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## Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Advanced Placement

**Summer 2014 Deadline: March 27, 2014**  
**\*\*\*Admissions Information\*\*\***

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Advanced Placement is a selective enrollment program beginning each summer. **Entry to this program is available to graduates of Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy or Sonography programs accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiography, Sonography, or Nuclear Medicine.** Resources such as clinical facilities and faculty, as well as approval standards, limit the number of applicants typically accepted to **1 - 8 students** for the summer. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Advanced Placement is an advanced one-year diploma program and all applicants must meet minimum requirements to be considered for admission. **Please note, however, that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.**

Any program specific questions should be directed to Melissa Smith, Program Coordinator for MRI, at 336-757-3349 or msmith@forsythtech.edu. Qualified applicants will be ranked based on criteria listed in this packet. Applicants not admitted to the program must reapply and complete a new MAR Review if they wish to be considered for the following year's class.

### PHASE I: APPLICATION PROCESS

The following steps must be completed by March 27, 2014 for the summer 2014 program. Please note you are **not** required to participate in an Allied Health Information Session.

- \_\_\_ 1. Complete the Forsyth Tech application.
- \_\_\_ 2. Have official transcripts from all colleges or schools attended since high school sent to the Admissions Office. Requesting Forsyth Tech transcripts is unnecessary. All hospital based transcripts must report the final cumulative GPA on a 1.0 – 4.0 scale. (Due to the difference in program structures, transfer credit from outside MRI programs is not available). We strongly recommend that official college transcripts be received **and** evaluated before a MAR is conducted. Evaluation of transcripts typically takes 5-7 business days to complete once transcripts have been received. Please plan accordingly.

(Official transcripts must have the school seal or original signature and be in a sealed unopened envelope.)

- \_\_\_ 3. Submit a copy of current ARRT, ARDMS, NMTCB certification/registration card.

## **PHASE II: MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Primary Modality Educational Program Requirement**

Applicants must have successfully completed a primary modality educational program accredited by a mechanism acceptable to American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Acceptable accreditation mechanisms are as follows:

- Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
- Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT)
- Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS) in collaboration with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Regional Institutional Accrediting Agencies
  - Middle States Commission on Higher Education
  - New England Association of Schools and Colleges
  - North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
  - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
  - Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and Senior College Commission
- Conjoint Accreditation Services of Canadian Medical Association
- Australian Institute of Radiography
- Accredited U.S. Military Program

### **2. Certification/Registration Requirement**

Applicants must be certified or registered with the ARRT in:

- Radiography
- Radiation Therapy

Or certified or registered with the ARRT or NMTCB in:

- Nuclear Medicine

Or certified or registered with the ARRT or ARDMS in:

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography

### **3. Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement**

Applicants must have a final, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the primary modality educational program.

## PHASE III: MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS (MAR) REVIEW

After **completion** of Phase I and II, applicants are eligible to meet with an Admissions Counselor to complete the Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review. Applicants who wish to be considered for the fall 2014 program **must** complete the MAR Review between the dates of September 4, 2013 and the deadline of March 27, 2014. Applicants for the fall 2014 program will not be considered for admission until this step is completed.

The Admissions Office hours for the MAR Review are 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday. The review is done on a walk-in basis and no appointment is necessary. **Please note that MAR reviews will not be conducted during registration and holidays (October 9, November 4-30, December 16 – January 10, January 20, and March 11). During fall break and spring break, MAR reviews will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (October 7-8 and March 12-13).** The Admissions Office is located in Allman room 123.

### RANKING PROCESS

After completion of Phase I and II, applicants who complete a MAR Review are ranked using a point system. As this is a selective enrollment program, it is in the student's best interest to achieve as many ranking points as possible. The components of the ranking system include the following items:

1. Academic Performance: Primary Modality Educational Program GPA  
Maximum Points: 20

3.75 - 4.00	20 Points
3.50 - 3.74	15 Points
3.25 - 3.49	10 Points
3.00 – 3.24	5 Points

2. Scaled ARRT, NMTCB or ARDMS Registry Score  
Maximum Points: 20

94% and Up	20 Points
89% - 93%	15 Points
84% - 88%	10 Points
75% - 83%	5 Points

3. Additional Certifications ( Must be current and valid)  
Maximum points: 10

(R)	Radiography*	2 Points
(N)	Nuclear Medicine*	2 Points
(T)	Radiation Therapy*	2 Points
(MR)	MRI	2 Points
(S)	Sonography	2 Points

(M)	Mammography	2 Points
(QM)	Quality Management	2 Points
(BD)	Bone Densitometry	1 Point
(CI)	Cardiac-Interventional Radiography	2 Points
(VI)	Vascular-Interventional Radiography	2 Points
(CV)	Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiography	2 Points
(VS)	Vascular Sonography	2 Points
(BS)	Breast Sonography	2 Points
R.R.A	RA - Radiologist Assistant	2 Points

\*Secondary certification only

#### 4. Professional Experience

Full or Part Time Employment as a Registered Technologist in an eligible Primary Modality within 5 Years

Maximum Points: 20

More than 5 Years	20 Points
3 - 5 Years	15 Points
1 - 2 Years	10 Points
6 Months - 1 Year	5 Points

*The applicant must submit a signed and dated letter on facility letterhead, written by his or her **direct supervisor** verifying hire date, separation date if applicable, and a description of duties performed. The student is responsible for verifying the required information is provided **before** submitting the letter to Admissions. Professional Experience points will not be awarded unless **all** requested information is provided. **Falsified work experience terminates the application process and renders the applicant ineligible for admission to the MR Imaging Technology Program.***

### **Total Points for Ranking**

Adding together the points from the areas above will determine the total score. Students with the highest point total will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the person with the highest actual primary modality educational program GPA will be the determining factor. Currently enrolled students are ranked using the cumulative GPA through Fall 2013. If an additional tie breaker is needed, the **completion** dates of Phase I will be the determining factor. An alternate list will also be developed. Alternates will only be accepted if a student originally accepted, declines their seat. Applicants not admitted to the program must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following year's class

**NOTE: The information provided in this packet is subject to change annually.**