

SCHOOL COUNSELOR QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY



NURSING



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE AND PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



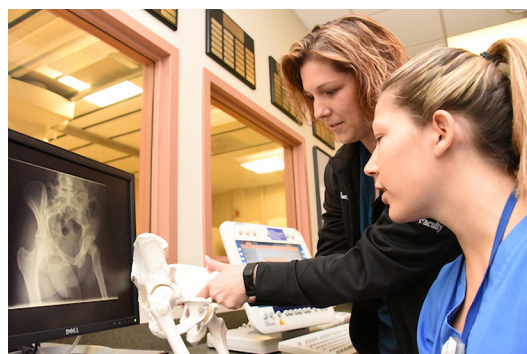
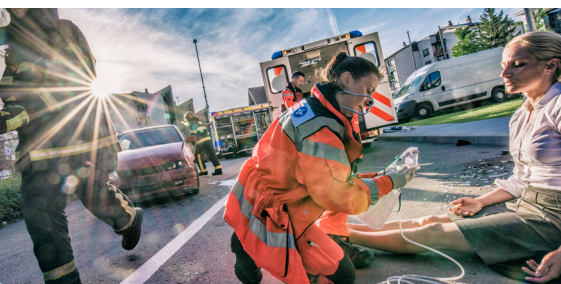
MEDICAL IMAGING



Reading Hospital
School of Health Sciences

READING HOSPITAL

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READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES **SCHOOL COUNSELOR EVENT**

We invite you to find out why our graduates tell us “they are clinically ahead of other healthcare professionals” and they “thank their instructors who set the bar high”.

- Take an interactive tour of our school and meet our students, faculty, and staff.
- Experience our high-tech simulation labs, meet our mannequins, and see our students and faculty in action.
- See for yourself all the preparations that go into making our graduates extraordinary healthcare professionals.
- Learn about our new scholarship offerings!
- As school counselors, you are among our prospective students’ most trusted and important advisors. We want to make sure that you have a complete picture of the School of Health Sciences. Come prepared to have your questions answered and bring your sneakers for walking.

WHEN:

Late March/early April

8 a.m. - Connect with us and your colleagues

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Welcome, tour, simulation lab experience, and scholarship information

WHERE:

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THIS EXCITING
OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT US!



POWERFUL COMMITMENTS EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME

Diagnostic Medical Sonography • Emergency Medical Services (EMT, Paramedic)

Medical Imaging • Medical Laboratory Science • Nursing • Phlebotomy Technician • Surgical Technology

There has never been a better time to prepare students for a future in healthcare. Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences (RHSHS) is recognized for outstanding academics and clinical experiences. Our programs equip graduates with valuable practice experience through on-site and community-based clinical opportunities. Learning is promoted by innovative teaching and simulation laboratory experiences in an open, positive, and supportive environment. Our programs match students' interests and talents – whether at bedside or accident scene, whether working with high-tech equipment or focusing on one-on-one relationships.

The following pages include our program-specific overviews to serve as a quick reference guide. We look forward to partnering with you in educating future students of diverse skills, talents, cultures, experience, and interests; and who seek to excel, both as individuals and as professionals, in the healthcare field.

Program Overview: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Dual Enrollment:

- Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.
- Associate of Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Alvernia University.

Class Size:

Admits 6 students yearly.

Schedule/Length of Program:

27 months. Full-time day. Seven consecutive semesters.	Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Classes begin every January.
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Minimum Admission Requirements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.• High school diploma or equivalent.	Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater in high school or post-secondary coursework, and an earned grade of "C" or better in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 units of English• 3 units of Social Studies• 3 units of Mathematics to include Algebra I• 3 units of Science to include Physics or Chemistry/lab (Physics is strongly preferred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interview.• Application deadline is June 1.
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Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

A strong sonography applicant possesses excellent interpersonal skills, keen attention to detail, and understanding of visual and spatial relationships. Also, a sonographer must utilize critical thinking skills daily to ensure they are performing a proper diagnostic exam for their patients.

Consumer Information:

The DMS program graduated its first cohort in 2021. Program outcomes are found on our website at: <https://stmlreadinghealthncus001.blob.core.windows.net/public/RHSHS%20DMS%20Program%20Effectiveness%20Data%20Published%20to%20Website%202022%20Data.pdf>.

Entry level salary: \$66,000-70,000, depending on location and specialty certifications.

Career Mobility:

There are many avenues to pursue within the field of ultrasound. Starting in the hospital sector can lead to positions in outpatient facilities, doctor offices, education, management or supervisory positions, applications and/or sales, and travel contract opportunities.

Tips on How to Explore a Career in Diagnostic Medical Sonography:

Our Diagnostic Medical Sonography program provides an opportunity for interested applicants to shadow sonographers and observe ultrasound procedures firsthand in Reading Hospital's Radiology department. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact us at 484-628-0200.

Program Overview: Emergency Medical Services

Dual Enrollment:

N/A

Class Size:

Maximum of 24 for all levels.

Schedule/Length of Program:

EMT	Paramedic at RHSHS:	Paramedic at Phoenixville:
220-hour program. Spring: Saturday and every other Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Summer: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fall: Tuesday through Thursday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	1000 hours didactic. 900 hours clinical and field. Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for 11 months. Classes begin every August.	1000 hours didactic. 900 hours clinical and field. Monday and Wednesday: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and every other Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes begin every January.

Minimum Admission Requirements:

EMT:	Paramedic at RHSHS:	Paramedic at Phoenixville:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Must be at least 16 years of age. Satisfactory scores on pre-admission test, Criteria Corps Basic Skills Test, measuring reading, comprehension, vocabulary, and basic math skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Valid two-year BLS for Healthcare Provider CPR certification. High school transcript or equivalent. Satisfactory scores on the pre-admission exam (ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills). Recommendations with confidence rating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Valid two-year BLS for Healthcare Provider CPR certification. High school transcript or equivalent. Satisfactory scores on the pre-admission exam (ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills). Recommendations with confidence rating.

Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

We seek individuals who work well in a fast-paced environment, while being able to make life-altering decisions, a good leader who is confident, yet able to communicate in a compassionate manner to patients in need.

Consumer Information:

Program outcomes exceed benchmarks for NREMT Certification Exam, CoAEMSP job placement, and employer satisfaction. Program Effectiveness Data can be found at:

- <https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/programs/emergency-medical-services/emt-program/>
- <https://reading.towerhealth.org/app/files/public/15701b6c-79c3-49c8-a3be-a4721439822e/Paramedic%20program%20effectiveness%20data%202022.pdf>

Entry level salary: \$35,000-55,000/year, depending on location and specialty certifications.

Program Overview: Medical Imaging

Dual Enrollment:

- Certificate in Medical Imaging from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.
- Associate of Science Degree in Medical Imaging from Alvernia University.

Class Size:

A maximum of 20 students are admitted annually.

Schedule/Length of Program:

27 months. Full-time day. Seven consecutive semesters.	Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with some evening clinical rotations	Classes begin every January.
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Minimum Admission Requirements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. • High school diploma or equivalent. 	Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or greater in high school or post-secondary coursework, and an earned grade of "C" or better in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units of English • 3 units of Social Studies • 3 units of Mathematics to include Algebra I • 3 units of Science to include Physics or Chemistry/lab (Physics is strongly preferred) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview. • Application deadline is April 15.
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Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

The most successful applicants are academically minded with strong detail orientation, intrinsic motivation, excellent interpersonal skills, enthusiasm for the field of medical imaging, and a desire to explore the science, math, technical, and problem-solving skills necessary to support daily clinical practice. A history of personal integrity, compassion, motivation, and the ability to function in stressful situations are also of equal importance.

Consumer Information:

Program outcomes exceed JRCERT benchmarks for certification pass rates, program completion rates, and job placement rates. Program Effectiveness Data can be found at: <https://reading.towerhealth.org/app/files/public/84665d96-334b-4ab0-bc20-ac81e0560e36/program%20effectiveness%20data%20rt%20mr%202021.pdf>.

The median salary range in the US is \$70,000 - \$80,000/year. Salaries are dependent on geographic location and specialty certifications (ref: www.asrt.org).

Career Mobility:

Medical imaging professionals have many career pathways from which to select. Technologists enjoy the variety and challenges offered within Diagnostic Radiology, which encompasses emergency medicine, outpatient radiography, fluoroscopy, mobile and surgical radiography, and more. Also available are pathways into Computed Tomography, Mammography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Interventional/cardiovascular, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Oncology, Radiologist Assistant, Sonography, education, management, administration, applications, research, and sales.

Program Overview:

Medical Laboratory Science

Dual Enrollment:

Students are dually enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Science program and their degree-granting college or university during their senior year of college. The program has an affiliation agreement with the college or university which allows the transfer of earned credits to the student's college or university. Students with a Bachelor of Science degree previously earned through an accredited university or college are encouraged to apply as post-baccalaureate options.

Class Size:

Admits 10 students yearly.

Schedule/Length of Program:

Full-time program starting every July. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	11 months (July to June).
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Minimum Admission Requirements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. • Minimum overall GPA: 2.5 • Minimum combined Biology and Chemistry courses GPA: 2.5 	<p>The minimum courses required are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry: 16 semester hours, including Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry. • Biology: 16 semester hours, including Microbiology, Immunology, and Anatomy or Physiology. • Mathematics: 3 semester hours; Statistics is strongly recommended. • Courses in Genetics or Molecular Biology are recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview. • Application deadline is October 20.
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Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

Careers in laboratory science are perfect if you are analytical, enjoy problem solving, and are interested in the science of healthcare. Medical Laboratory Scientists have a strong background in chemistry, biology, and physiology. Ideal candidates should be detail-oriented, have good problem-solving skills, and be able to multitask. Requirements include a sound intellect, good motor skills, hand-eye coordination and dexterity, effective communication skills, visual acuity to perform macroscopic and microscopic analyses, professional skills such as the ability to work independently and manage time efficiently.

Consumer Information:

Program outcomes exceed NAACLS benchmarks for certification pass rates, graduation rates, and job placement rates. Program Outcomes Data can be found at: <https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/programs/medical-laboratory-science/about/curriculum-faculty-outcomes/>.

Entry level salary: \$60,000/year, depending on location and state credential requirements.

Career Mobility:

Ability to advance to lead technologist, lab supervisor, and lab manager roles are possible without additional education.

Program Overview: Nursing

Dual Enrollment:

- Diploma in Nursing from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.
- Associate of Science Degree in Applied Health from Alvernia University.

Class Size:

Admits a minimum of 100 students.

Schedule/Length of Program:

Three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time day. • Six semesters. 	Monday - Friday Eight to nine hours beginning as early as 7 a.m.	Classes begin every August. No summer classes.
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Minimum Admission Requirements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. • High school diploma or equivalent. 	Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater in high school or post-secondary coursework, and an earned grade of "C" or better in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units of English • 3 units of Social Studies • 3 units of Mathematics to include Algebra I • 3 units of Science to include Chemistry/lab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) • Application deadline is April 1.
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Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

We seek compassionate individuals with strong science and math skills who also have solid critical thinking, time management, and interpersonal communications skills.

Consumer Information:

Program outcomes exceed ACEN benchmarks for certification pass rates, program completion rates, and job placement rates. Program Effectiveness Data can be found at: https://stmreadinghealthncus001.blob.core.windows.net/public/Nursing_Program_Effectiveness_Data_2022.pdf.

Entry level salary: \$79,757/year, depending on location.

Career Mobility:

Unlimited opportunities for advancement in nursing, acute care settings, ambulatory, home care, education, specialties, critical care, pediatrics, maternal-newborn, oncology, etc.

Tips on How to Explore a Career in Nursing:

Shadow a professional in the field of nursing (minimum age: 16 years), volunteerism, work experience to develop interpersonal skills and critical thinking skills, and work in healthcare. Research the field of study.

Program Overview: Phlebotomy Technician

Dual Enrollment:

N/A

Class Size:

Admits 6 students yearly with classes offered every spring.

Schedule/Length of Program:

<p>Course offered in spring semester. Spring: Classes two days/week, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Clinical hours 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; hours vary by location.</p>	<p>Complete the program in as little as eight weeks as a full-time student or up to 14 weeks as a part-time student. Students are required to schedule a minimum of 24 hours per week of clinical rotations.</p>	<p>50 hours of classroom instruction. 100 clinical hours at a Reading Hospital outpatient lab, and obtain 100 successful, unaided venipunctures. Inpatient phlebotomist shadowing for up to an eight hour shift is available upon request and highly recommended.</p>
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Minimum Admission Requirements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. • High school diploma or equivalent. • Completed application. • One letter of reference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student must meet the Essential Functions expectations with or without reasonable accommodations. All accommodations must be provided to the program director prior to the start of the program.
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Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

Entry level Phlebotomy Technicians should be compassionate, competent, ethical, professional, and who respond to the needs of the patient.

Consumer Information:

Students who complete the program are prepared to take the ASCP exam and practice as competent phlebotomists.

Entry level salary: \$25,000-42,000/year, depending on location and certification.

Career Mobility:

Phlebotomy is a great entry point into a wide variety of professions in healthcare.

Tips on How to Explore a Career in Phlebotomy:

Interview or shadow a professional in the field. Research the field of study.

Program Overview: Surgical Technology

Dual Enrollment:

- Diploma in Surgical Technology from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.
- Associate of Science Degree from Alvernia University.

Class Size:

Admits 10 students yearly.

Schedule/Length of Program:

20-month program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time day. • Five semesters. 	Monday - Friday 6:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Classes begin every August.
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Minimum Admission Requirements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. • High school diploma or equivalent. 	Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater in high school or post-secondary coursework, and an earned grade of "C" or better in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units of English • 3 units of Social Studies • 3 units of Mathematics to include Algebra I • 3 units of Science including Biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview. • Application deadline is June 1.
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Personal Qualities That Make an Ideal Applicant:

Applicants should have problem-solving skills, critical thinking, time management, and communication skills. To be successful in the Operating Room (OR), students need to be organized, accountable, and show compassion and empathy.

Consumer Information:

Program graduates are eligible to sit for the National Certification Exam. You can find out more about our program outcomes by visiting our website at: <https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/programs/surgical-technology/program-outcomes/>. To find answers to frequently asked questions: <https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/programs/surgical-technology/frequently-asked-questions/>.

Entry level salary: \$58,000/year, depending on location.

Career Mobility:

Certified surgical technologists can work in a variety of settings. Operating rooms in hospitals and surgery centers, doctors' offices, and sterile processing departments. They can also pursue careers in management, education, and work as sales representatives for companies dealing with operating room supplies, instrumentation, and hardware. Graduates can also pursue further education and become a Surgical First Assistant.

Tips on How to Explore a Career in Surgical Technology:

Shadow a surgical technologist in the Operating Room. Find out how: <https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/programs/surgical-technology/shadow-program/>

Tuition and Financial Assistance

Tuition

We are committed to providing outstanding healthcare education at an affordable and competitive cost. Current tuition and fee schedules for each program offered can be viewed at <https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/financial-information/tuition-and-fees/>.

RHSHS Scholarship Opportunities

We are excited to offer tuition scholarships for individuals interested in a career in Nursing, Medical Imaging, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Surgical Technology. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide educational financial assistance to cover tuition expenses to potential future employees of Reading Hospital.

Nursing - Future of Caring scholarship

Medical Imaging – Future of Radiography scholarship

Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Future of Sonography scholarship

Surgical Technology – Future of Surgical Technology scholarship

The number of scholarships available, eligibility criteria, and employment obligation periods will vary by program and academic year within the program at time of acceptance of the scholarship. The scholarships do not cover fees (such as application fees, acceptance fees, health fees, background checks, semester fees, skills lab, or membership fees, etc.), uniforms, meals, textbooks, housing costs, or other living expenses.

Financial Aid

Financial aid consists of various federal, state, private, and institutional programs that may contribute to the funding of a student's education. The studentaid.gov website at <https://studentaid.gov> is a "one-stop" shop for free financial aid information from the U.S. Department of Education for students, parents, and counselors. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. Our school code is 014104.

Types of financial aid students may be eligible for include:

1. Federal PELL Grant
2. PA State Grant (for nursing program only)
3. Federal Direct Subsidized loan
4. Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan
5. Federal Direct PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) loan

Other funding opportunities may include outside scholarships, private education loans, and veteran benefits.

Customer Service

The decision to attend a post-secondary institution involves an important financial investment. The Financial Aid and Student Accounts staff are available to assist students and their families as they work to finance their education.

Notes



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