

Radiologic Technology at Gwynedd Mercy University – An Overview

Gwynedd Mercy University's program is called a 2 + 2 program. The student spends the freshman and sophomore years here at the University campus taking general education courses such as English, Anatomy & Physiology, Math and Philosophy and Religion.

During the summer between freshman and sophomore years, the student researches the 6 JRCERT accredited affiliate programs in order to determine which they want to apply to. In the late summer and early fall of the sophomore year, the student applies to a minimum of 3 of the 6 affiliate JRCERT accredited certificate radiography programs. (www.jrcert.org) The student does this on his or her own with guidance from the Campus Coordinator. The Campus Coordinator meets with the student as part of the freshman spring advising session to explain the application process. The student **MUST** be accepted into a program in order to continue with the University's Radiologic Technology Program. **The University offers NO guarantee of acceptance. (Refer to the University Catalog)**

Junior and senior years are spent at the radiography affiliate program taking the program's radiography courses, both classroom and clinical. All University required courses must be complete prior to attending. The student also must register here at Gwynedd Mercy for courses (including clinical) that correspond to courses being taken at the radiography program. (Campus Coordinator informs the student which University courses to register for.)

While enrolled at the affiliate, the student can continue to apply for and receive approved federal financial aid through Gwynedd Mercy University. (This financial piece is best explained by the financial aid office as rules and regulations always change.) University grants and scholarships are not available to students when they are paying the competitive tuition rates offered by the affiliate programs. Students also continue to have access to all University resources and can live on campus if desired. Grades from the radiography program are forwarded to the Campus Coordinator (usually by the radiography program director) at the end of that program's semester and are entered into the corresponding University courses for the official transcript.

Once the radiography program is successfully completed (and all University courses have been successfully completed), the student will be eligible to receive their diploma from Gwynedd Mercy University with the BS degree in Radiologic Technology at the next official graduation date. (It is usually June 30th for Radiologic Technology students, but students can choose to walk in the May commencement program.)

Once ALL course requirements have been successfully completed (including both University and radiography program courses), the Campus Coordinator informs the radiography program director that all requirements for the B.S. degree have been met and the graduate will be eligible to sit for the National ARRT Examination in Radiography. (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists – www.arrt.org) once the BS degree has been conferred by the University. This is usually June 30th depending when all requirements are met.

Thomas Jefferson University Option

The student can also choose to apply to Jefferson where he or she can pursue the multi-competency program in imaging. In Jefferson's program, the student can take one year of radiography and one year of CT for example. Another example would be, one year of general Sonography and one year of Vascular Sonography. The competition for acceptance into Jefferson's program is stiff. Please visit Jefferson's website for Radiologic Sciences at: <http://www.jefferson.edu/university/health-professions.html>

Gwynedd Mercy University does NOT have a formal articulation agreement with Jefferson, however we know exactly what courses you need to take that meet their pre-requisite requirements. Jefferson does require additional pre-requisite courses as well as the Gwynedd Mercy curriculum. It is important to make the Campus Coordinator aware of possible interest in Jefferson's program as soon as possible. It may take an additional year to incorporate the prerequisite courses needed. If the student is accepted at Jefferson, the student will transfer out of Gwynedd and into Jefferson. The B.S. degree will be granted by Jefferson.

Transfer Students

Must complete the same curriculum as first-time freshmen. Official transcripts that are submitted will be evaluated for transfer credits by the University's registrar. The applicant must have an overall GPA of 2.8 minimum and good grades in science and math (B's and above are highly preferred). The transfer student must complete a minimum of 36 credits at the University prior to attending an affiliate program.

B.S. Completion Program in Radiologic Technology

This course of study is designed for the imaging technologist who is already ARRT certified. Students must complete the same curriculum as all other students. Transcripts submitted will be evaluated for transfer courses by the University registrar. The student must follow the University's residency requirements for credits. Additional information is available.

Please contact admissions at admissions@gmercyu.edu and/or the Campus Coordinator, Joy Fox (fox.j@gmercyu.edu) for information.

You can apply to Gwynedd Mercy University on-line free of charge for any of these programs. The application is the same. Click on the "apply now" button at www.gmercyu.edu.

Hopefully this document answers many questions. Please be sure to check out the program's website and latest success story. We hope to see you here!