

## 2007-08 Catalog: Programs of Study

### Radiation Therapy Specialist (6153)

#### Technical Certificate

The Radiation Therapist assists in the treatment of cancer patients. Working as part of a health care team, supervised by a radiation oncologist, the radiation therapist positions the patient for treatment, performs the necessary mathematical calculations to determine the radiation dosage and delivers the radiation treatments utilizing highly sophisticated equipment.

In order to be considered for the Radiation Therapy Specialist program, the student must be registered with the **American Society of Radiologic Technologists** (ARRT) as a radiologic technologist or nuclear medicine technologist.

A **brochure outlining costs, requirements, deadlines and procedures is available online.**

#### Expected Job Growth and Earnings

Growth should be faster than the average; as the population grows and ages, the demand for diagnostic imaging increases. ARRTs typically earn somewhere between \$44,000–\$53,000.

#### Certification and Licensing

At the completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the ARRT board examination in radiation therapy.

#### Application Procedure

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration for acceptance to the Radiation Therapy program, students must:

1. Complete a Radiation Therapy program application.
2. Provide a copy of current ARRT card. The ARRT card must clearly show the candidate's identification number, the registration category, the "valid through end of" date and indicates that the candidate is "in compliance with continuing education requirements."

#### Cost

Estimated cost of tuition is \$2,856 (tuition rated for Florida residents, as of 7/07). For details on fees, books, uniforms and materials see the **online brochure.**

#### Need More Information? Contact:

**Neal Henning**, North Campus, 904.713.4548

#### More Information Online

#### American Society of Radiologic Technologists

#### Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Credits
<b>RAT 1001</b> Introduction to Radiation Therapy	3
<b>RAT 2242</b> Oncology I	3
<b>RAT 2614</b> Radiation Physics	3
<b>RAT 2241</b> Radiation Biology and Safety	3
<b>RAT 1804</b> Clinical Education I	4
<b>RAT 2651</b> Dosimetry and Treatment Planning	3
<b>RAT 2243</b> Oncology II	3
<b>RAT 2123</b> Patient Care in Radiation Therapy	3
<b>RAT 2814</b> Clinical Education II	6
<b>RAT 2061</b> Seminar: Registry Review	3

**Total Credit Hours** **43**

Please see the technical certificate **Graduation Requirements**.

#### Note

A physical examination will be required upon acceptance to the program.

#### Record of Conviction of a Crime

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) will determine a Radiation Therapy program graduate's eligibility for credentialing when there is an arrest/conviction record. Convicted felons must pre-apply to the ARRT to determine eligibility. Students should contact the ARRT at 651.687.0048 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (EST) for questions concerning eligibility requirements. The ARRT must declare the student eligible before the student enrolls in the Radiation Therapy program.

#### Note

Most clinical agencies require students to undergo drug screen and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Students whose drug screening and criminal background checks are deemed unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Failure to qualify for and meet clinical requirements at clinical sites may prevent completion of the program. Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experiences.

The cost of the background check and drug screen is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition.

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To request information, contact the Learner Support Center at [info@fccj.edu](mailto:info@fccj.edu) or 904.646.2300.

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