



RADIATION THERAPY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

What is a Radiation Therapist?

A Radiation Therapist (Radiologic Technologist - Therapy) uses high tech equipment and sophisticated scientific techniques to deliver highly focused forms of radiation to treat cancer and other diseases. Radiation Therapy can cure malignant diseases (cancer) and greatly improve quality of life. A Radiation Therapist is part of the Radiation Oncology team and is at the front line of this very important treatment.

Is a R.T.T. the same as an R.T.?

No, a R.T.(R) (Radiological Technologist-Radiology) works in a Diagnostic Medical Imaging (Radiology) department and uses low-energy radiation to perform diagnostic imaging examinations. These exams provide the tools (X-ray, CT, MRI) that doctors use to diagnose conditions or diseases (like cancer). R.T.'s see their patients generally only once for a brief exam.

A R.T.(T.) – **Radiation Therapists** (Radiologic Technologist - Therapy) uses high-energy radiation to treat patients who have already been diagnosed with cancer and have chosen Radiation Therapy as one of their treatments. We see their patients every day for a period of 4 to 6 weeks.

Is this a career for ME?

If you would enjoy working with people at a unique time of their lives, have **EXCELLENT** communication skills, and want tremendous job satisfaction, consider this job. If you long to make a **REAL** difference with the work that you do, you may have just found your new career.

Can I get a job?

Radiation Therapists are employed in our community and throughout the nation. There are positions for full-time, part-time and per diem therapists with excellent hours (no nights, no weekends, no holidays) in hospital and clinical settings.

What is the Program like?

The Radiation Therapy Technology program is considered full-time and follows the college schedule for 24 months. Program students attend classes on the CCSF Campus in addition to the obtaining clinical experience at Bay Area Radiation Oncology Departments. Graduates earn an Associate of Science degree and are eligible to take the National Board Exam.

Prerequisites 2010 (see application for specific courses):

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- Medical chemistry
- English
- Geometry
- Physics

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How can I learn more?

Applications for the class beginning August, 2010 will be accepted between March 1st and March 15th, 2010. For further information or an application, please visit our website at: <http://www.ccsf.edu/dmi>.

Informational meetings are held each semester for interested RTT students – please see the website for more information. All are welcome!