application points are EQUAL with a candidate who is enrolled in any remaining pre-reqs at the Jan. 15 deadline, you will be given priority because you have all the pre-reqs completed

- If you have not completed all pre-reqs by the end of fall semester, you will still be considered if you can prove you are enrolled in the remaining pre-req courses for the spring semester.

- If you are then accepted, you must successfully complete those courses or your acceptance offer will be withdrawn.

MERCY/ST. LUKE'S APPLICATION PROCESS

- If you have turned in your completed Checklist we will call you/send you the link to our application

- Mail completed 4 hour job shadow form to M/StL once completed

- Submit the completed application and mandatory Essay requirement, and mail the $25 app fee postmarked by **January 15**. NO EXCEPTIONS!

- Top **20** candidates offered interviews in February and March

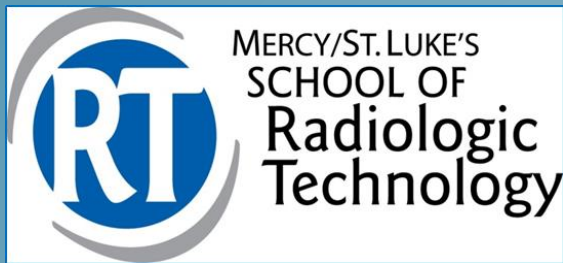- All applicants notified of acceptance/rejection by mid-March

Selection Process:

- *Academic History (pre-req GPA) – 40%*

- *Research/Interest (Essay) – 20%*
  - *Candidates offered interviews based on these two*

- *Interpersonal/Communication – 40%*
  - *Total points then decide acceptance*
  - *12 accepted annually*

AFTER GRADUATION FROM MERCY/ST. LUKE'S

- Certificate in Radiologic Technology from M/StL

- AAS from KCC – Diagnostic Assistant (unless you already had a degree and did not pursue at KCC). (earned after first two semesters at M/St.L).

- Eligibility to take ARRT exam ($225 exam)

- After passing ARRT exam, you need to obtain and maintain state licensure to work as an RT(R) (rates vary depending upon state).

- Renew ARRT membership yearly ($50/year) and demonstrate Continuing Education Compliance every two years.

MERCY ST. LUKE'S PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Mission

To provide a high quality education in the profession of Radiologic Technology through the use of competency based clinical instruction and comprehensive didactic education.
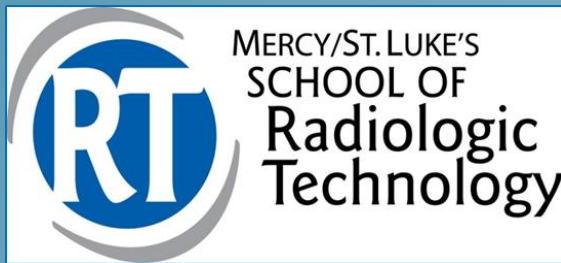
Program Overview

Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology (MStL) is a hospital-based radiologic technology program jointly sponsored by Mercy Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The program begins annually in early July and is a 24-month, full-time program resulting in a certificate in Radiologic Technology.

Program Goals

- Goal 1: Students will demonstrate clinical competence.

- Goal 2: Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills.

- Goal 3: Students will demonstrate professionalism.

- Goal 4: Students will demonstrate communication skills.

Detailed information may be found by viewing our Program Brochure located at http://www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/school-of-radiologic-technology.aspx to view the brochure, student handbooks, and other pertinent information regarding the program.

MERCY ST. LUKE'S PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Students participate in approximately 2700 clinical education hours and 1000 didactic (classroom) hours at both Mercy Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids during the 24 month program.

- **Full-time** program (**40 hrs/wk**) beginning in early July. Most weeks are Mon – Fri, 7 am to 3:30 pm. Limited number of 10:30 am to 7 pm rotations as well as 12:00 noon – 8:30 pm and 3 – 11:30 pm. Weekend rotations in second year.

- **No** holiday rotations are scheduled.

Courses:

- Intro to Radiography & Protection
- Professional Ethics
- Patient Care I & II
- Radiographic Anatomy & Procedures I, II, III
- Radiation Bio & Protection
- Rad Science I & II
- Senior Seminar

- Patient & Personnel Protection
- Advanced Procedures
- Radiographic Physics
- Cross-Sectional Anatomy
- Pathology
- Film Critique I & II
- Applied Clinical I - VI

FAST facts

5yr average job placement rate*	100%
5yr average ARRT registry pass rate*	100%
2021 average starting salary**	$23.00/hr
Tuition per year	**$ 4125**
School Fees (Senior Year)	$ 130
Textbooks for 2 years	$ 600
Uniforms	$ 600
Health Insurance (St. Luke's)	*optional*

* 2017-2021* 2021 Graduate self reported wages**

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

GRADING POLICY:

A+ = 4.25 POINTS – OUTSTANDING (99-100%)

A = 4 POINTS – EXCELLENT (94-98%)

B+ = 3.5 POINTS - ABOVE AVERAGE (91-93%)

B = 3 POINTS – AVERAGE (87-90%)

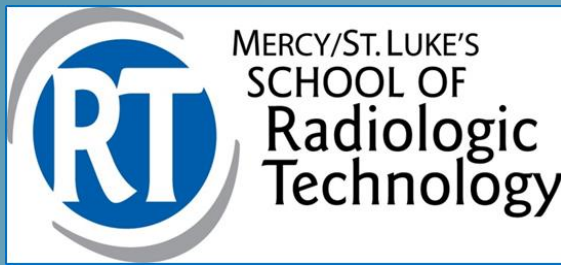C+ = 2.5 POINTS - BELOW AVERAGE (84-86%)

C = 2 POINTS - ACCEPTABLE MIN. (80-83%)

D = 1 POINT – DISMISSAL (75-79%)

F = 0 POINTS & DISMISSAL (0-74%)

- *Minimum grade of "C" in all courses*
- *A grade of "D" or "F" requires dismissal*
- *May re-apply the following year*
- *2.5 GPA minimum*
- *Below 2.5 GPA in a semester results in academic probation*
- *Below 2.5 GPA for 2 consecutive semesters results in dismissal*

- Students are *expected* to be in attendance. *You cannot learn if you are not present.*
  - *Students are awarded personal time each semester to be used as needed.*
  - *Students who miss more than 10% of any course are required to make up the hours missed in excess of 10% of total scheduled course hours.*
  - *Make up time is charged $35 per 8 hour shift.*
- Students are *expected to show professionalism* with honesty, maturity, respect, initiative, and motivation.
- Adherence to Policies & Procedures and the ASRT Code of Ethics is expected.

MERCY ST. LUKE'S PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
  - www.jrcert.org
  - Only agency recognized by the US Dept. of Education to perform programmatic accreditation for radiography programs
  - Program Effectiveness Data may also be found here
- Voluntarily registered with the Iowa College Aid Commission
- Title IV financial aid information may be found at: https://www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/filesimages/Fin%20Aid%20HB%202022-23.pdf
  - Consumer Information may be found at: https://www.mercycare.org/app/files/public/3674dd1c-b674-4e85-912f-bae5fd332d52/MstL-Consumer-Info.pdf
  - Program Effectiveness Data may be found at www.jrcert.org or at https://www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/filesimages/Program Effectiveness Data 6.29.2021.pdf
  - Program Goals/Outcomes may be found at http://www.mercycare.org/services/imaging-services/school-of-radiologic-technology/
- State Licensure and Certification Disclosure
  - https://www.mercycare.org/app/files/public/618dc325-49ab-44f6-894c-2e4db359b274/MStL-Program-Certification-and-Licensure-Disclosure-Statement.pdf

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA BSRS PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound (DMS)

- E-mail: Radiation-sciences@uiowa.edu

- Phone: 319-353-8388

Nuclear Medicine Technology

- Contact: Tony Knight, anthony-knight@uiowa.edu

- Phone: 319-356-2954

Radiation Therapy

- Contact: **Jared Stiles, MSL RT(R)(T),** jared-stiles@uiowa.edu

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Thank you for your interest in Kirkwood Community College, Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology!

Please contact us if you have any questions!

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