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Thank you for your interest in the Mitchell Technical Institute Radiation Therapy Technology program. The following is a general overview of the program, the application and acceptance procedures, program structure, and student expectations. Please remember that this is a summary of a multi-step process including shadowing, resume, and references that ultimately leads to a complete application.

The Program

Each year, students are selected from a pool of applicants for the 12-month, 3- semester program. The first semester all students will attend classes in the Radiation Therapy department on MTI's campus. Students will spend the next two semesters (spring and summer) in a radiation therapy facility completing their clinical experience. This requires students to relocate at their own expense to the community where the assigned facility is located. Students will also complete online courses during their clinical semesters. Holidays are observed in accordance with MTI policies throughout the length of the program. Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) board exam in Radiation Therapy.

Application

Because of the demanding nature of the program, MTI takes steps to ensure that students offered positions have the greatest potential to succeed. Therefore, the application process is more extensive than for other programs at MTI. Students are required to complete a minimum number of shadow hours in a Radiation Therapy department, submit an essay describing their shadow experience, provide references, and submit a résumé.

Clinical Site Selection

As stated above, during the second and third semester of enrollment, students will attend clinical rotations in two different locations. The program director determines which sites a student will attend based partially on the student's preference but also on their ranking as determined by the application process. Clinical assignments will be announced during the first four weeks of the program. Currently we have clinical sites in South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Wyoming.

It is the intention of the program and MTI to make sure that you are well informed about the entire process surrounding application, acceptance, and attendance. We recommend that you ask plenty of questions and maintain a close working relationship with the Admissions Office throughout the process.

Thank you for your interest in MTI and Radiation Therapy.

Paula Freeman (R), (RT)
Program Director
MTI School of Radiation Therapy

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Application Process**

****IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO READ EVERYTHING IN THIS PACKET****

Please use the following information as a step by step guide for applying to the Radiation Therapy program at MTI.

- 1) Apply to Mitchell Technical Institute at www.mitchelltech.edu. Any previous application to the MTI Radiation Therapy Program is no longer valid.
- 2) Request that official high school and post-secondary transcripts be sent to MTI.
- 3) Have ACT scores sent to MTI.
- 4) Schedule and complete a **minimum** of 24 hours of shadowing in a Radiation Therapy department. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the facility in which they plan to do their shadowing. MTI staff and faculty will not be responsible for any scheduling.

****Be aware, many hospitals and clinics are now requiring documentation of an influenza vaccination before they will allow students to come in and shadow. When getting your influenza vaccination this year ask for documentation to take with you, should your shadow location require it. Verbally telling them you received the vaccination will not be sufficient.**

- 5) Complete the Shadow Log form along with an essay describing your shadow experience. We have provided some guidelines for the essay.
- 6) Submit a personal résumé.
- 7) Provide 3 letters of recommendation, 2 employment/education and 1 personal. **If you are a current radiology student, one of these must come from your Program Director.** All letters of recommendation, once received, will become the property of Mitchell Technical Institute and will be kept confidential.

- ❖ The application process is not considered complete until all of the above is completed and on file in the MTI Admissions Office.
- ❖ Applicants are rated on a point system. Those applicants who receive the highest application scores will be offered positions in the program. Alternates are also selected.

Radiation Therapy
Information Packet: Admission Requirements

Admissions Non-Discrimination Policy Statement (as printed in the MTI catalog):

MTI does not discriminate in its employment of policies and practices, or in its educational programs on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or ancestry, military/veteran status, genetic information or any other category protected by law in its education programs, admissions policies, employment policies, financial aid or other institute-administered programs. Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX or Section 504 may be referred to:

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Email: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov

Qualifications for Admission:

- 1) Applicant must be in good health and be able to comply with the "Physical Demands and Working Conditions" as outlined in the Student Radiation Therapy job description. Applicants must also meet the immunization requirements.

1. Physical Demands and Working Conditions:

Heavy work requiring pushing, pulling, carrying, holding, lifting, and exerting up to 100 lbs. of force occasionally and/or up to 50 lbs. of force frequently and/or up to 20 lbs. of force constantly in order to move objects like the human body and portable equipment. Good manual dexterity is necessary for dialing, filing, grasping, holding, stapling, turning, typing, opening, reaching, removing, sorting, and writing. Up to 80% of the schedule involves standing or walking.

2. Communication requirements:

Fluency in written and spoken English is essential to ensure patient safety.

3. Environmental risks:

Individuals may be exposed to blood borne pathogens, monitored radiation exposure, physical hazards such as needle sticks or injuries sustained by moving or lifting patients, equipment, or materials.

4. Sensory requirements:

Vision must be adequate to properly read documents, x-rays, and any reports.

- 2) The applicant must be a high school graduate or have equivalent certificate.
- 3) Applicant's overall college GPA must be at least 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
- 4) General Education requirements for graduation: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, College Algebra, Computer Literacy, General Physics, Behavioral Science, Social Science, and a Written/Verbal Communications course.

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Reference Criteria

As previously mentioned we require three (3) letters of recommendation along with your application for consideration in the Radiation Therapy program at Mitchell Technical Institute. The letters of reference help give the Admissions Committee information regarding the student's profile.

Please arrange to have two (2) of the recommendation letters to be work/education-related and one (1) personal reference. Please do not use family members for references. **If you are a current radiology student, one of these letters must come from your Program Director.**

The following is a sample list of questions we suggest references include in their recommendation.

- 1) In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?
- 2) Please comment on the applicant's attendance and punctuality.
- 3) Describe the prospective student's interpersonal skills.
- 4) What are the applicant's strengths?
- 5) What is your opinion of the student's academic and personal qualifications?
- 6) Please share any concerns you have for the individual's success in the field of Radiation Therapy.

To ensure letters of reference are received, it may be in the best interest of the applicant to have references returned to them in a sealed envelope to be mailed to Mitchell Technical Institute by the applicant.

Please mail the above to: Admissions
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