

Health Studies Division

**Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Program Information/Application Packet**  
*(Please Read Entire Packet Carefully)*

Thank you for your interest in the **Associate Degree of Applied Science in Diagnostic Imaging Radiography Program (X-Ray)** at Northwest-Shoals Community College. Applications are available and accepted February 1 - May 1 for admission to the program, which begins each Fall semester (August).

The following information details the admission criteria:

1. Have an unconditional admission to the college. Be in good standing with the college.
2. Complete and submit application for the Program (separate from college application) to the Assistant to Health Studies Office, Building 122, Room 162, with unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended attached.
3. Submit the signed Eligibility Criteria form with your Radiography application.
4. Submit official transcripts from ALL other colleges attended to the Admissions Office prior to application deadline. If you are attending another college, the final official transcript must be received by the Admissions Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale based on the required academic core courses for diagnostic imaging- radiography, and current or previous transfer students must enter NW-SCC on clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA)
6. Have taken the ACT National or Residual by the application deadline. The writing component is not required. There is no longer a minimum ACT composite score required (effective: the fall 2024 application period). The official results must be sent to the NW-SCC Admissions Office. An unofficial copy of the ACT scores must be attached to the diagnostic imaging- radiography application. There is no expiration date on the ACT score for the diagnostic imaging- radiography application. The ACT must be taken by the application deadline.
7. Be eligible to enroll in ENG 101 or have completed ENG 101 with a grade of C or higher (Placement test and completion of developmental courses may be required).
8. Be eligible to enroll in MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) or higher level or have completed MTH 100 or higher level with a grade of C or higher (Placement test and completion of developmental courses may be required).
9. Meet the eligibility criteria required for diagnostic imaging- radiography.
10. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class. (Alabama Regulations for Control of Radiation Rule 420-3-03 (06).
11. Submit with the application Clinical Observation Form. (additional ranking points will be awarded).

Admission Radiography program is competitive. The number of students accepted is limited (12-14/year). **Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the Program.** Students meeting minimum criteria are ranked using a point system.

**Notification of Status**

Every applicant, regardless of the outcome, is notified by e-mail of the decision regarding their application.

## Application Checklist for Associate Degree Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Program (RAD)

Include this checklist with your application

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Complete and submit college admissions application to the admissions office and receive a NWSCC student number.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Complete and submit application to the diagnostic imaging- radiography program (separate from college application) to the Assistant to Health Studies Office, Building 122, Room 162, with all unofficial college transcripts from all colleges attended attached (including NW-SCC unofficial transcript).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Have an unconditional admission to the college. Be in good standing with the college.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Submit official transcripts from ALL other colleges attended to the Admissions Office. Those students enrolled for spring term at another college must have a final official transcript received in the admissions office by June 1st. (It is highly suggested that students call the Admissions Office at NW-SCC before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to ensure that ALL college transcripts have arrived.)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Have a minimum of 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) calculated on the required academic core courses for Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography, and current or previous NW-SCC students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher at NW-SCC
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Have taken the ACT National or Residual by the application deadline. The writing component is not required. There is no longer a minimum ACT composite score required (effective: the fall 2024 application period). Have official scores submitted to the NW-SCC Admissions Office. An unofficial copy of ACT scores must be submitted with the diagnostic imaging- radiography application.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Be eligible to enroll in ENG 101 or have completed ENG 101 with a grade of C or higher (Placement test and completion of developmental courses may be required).
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Be eligible to enroll in MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) or higher level **or** have completed MTH 100 or higher level with a grade of C or higher (Placement test and completion of developmental courses may be required).
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Meet the eligibility criteria required for diagnostic imaging- radiography.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Submit with the application the Clinical Observation Form. (additional ranking points will be awarded).

If you have attended another diagnostic imaging- radiography program prior to applying to our program the radiography program director or clinical coordinator must provide a letter of Good Standing on your behalf. This letter may be mailed or emailed to NWSCC Radiography program faculty from the program director or clinical coordinator at your prior college.

Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Application Packets must be mailed to the School of Medical Imaging or hand delivered to Health Studies Assistant's Office located in the Beville Center Building 122, Office 162, on the Muscle Shoals Campus, by the application deadline. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.

Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Program  
After meeting all minimum criteria, applicants are ranked using a point system.

**MAIL TO:**  
 School of Medical Imaging  
 Northwest-Shoals Community  
 College  
 Post Office Box 2545  
 Muscle Shoals, AL 35662  
  
 Telephone: 256.331.5436 or  
 1-800-645-8967 ext 5436



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**New Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
**Academic Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
**Deadline: May 1**

**Reinstate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fall** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Spring** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Academic Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Summer** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 Fall Reinstate Deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Spring Reinstate Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Summer Reinstate Deadline: February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Maiden/Previous Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NW-SCC Student Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell/Alternate Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the ACT?  YES  NO  
 If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_;  
 If no, you must take the ACT by the diagnostic imaging- radiography application deadline, and submit official scores to the NW-SCC Admissions Office and unofficial scores to the diagnostic imaging- radiography office.

Have you previously been admitted to a NW-SCC Health Studies Program? \_\_\_\_\_ if so, which program \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, enrollment: from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_; Reason for Withdrawal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Semester/Year Semester/Year

Have you ever been enrolled in another Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Program at another college? YES NO  
 If yes, what college did you attend and what was the reason for withdrawal? \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of good standing from the Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Program Dean/Director from the school listed above must be submitted to the NW-SCC School of Medical Imaging Department by the application deadline.

Have you attended any other colleges?  YES  NO  
 If yes, please list name of all accredited colleges and universities attended  
 Name of College(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Last Term Enrolled  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate if Currently Enrolled & Term)  
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Official transcripts of all accredited colleges and universities attended must be on file in the Admissions Office and unofficial copies must be attached to the diagnostic imaging- radiography application by the application deadline.

**FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY**  
 (For compliance with State and Federal Reports/Regulations)  
 The Associate Degree Diagnostic Imaging- Radiography Program adheres to the policy of Northwest-Shoals Community College related to Non-Discrimination, Disabilities Policy, and the Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974.

**Gender:**  Male  Female  
**Racial/Ethnic:**  White,  Non-Hispanic  African American  Native American  Asian/Pacific Islander  Hispanic  Other  
**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month, Day, Year

**High School Diploma or GED** (Please check one)  
 High School Diploma  GED  
**Highest Degree Earned** (Please check one)  
 No Degree  Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral  
 Other, please specify; \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility Criteria

The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. In accordance with College policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities. Candidates must be able to meet all Eligibility Criteria required of the program. Physical disabilities must not pose a threat to the safety of the student, faculty, patients, or other health care workers.

The eligibility criteria delineated below are necessary for diagnostic imaging- radiography program admission, progression and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective diagnostic imaging- radiography care. The eligibility criteria include but are not limited to the ability to:

- Have physical stamina to stand and walk for 8 hours or more in a clinical setting
- Can stand on both legs, move from room to room, and maneuver in small spaces
- Can bend the body downward and forward by bending at the spine and waist
- Can flex and extend all joints freely
- Can raise objects from a lower to higher position or move objects horizontally from position to position
- Possess mobility, coordination and strength to push, pull, or transfer heavy objects (strength to lift 25 lbs. frequently and 50 lbs. or more occasionally)
- Possess manual dexterity, mobility, and stamina to perform CPR
- Can seize, grasp, turn and otherwise work with both hands Can pick, pinch, or otherwise work with fingers
- Possess sufficient hearing to assess patients' needs, follow instructions, communicate with other health care workers, as well as respond to audible sounds of radiographic equipment
- Possess the visual acuity to read, write, and assess the patient and the environment
- Possess verbal, nonverbal, and written communication skill adequate to exchange ideas, detailed information, and instruction accurately
- Able to read, comprehend, and write legibly in the English language
- Able to interact purposefully and effectively with others
- Able to convey sensitivity, respect, tact, and a mentally healthy attitude
- Oriented to reality and not mentally impaired by mind-altering substances
- Able to function safely and effectively during high stress periods

### STUDENT STATEMENT - Initial Each Statement

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the Eligibility Criteria for this program and I certify that to the best of my knowledge I have the ability to perform these criteria with or without reasonable accommodations. I understand that a further evaluation of my ability may be required and conducted at my expense if deemed necessary to evaluate my ability prior to admission to the program and for retention and progression through the program. Requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to: Patrece Rice, ADA Coordinator, at 256-331-8095.

\_\_\_\_\_ I also understand that completion of this application is a component of the student profile and does not in itself grant admission to the diagnostic imaging- radiography program. I understand a new application must be re-submitted if I am not selected. I certify that the information given in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false information may be deemed sufficient reason to refuse admission and/or dismiss the student. I also understand that all students in Health Studies Division will be required to undergo drug testing and a background check during the program.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

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Student printed name