

**THE READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
MEDICAL IMAGING PROGRAM
POLICY NO. MI 306**

SUBJECT: Advancement, Graduation & Certification Eligibility

Responsibility: Program Director
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Purpose

To set forth essential requirements pertaining to advancement, graduation and national certification eligibility for all students enrolled in the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program (RSHS-MI). The student's progress throughout all aspects of the Medical Imaging curriculum will be based on the quality of their academic and clinical performance.

Procedure

The Medical Imaging Program offered by the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences is a hospital-based certificate program in radiography. The curriculum is broken down into two major components: professional education and general education. Both of these components must be fully satisfied in order for students to advance, graduate and receive a certificate of completion from The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program.

In order to achieve eligibility for the national certification examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), RSHS-MI graduates must **also** document an academic degree. This requirement may be accomplished in one of three ways:

1. Document an academic degree upon enrollment into RSHS-MI program (minimum: Associate Degree) **or**
2. Earn an academic degree and a RSHS-MI certificate of completion simultaneously (dual enrollment) **or**
3. Pursue an academic degree following graduation from RSHS-MI program.

For the purpose of assisting RSHS-MI students to satisfy the academic degree requirement, The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences has entered into an affiliation agreement with Alvernia University. Through a dual-enrollment arrangement, students who enroll in the hospital based Medical Imaging Program offered at The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences may simultaneously enroll in Alvernia University's Associate of Science in Medical Imaging degree program. Dually enrolled students who successfully complete all aspects of RSHS curriculum are eligible to graduate with two awards, each conferred by their respective institution:

- a certificate of completion in Medical Imaging from RSHS **and**
- an Associate of Science in Medical Imaging from Alvernia University.

Dually enrolled learners must remain aware of the need to meet all requirements of both programs: the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program **and** that offered by Alvernia University, as they are two separate entities. The expectations of both institutions must be fully satisfied in order for dually enrolled students to achieve eligibility to take the national credentialing examination.

Advancement

Medical Imaging students must meet the following requirements in order to advance:

- from one semester to the next,
- from the first to the second level of education
- from the second level of education to graduation.

Failure to satisfy **any** of these requirements will result in academic dismissal from the Medical Imaging Program.

1. Successfully complete all academic course requirements, and
2. Achieve a final grade of at least 80% for each MI course, and
3. Fulfill all attendance requirements, and
4. Complete all clinical rotation assignments, and
5. Complete all clinical competency requirements by the deadlines established, and
6. Complete all clinical area objectives, and
7. Remit payments for all financial obligations to the SHS: zero balance, and
8. Meet any other requirements identified by RSHS as necessary for advancement.

The program reserves the right to terminate a student at any time whose health, scholarship, clinical performance or conduct does not meet the required standards.

Graduation

In order to graduate and receive The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program certificate of completion, Level II Medical Imaging students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Successfully complete all academic course requirements, and
2. Achieve a final grade of at least 80% for each MI course, and
3. Fulfill all attendance requirements, and
4. Complete all clinical rotation assignments, and
5. Complete all clinical competency requirements, and
6. Complete all clinical area objectives, and
7. Complete all clinical rotation module requirements (assignments), and
8. Return all School issued items including:
 - ID badge
 - Audience response “clicker”
 - radiation monitoring device
 - loaned textbooks
 - personalized lead markers
 - resident key

- any school or hospital property issued for a course
- 9. Remit payments for all financial obligations to the SHS: zero balance, and
- 10. Remit completed Exit Interview for MI Program, and
- 11. Complete Exit Interview for Financial Aid as applicable, and
- 12. Satisfy Residence Hall move-out check off, and
- 13. Meet any other requirements identified by RSHS as essential for graduation.

Graduation Ceremony

Eligibility for participation in the graduation ceremony is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all requirements identified above.

Certification Eligibility

The education requirements for national certification by the ARRT* are as follows:

1. Candidates pursuing primary pathway certification in Radiography have, within the past three years, successfully completed an educational program that is accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT
 - The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program meets this requirement.
2. Effective January 1, 2015, all candidates for primary pathway certification must have earned an academic degree before becoming certified.
 - Completion of Alvernia University's Medical Imaging Associate Degree program in Medical Imaging meets this requirement.

*Reference: <https://www.arrt.org/Certification>