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# MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## Dear Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program at South Suburban College. Enclosed you will find a description of the program, application, and admission requirements. Please read the information thoroughly. Additionally, you can access information about the College and other programs through the website at [www.ssc.edu](http://www.ssc.edu).

The Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program begins in the summer semester (June) of each year. If you are not a current student at SSC, you must apply to the college as well as complete the application to the program. The college application, official transcripts from your high school and other colleges attended should be sent to the Office of Admissions and records no later than January 15th. The Magnetic Resonance Imaging Application can be emailed to [MRApplication@ssc.edu](mailto:MRApplication@ssc.edu), mailed or submitted in person to the MRI Program/ Allied Health Department Room 4457. .

### **The application deadline is January 15th.**

Written notification of your admission status to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program will be mailed no later than April 30th.

You can contact the MRI Program Coordinator, Kimberly Marks at [kmarks@ssc.edu](mailto:kmarks@ssc.edu) or (708) 596-2000, ext. 2261.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly Marks*

Program Coordinator

A Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist is a highly-skilled professional who uses specialized equipment to create images of structures inside the human body that are used by physicians to make a medical diagnosis. MRI technologists have extensive, direct patient contact and may inject the patient with a contrast agent that assists in visualizing various anatomic structures. They must be able to interact compassionately and effectively with people who range from healthy to critically ill. Technologists employed in these specialty areas will be supervised by board certified radiologists, but will be afforded a greater amount of responsibility and independence in the performance of their duties.

The MRI Program at South Suburban College is a four-semester program starting with the summer semester and ending the following summer semester. The program provides didactic classroom and clinical instruction. The clinical portion of the program consists of an orientation to the clinical aspects of MRI, demonstration of the use of the equipment, and an opportunity to participate under close supervision in actual MRI procedures. Although the program is offered as an evening option, the clinical rotation will be scheduled during the day at most of the clinical sites.

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
MRI 200-Patient Care and Safety	MRI 201-MRI Principles I MRI 210 - Sectional Imaging Anatomy I MRI 202-MRI Clinical Education I	MRI 201-MRI Principles I MRI 210 - Sectional Imaging Anatomy I MRI 202-MRI Clinical Education I	MRI 201-MRI Clinical Education III

Students applying to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program must be registered as an RT(R) in good standing with the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) and must possess either an AAS or BA/BS degree in Radiologic Technology. Graduates of AMA approved hospital-based radiologic technology programs will be evaluated on an individual basis. Candidates pursuing certification in Magnetic Resonance Imaging must be registered with the ARRT in Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology (registration through NMTCB is also accepted), Radiation Therapy, or Sonography (registration through ARDMS is also accepted). No students will be considered for admission to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program unless they possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (where A=4.0).

***Please note: You must have worked as a Radiology Technologist for at least one, preferably two years.***

Registered radiographers who possess the ARRT certification for at least one year and who meet the clinical requirements in MRI set forth by the ARRT are eligible to sit for the American Registry for Radiologic Technologist Board-Advanced Level Examination in Medical Resonance Imaging.

Successful candidates are certified as RT(R)MR.

## Admission Process

1. Submit an SSC Application Form and high school and college transcripts directly to the SSC Admissions Office no later than January 15.
2. Submit the completed MRI Admission Application Form to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program by mail or in person (Room 4457), or email MRIApplication@ssc.edu no later than January 15.
3. Admission will be given to the most qualified candidates as determined by their cumulative grade point average (GPA) ranking and other admission criteria.
4. Applicants will be notified in writing of their admission status no later than April 30.