MRI CAREERS

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.



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SSC'S MRI PROGRAM

The MRI Program at South Suburban College is a 4 semester program starting with the summer semester and ending the following summer semester. The program combines in-person didactic instruction, clinical education, and the flexibility of online learning. South Suburban College partners with Corsmed MRI Simulators to offer students cloud-based simulated MRI scanning. 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.

Advance your career with the South Suburban College MRI Program. The SSC MRI Program fulfills all of the AART's post-primary structured education and clinical requirements.

ADMISSIONS

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 hospitalbased 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).

ADMISSION PROCESS

- 1. Submit an SSC application and forward all official high school or HSE/GED® transcripts as well as other college transcripts directly to the Office of Admissions no later than April 1.
- 2. Submit a completed online MRI Program Admission Application to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program by April 1. Go to https://forms.office.com/r/N8pUgMMbhZ



- 3. All students must be certified in CPR and hold a current card throughout the entire internship portion of the program.
- 4. Applicants will be notified in writing of their admission status no later than April 30.
- 5. A photocopy of the student's current health care insurance must be submitted to each respective program coordinator in order to participate at any clinical education site. Failure to maintain comprehensive health care insurance will result in the student being immediately withdrawn from the clinical site and thereby receiving a failing grade in the clinical education class. Furthermore, the student will be financially responsible to pay all medical bills and co-payments as a result of injuries or health issues that arise from participation of clinical education programs.

Admissions to the MRI Program will be determined by the following criteria:

- 6. Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better on program prerequisites.
- 7. Preference will be given for individuals with B.S. or M.S. college degrees in radiologic technology or other areas, military, completion of MRI 210 and 211, and/or related work experience.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the program.

CURRICULUM

Summer		Credits
MRI 200	Patient Care and Safety	3
Fall		
MRI 201	MRI Principles I	3
MRI 210	Sectional Imaging Anatomy I	3
MRI 202	MRI Clinical Education I	3
Spring		
MRI 203	MRI Principles II	3
MRI 211	Sectional Imaging Anatomy II	3
MRI 205	MRI Clinical Education II	3
Summer		
MRI 206	MRI Clinical Education III	3
Total Credit	24	

MRI FAST TRACK FOR WORKING MRI TECHNOLOGISTS

This MRI track is designed for working MRI technologists seeking post-primary ARRT MRI certification. Candidates pursuing post-primary pathway 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). In addition, all candidates must document completion of the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinical Experience Requirements.

Cluster 1		
MRI 200	Patient Care and Safety	3
Cluster 2		
MRI 201	MRI Principles I	3
MRI 210	Sectional Imaging Anatomy I	3
Cluster 3		
MRI 203	MRI Principles II	3
MRI 211	Sectional Imaging Anatomy II	3