

# ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE IN LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE

*Program Conference*

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*



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# 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
- Cardiovascular Interventional
- Mammography
- Sonography\*
- Radiation Therapy\*
- Nuclear Medicine\*

\*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) **does 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 LA.AS degree in Liberal Arts—Associates of Science** (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 Liberal Arts—Associates of Science Degree.
- Turn in your official transcript to 200 Kirkwood Hall.
- Meet with Allied Health Advisor.
  - Determine if you have completed all the required prerequisite courses.
    - 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/email completed **2 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 Associates of Science in Liberal Arts Degree.
- Turn in your official transcript to 200 Kirkwood Hall.
- Meet with Allied Health Advisor.
  - Determine what credits you have to transfer.
  - Take at minimum 16 credit at KCC to attain residency.
  - Take at least 4 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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# PATH 3: YOU'RE JUST GETTING STARTED

- Attend a program conference.
- Apply to KCC and change your major to Associates of Science in Liberal Arts Degree.
- Meet with Allied Health Advisor.
- You will need to take at least 33 cr. 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 + LA.AS ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE IN LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- A & P I – 4 Credit Hours
- A & P II – 4 Credit Hours
- Humanities elective – 3 Cr
- Intro to Psychology – 3 Credit Hours
- Comp I – 3 Credit Hours
- Fundamentals of Oral Comm. - 3 Credit Hours
- Microcomputer Literacy - 1 Credit Hours
- Intermediate Algebra – 4 Credit Hours
- Medical Terminology – 4 Credit Hours
  
- \*\* 4 Credit Hours of elective needed for degree. 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 one time prior to a passing grade
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA from the pre-req courses



## ALLIED HEALTH OFFICE

Room 2164-Linn Hall

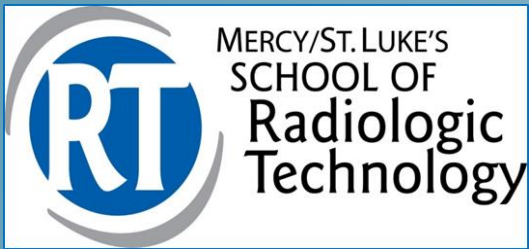
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Emily Shryock- front office

Cindy Erenberger – Department Coordinator

**\*\*Speak to your advisor at 200 Kirkwood Hall**

- 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 ONE completed **2 hour job shadow form** to M/StL once completed
- Submit the completed application and mandatory essay requirement and mail the one time \$25 app fee postmarked by **January 15**. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Top **20** candidates offered interviews in February and March

## *Selection Process:*

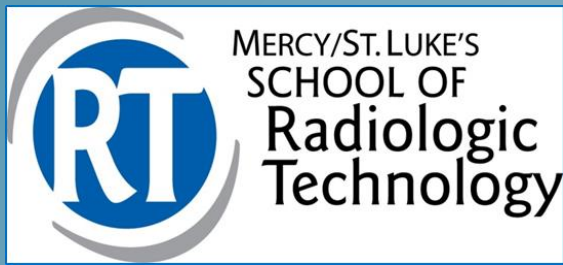
- *Academic History (pre-req GPA) – 40%*
- *Research/Interest (Essay) – 20%*
  - *Candidates offered interviews based on these two*
- *Interpersonal/Communication – 40%*
  - *Total points then decide acceptance*
  - *12 accepted annually*

All applicants notified of acceptance/rejection by mid-March

# AFTER GRADUATION FROM MERCY/ST. LUKE'S

- Certificate in Radiologic Technology from M/StL
- LA.AS from KCC – Associates of Science in Liberal Arts Degree(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 Permit/(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.

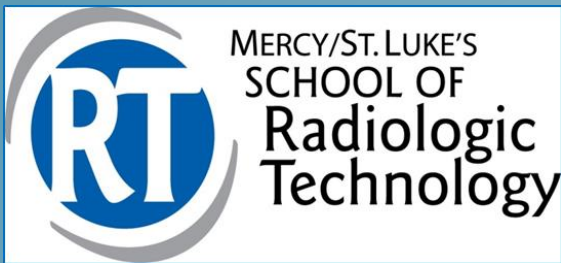
### Program Overview

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%
• 2024 average starting salary**	\$27.39 /hr
• <b>Tuition per year</b>	<b>\$ 4125</b>
• School Fees (Senior Year)	\$ 130
• Textbooks for 2 years	\$ 700
• Uniforms	\$ 600
• Health Insurance (St. Luke's)	optional

\* 2024 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%)

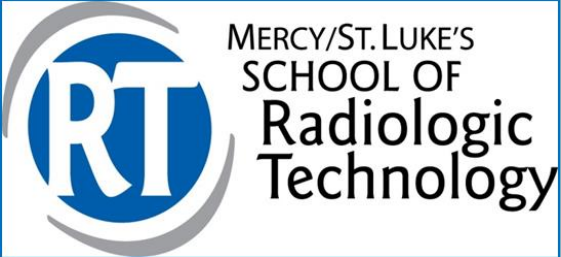
C = 2 POINTS - ACCEPTABLE MIN. (80-83%)

D = 1 POINT – DISMISSAL (75-79%)

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

- 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.

- *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*



## MERCY /ST. LUKE'S PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
  - [www.jrcert.org](http://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.mercycare.org/app/files/public/5745/MStL-Financial-Aid.pdf>
- Consumer Information may be found at:  
<https://www.mercycare.org/app/files/public/5751/MstL-Consumer-Info.pdf>
- Program Effectiveness Data may be found at [www.jrcert.org](http://www.jrcert.org) or at  
<https://www.mercycare.org/app/files/public/d09a97ae-673b-4973-aed3-28068fd23630/Program%20Effectiveness%20Data%202021.pdf>
- Program Goals/Outcomes may be found at <https://www.mercycare.org/employment/students/school-of-radiologic-technology/>
  
- State Licensure and Certification Disclosure  
<https://www.mercycare.org/app/files/public/10451/MStL-Program-Certification-and-Licensure-Disclosure-Statement.pdf>

# UNIVERSITY OF IOWA BSRS PROGRAMS OF STUDY

## Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound (DMS)

Contact: Stephanie Ellingson

- E-mail: [Radiation-sciences@uiowa.edu](mailto:Radiation-sciences@uiowa.edu)
- Phone: 319-353-8388

## Nuclear Medicine Technology

- Contact: Jay Smith, [jay-smith@uiowa.edu](mailto:jay-smith@uiowa.edu)
- Phone: 319-356-2954

## Radiation Therapy

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