



2025 ADMISSION PACKET

Radiography Program

- ❗ Application & Requirements Deadline - **May 31, 2025**
- ❗ Please allow 2 weeks to complete all application requirements.

It is the student's responsibility to monitor the completion of the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR), whether enrolled at CVCC or elsewhere. CVCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice. Applicants are responsible for completing admission requirements and ensuring all materials have been submitted by the deadline.

This packet provides information to assist you with the admission and selection process for the Radiography program. For questions regarding the program, contact the Department Head of Radiography at (828) 327-7000 extension 4075 or by email to svandevander@cvcc.edu. For questions regarding admission requirements, please contact Student Services at extension 4216 or email healthcare@cvcc.edu.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Radiography Program is to prepare individuals to function in the professional medical community as entry-level radiographers certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. This first semester Associate in Applied Science program will offer opportunities for students to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes required to use radiation to produce images of the various organs and systems and to provide safe, effective patient care.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Radiography Program is to strive for excellence through continuous improvement providing students with marketable skills and learning opportunities that promote critical thinking and problem-solving.

Program Goals

Goal 1: Students will be clinically competent.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will apply positioning skills.

Students will select technical factors.

Goal 2: Students will demonstrate communication skills.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate written communication skills.

Students will demonstrate oral communication skills.

Goal 3: Students will develop critical thinking skills.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate appropriate analytic skills during advanced radiographic procedure labs.

Students will recognize diagnostic and non-diagnostic radiographs.

Goal 4: Students will model professionalism.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate acceptable ethical attitudes with patients.

Students will participate in an ethical discussion or debate.

Accreditation Information

The Catawba Valley Community College Radiography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The program has a full 8-year accreditation with the next review date in October, 2027. Catawba Valley Community College is regionally accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges (SACS). Effectiveness data for the Radiography program is available on the JRCERT and Catawba Valley Community College Radiography Program website. Contact information for the JRCERT: 20 N Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606-3182; phone 312-704-5300, fax 312-704-5304; website: www.jrcert.org; e-mail: mail@jrcert.org.

What is a radiographer?

Radiographers use radiation to produce images of the human body.

How do I find information about Radiography and employment opportunities?

Radiographers work in hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, medical laboratories, government agencies, orthopedic offices, surgical centers, and outpatient imaging centers. For general information related to the profession of radiography, refer to <http://www.asrt.org/>.

What is the class schedule/length for the Radiography program?

The program begins in the Fall Semester. Radiography classes and clinical rotations are held during the day, with some evening clinical assignments. Students will begin their studies in the classroom and the laboratory and will participate in clinical experiences in hospitals and/or other medical facilities. The Radiography program consists of five semesters and takes two years of full-time study to complete. Radiography students will be required to complete clinical rotations which may require them to travel as much as one hour from campus. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists' national examination for certification and registration as medical radiographers.

How much does the program cost?

College tuition is set by the North Carolina State Legislature and is subject to change. Students are required to purchase a variety of books, instruments, clinic uniforms, malpractice insurance, accident insurance, and other fees as set by the College. The approximate cost for the program is \$10,700. (This figure is based upon current in-state tuition rates and reflects an approximate cost only). For additional information, refer to the Estimated Additional Program Costs document in this packet.

How do I apply for Financial Aid?

All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For information about [financial aid](#), contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at financial_aid@cvcc.edu or call 828-327-7000, ext. 4860.

Do I need a computer, and will I receive a CVCC email account?

Yes, access to a computer is required for this program. Once the CVCC application has been activated, students are assigned a CVCC email address and MyCVCC Portal account. Communication between students, faculty and any other college personnel will be by CVCC email, so students must frequently check their CVCC email accounts for admission status updates.

The following technology resources are recommended for successful completion of this program:

A laptop computer with

- Windows 10 or later with at least 4GB of RAM (6GB or more preferred) and at least 3GB Hard Drive capacity (more preferred)
- Web Camera and Microphone
- Installation of Microsoft Office Suite & Teams (provided by CVCC)
- Installation of the free Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or newest Microsoft Edge browser (Chrome recommended)
- Reliable Internet Access and Printer Access

Cell phones are not a substitute for laptops; they cannot be used to complete assignments for this program.

Will I be required to complete a Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening? Yes. Carefully read the information below regarding background checks, drug testing, and the result of a negative background check. Applicants must use CastleBranch, a background screening and compliance management company, for background check/drug screenings.

Clinical facilities will require students to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing.

The student will be required to pay fees associated with these screenings.

Clinical facilities may refuse access to clinical experiences based upon results of a criminal background check, drug screening or immunization/vaccination status.

If any clinical facility refuses to allow a student access to a clinical experience, the student will be **unable to continue in the program**.

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists requires disclosure of any conviction, felony, or misdemeanor on the registry application. At the sole discretion of the Registry, convictions may disqualify the student from the registry examination.

Applicants with a felony or misdemeanor conviction should file a pre-application with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to determine registry eligibility prior to enrolling in the program.

How does undocumented immigrant status or DACA status affect application to the program?

Current North Carolina Community College System policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at CVCC at the out of state tuition cost. However, acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program. Students with an unexpired DACA status are eligible to apply to an Allied Health program. Students must keep active DACA status to remain enrolled in an Allied Health program. Professional licensure is granted by state licensing boards; **students MUST inquire with the appropriate licensure board for specific licensure requirements**. Undocumented students are not eligible for admission to an Allied Health program. According to North Carolina and federal laws, undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure. This policy is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulations.

When and how will I be notified of acceptance to the program?

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program within 2 to 6 weeks of the deadline via an email to their CVCC email account. Applicants chosen as alternates or not accepted for the program will also be notified at that time. Students may apply to only one healthcare program at a time. Should acceptance to that program be denied, the student may apply to another healthcare program whose application deadline has not yet occurred.

What if I am not admitted to the program?

Applicants not admitted will need to re-apply by completing the MAR Checklist for the year of reapplication. Students are responsible for following the guidelines for reapplication. Students are required to submit a new MAR Checklist each year to apply.

What am I required to do before the first day of class if I am accepted?

Accepted applicants must attend a mandatory Orientation Session with the Program Director and Faculty, at which time the student will be provided with information concerning other program requirements. Students not attending the Session and/or being unable to meet any additional requirements listed above will be unable to enter the program.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR) EXPLAINED

To be considered for acceptance, all applicants must complete Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) by the published deadline.

1. **Activate the CVCC Application with “Radiography” as your intended major.**
2. **High School Transcript:** Submit an official High School/High School Equivalency transcript in a sealed envelope issued from the school, electronically through a 3rd party vendor to transcripts@cvcc.edu, or by postal mail. Plan accordingly to ensure transcripts arrive by the deadline. Information on how to request transcripts may be found at the [How to Request Official Transcripts](#) web page.
3. **College Transcripts:** Submit **ALL** official college transcripts in a sealed envelope issued from EVERY school ever attended (except CVCC), or electronically through a 3rd party vendor to transcripts@cvcc.edu, or by postal mail. Plan accordingly to ensure transcripts arrive by the deadline.
4. **Attend the Radiography Information Session.** Applicants must attend a mandatory Radiography Information Session. Refer to the [CVCC Radiography web page](#) for a listing of sessions.
5. **Required Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.80.** Unweighted high school GPA of 2.80 or higher. Applicants must have a 2.80 or higher on all program required courses.
6. **Completed all required general education courses listed in the Pre-Admission Coursework Guide with a minimum grade of “C” or higher.**
7. **Complete the ATI TEAS.** There is no minimum score required for the TEAS; applicants are awarded points in the competitive admission process according to the applicant's TEAS score. There is no limit placed on the number of times an applicant can take the TEAS exam. The highest score within three (3) years will be used. Applicants may test only once per day. An ATI TEAS Study Guide is available for purchase in the CVCC Campus Store or may be purchased online at www.atitesting.com.
8. **Submit the completed MAR Checklist before the deadline.**

COMPETITIVE SELECTION AND RANKING

The following criteria will be used to evaluate and select the best-qualified applicants from those who completed all Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) by the deadline. Those applicants receiving the highest number of points will be admitted to the program until the class is filled. The number of students accepted each year may vary depending on clinical space.

1. **Points for completion (with a “C” or better) of any of the following general education courses in the Radiography curriculum. (Found on the Pre-Admission Coursework Guide)**
2. **Applicants will be awarded points according to their score on the TEAS exam.** Official test scores sent electronically by ATI must be received by the deadline to be considered. The highest score within three years will be used (May 31, 2022 to May 31, 2025).

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM - TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Radiography is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The following activities are examples of the kind of activities which a student in the Radiography Program will be required to perform in order to successfully complete the program

CRITICAL THINKING	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Make judgments concerning modification of radiographic procedures and/or technical factors to accommodate patient age and/or condition.
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS	Interpersonal abilities to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	The student shall establish rapport with clients/patients and health care team members.
COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain procedures, document and interpret technical actions and patient/client responses.
MOBILITY	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces, and lift, move, and push heavy patients and equipment.	Move and position mobile x-ray equipment in small, crowded patient rooms, surgery, and/or critical care units.
MOTOR SKILLS	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective radiographic practice.	Calibrate and use equipment, position patients/clients.
HEARING	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess patient health needs.	Hear alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, and cries for help.
VISUAL	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for patient care.	Observe patient/client responses, assess patient.
TACTILE	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and the handling of small objects.	Operate locks and controls on radiographic equipment.
WEIGHT BEARING	Ability to lift and manipulate/move 45-50 pounds, weekly and sometimes daily.	Position patient/client, move equipment.
COGNITIVE ABILITIES	Cognitive ability to be oriented to time, place and person and organize responsibilities and make decisions.	Determine sequence of radiographic projections to allow for maximum patient comfort and minimum patient movement when multiple radiographic examinations are ordered on the same patient.
OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES	Exposure to communicable diseases and/or body fluids, toxic substances, medicinal preparations, and latex. Students shall use appropriate precautions at all times.	The student may be assigned a client/patient with a communicable disease.

Please note: Examples are not all inclusive.

If you have a disability and need accommodation, please contact the Counselor for Students with Disabilities and Special Programs at least 72 hours in advance at (828) 327-7000, ext. 4222 or accommodations@cvcc.edu.

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM - ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS

(Estimates only; subject to change without notice)

1ST YEAR	
Uniforms (3 sets)	\$300.00 approx.
Black Leather Shoes	\$75.00
Radiographic Markers	\$25.00
Radiation Monitoring Device	\$60.00/semester
ASRT Membership	\$30.00
NCSRT Membership	\$30.00
CastleBranch (Immunizations/Certification tracker, criminal background check, drug test)	\$140.00 (first year) \$88.00 (second year)
Professional Liability Insurance	\$35.00/year
Physical exam, Immunizations, TB test	\$400.00
2ND YEAR	
ASRT Membership	\$30.00
NCSRT Membership	\$25.00
Radiation Monitoring Device	\$40.00/semester
ARRT Certification Exam	\$225.00
Professional Liability Insurance	\$35.00/year
Professional Seminars	\$500.00 approx.
ONGOING EXPENSES	
Transportation	
Books and Supplies	
Tuition	
Maintaining immunizations/vaccines/CastleBranch requirements	

Please Note:

These cost estimates are **in addition** to the costs that any student attending CVCC will incur each semester, such as tuition, activity fees, accident insurance, books, and class supplies such as pens, paper, etc.

Students applying for graduation will pay graduation fees.

Estimates for these costs may be found in the [CVCC Catalog](#).

PRE-ADMISSION COURSEWORK GUIDE

The information provided below is for planning purposes only. Admission and curriculum requirements are subject to change without notice.

The following courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher by the published deadline:

BIO 168 – Anatomy & Physiology 1 (4 credit hours)

BIO 169 – Anatomy & Physiology 2 (4 credit hours)

ENG 111 – Writing and Inquiry (3 credit hours)

ENG 112 – Writing/Research in the Disciplines (3 credit hours)

OR

ENG 113 – Literature-Based Research (3 credit hours)

OR

ENG 114 – Professional Research and Reporting (3 credit hours)

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3 credit hours)

MAT 143 – Quantitative Literacy (3 credit hours)

OR

MAT 152 – Statistical Methods I (3 credit hours)

OR

MAT 171 – Precalculus (3 credit hours)

PSY 150 – General Psychology (3 credit hours)

FALL 2025 RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM
MAR CHECKLIST

Application and Requirements Deadline – May 31, 2025 at 11:59 pm EST

Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

Admission requirements are subject to change without notice. Students must ensure all materials have been submitted before the deadline and as directed by the packet.

1. Complete the **CVCC Application** with “Radiography” as the intended major.
2. Submit official sealed **High School/High School Equivalency Transcript**.
3. Submit all official, sealed **College Transcripts** in a sealed envelope from every school ever attended (except CVCC). If additional coursework is completed after submission of transcripts, an official updated transcript must be submitted to CVCC to ensure all possible transfer credit is awarded.
4. Attend mandatory **Radiography Information Session**.
5. Meet the minimum GPA Requirement of 2.80.
6. Completed the General Education coursework found on the Pre-Admission Coursework Guide of the Admission Packet with a grade of “C” or higher.
7. Completed **ATI TEAS Exam**.
8. Submit the completed **MAR Checklist** before the deadline.