Diagnostic Medical Imaging

The curriculum in Diagnostic Medical Imaging is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and approved by the Radiologic Health Branch of the California State Department of Public Health. For more information about these agencies, see the "Overview of the College" section of this Catalog.

The program maintains an affiliation with multiple San Francisco hospital radiology departments for the purpose of clinical education.

For more information, please visit www.ccsf.edu/dmi

Consideration for Admission to the Curriculum. To be considered for admission to the curriculum, applicants must—

1. Have completed the following prerequisite courses within 7 years prior to application, with a grade of "C" or higher and overall GPA of 2.5 or higher:
   a.) MATH 40 or 840 (Elementary Algebra) or placement in MATH 60 or 860
   b.) CHEM 32 or CHEM 40
   c.) PHYC 10 and 10L
   d.) BIO 108 (formerly ANAT 25)
   e.) ENGL 93 or 95 or ENGL 88A (or placement in ENGL 96 or 88B); or ESL 160
   f.) BIO 112 (formerly PHYS 12)

2. Complete 40 hours of volunteer service in a hospital Radiology Department. Consult the Diagnostic Medical Imaging (DMI) application (available at www.ccsf.edu/dmi) for more details about this requirement.

3. Completion of MATH 60 or MATH 860 and ENGL 1A are strongly recommended prior to entering the program.

4. Have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in college work previously completed.

5. Be in good physical and mental health.

6. File with the Office of Admissions and Records a completed application for admission to City College (for dates, see in this catalog the "Calendar of Instruction").

7. Complete City College of San Francisco Mathematics/Algebra and English placement examinations, or the equivalent thereof.

8. Submit an application to the Radiologic Sciences Office. Contact Radiologic Sciences Department for filing deadline dates. (Applications are available at www.ccsf.edu/dmi).

Health Clearance Requirements. In addition to academic requirements and orientation, enrollment in the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Program is subject to evidence of immunizations per the San Francisco Health Department. In addition, upon program admission, the student must satisfactorily complete a physical examination given by an appropriately licensed health care provider.

Background Check Requirement. A background check will be required by the clinical affiliates. The cost for this will be incurred by the student. Students must complete this background check upon admission to the program.

Drug Screening. Drug screening is required by the clinical affiliate. The student is responsible for the cost.

Program Orientation. Upon admission, students are required to attend two scheduled program orientations.

Instruction in the Major. The course of study includes instruction in radiologic theory and techniques, pathology, patient care, radiation protection, anatomy, physics and physiology. The curriculum is 30 months in length, including two academic years, with a summer session between the first and second semesters, and ending with a clinical internship of 32 weeks. Clinical education in diagnostic medical imaging is taught in the radiology departments of the hospitals affiliated with the College in offering the program. Members of the professional and technical staffs of these departments serve as instructors.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Program and college graduation requirements, the student is awarded the Associate in Science degree. Upon satisfactory completion of the clinical internship in an affiliate hospital, the student is eligible for the ARRT national examination for certification.

Scholarship Requirements and Basis for Disqualification. A final grade lower than C (75%) in any of the required Diagnostic Medical Imaging courses, or a grade point average below 2.0 will be cause for dismissal from the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Program. Students may also be disqualified prior to the end of the semester should they receive a grade lower than C in their clinical performance. Students may be suspended or dismissed for excessive absences either on campus or at the clinical affiliate, according to the attendance policy, or for other reasons consistent with College policy, as set forth in the Catalogue under General Information.

Readmission of Students Disqualified Because of Unsatisfactory Scholarship. Students who have been disqualified from continuing in the curriculum because they received a final grade lower than C and who desire to be readmitted must submit a new application to the Radiologic Sciences Department Review Committee. As Part of the procedure, the Committee will meet with the applicant prior to making a decision. The Committee will base its recommendations on the current policy of the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Program, which is available from the department office.
Associate in Science Degree. The course of study is designed so that students may satisfy the requirements for graduation from the College. Students who meet these requirements, complete the required courses in the curriculum, including the 32-week clinical internship, with final grades of C or higher, will receive an A.S. degree with a Major in Diagnostic Medical Imaging.

State and National Certification. State certification is required for employment in California. Graduates are eligible for and must take the certification examination given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), a national certification board recognized by the Joint Review Committee for Education in Radiologic Technology. All employers require national certification. Upon notification of successful ARRT results, the graduate must apply for certification from the state of California.

Purchase of Uniforms and Clinical Supplies. Students are required to purchase the uniforms required in the courses in radiologic technology. The cost of uniforms and other supplies is approximately $500.