

## ***ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS***

Student must:

- Be a high school graduate or possess a suitable equivalent. All students must have completed the minimum of an associate degree or be within 6 credit hours of the associate degree requirements upon entering the Program. Students will have **one year** to complete the required credits for the associate degree. **Failure to complete the associate degree by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the program will result in dismissal from the program.** Overall GPA must be 2.5 or higher. All the following prerequisite courses must be either part of the degree or completed at the start date of the radiology program: English Composition, Computer Course, Medical Terminology, Math Fundamentals of Reasoning or higher, Anatomy and Physiology I and II with a Laboratory component. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C” or better for admission to the radiology program.
- Must receive a passing percentile score of at least 70% on the admission test. Applicants will be scheduled to take a HESI Admission Assessment Exam and will be responsible for testing fees. International students must present proof of college English and Math placement tests or a passing score above 100 on the TOEFL test.
- Provide evidence of good health and successfully pass the substance abuse screening and criminal background check. The student must also provide proof of health insurance and citizenship before enrollment. The student will be responsible for any fees which may be incurred for these services. Students will not be permitted to rotate into clinical sites until the health assessment medical form has been completed.
- Meet the criteria for technical functioning which have been developed to define the physical conditions necessary for a technologist to function in the healthcare environment. The student is advised that this level of functioning must be maintained throughout the program. The school reserves the right to require student testing as it deems appropriate to meet these technical functions physical demands. These “technical functions” have been discussed under the admission requirements and are listed on the school website.

## ***ADMISSION PROCESS***

### **Submitting the Application**

1. Submit an online application to the Medical Imaging School of Radiology from October 1 – June 30, of the year the applicant wishes to be considered. A \$25.00 non-refundable application fee must be paid via check or credit card.
2. Submit an essay (1500-words minimum) about “Why did you select MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School of Radiology and Why you want to be a Radiologic Technologist?” with your application.
3. Make checks payable to MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Please add 43110-491910 to the memo line of all checks or money orders.
4. Credit Card payments can be used using the Credit Card Payment Authorization form
5. Arrange for official transcripts from all colleges previously attended be sent to:

**Ericka Lasley, MSRS., RT(R), Director of Radiology Education**  
**MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School of Radiology**  
**110 Irving Street NW**  
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6. Applicants meeting initial admission requirements will be notified via email to schedule the admission test (the HESI A2 Admissions Exam). Applicants will be responsible for examination fees.
7. After the committee has reviewed and considered each application individually, notification of acceptance or denial will be sent to each applicant.

### Selection Process

Admission to the Medical Imaging School of Radiology is competitive. The admission committee reviews each application individually, examining a variety of characteristics that indicate an applicant's potential for academic success. Applicants are selected on academic credentials, admission test scores, and, admissions essay without discrimination. GPA quality points are awarded for all required course based on the grade earned for each course. (A – 100 points, B – 85 points, and C – 75 points. **A&P I & II course and lab grades are worth 1.5 times the quality points earned**). GPA quality points and HESI A2 Admissions Exam Scores are calculated and numerically ranked as listed below; written notification of the committee's decision will be made to each applicant during June or July of the year in which they wish to be considered.

GPA	Courses Evaluated for Competitive Admissions	Misc.	Entrance Test	Rank Order
"C" or better in all classes	<b>Minimum 2.5 overall GPA</b>	** Anatomy Courses will carry a heavier weight when calculating GPA quality points.	HESI minimum comprehensive score of 70%	GPA conversion (75%)+ HESI (15%) + HESI Critical Thinking Conversion Score (10%) + Bonus Points
	Anatomy and Physiology, I & II with Lab **	A - 150 points B – 127.5 points C – 112.5 points		
	English Composition and Rhetoric	A – 100 points B – 85 points C – 75 points		
	MATH i.e. MTH 130 Fundamentals of Reasoning or Higher	A – 100 points B – 85 points C – 75 points		
	Introduction to Computers i.e. CSC 110	A – 100 points B – 85 points C – 75 points		
	**Bonus points are awarded as follows: 1 point – applicant resides in the District of Columbia			

	1 point – the applicant has previous medical experience 1 point – applicant previously applied 2 points – Medical Terminology course			
<b>HESI Admission Assessment Exam</b>				
	Completion of the HESI Admission Assessment Exam (HESI A2), an assessment tool used to evaluate prospective students and their potential for successful program completion, is required for consideration of acceptance into MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School of Radiology.			
	All applicants must complete these designated sections: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge and Grammar, Anatomy & Physiology, <b><u>Learning Profile &amp; Personality Style</u></b> , and Critical Thinking. A study guide is available through Elsevier.			
	Applicants have two (2) attempts to complete the HESI A2 Exam within a 1-year (12-month) time frame. The scores are valid for one (1) year from the initial examination date.			
	Applicants will be contacted by MWHC MISR Faculty for a testing date after the application has been submitted and reviewed. Applicants are responsible for all testing cost.			

### **Confirming Intention to Enroll**

Once selected to attend the Medical Imaging School of Radiology, applicants must confirm their intention to enroll in writing, submit medical health assessment forms provided by the school to include the technical functions paperwork, and successfully complete drug screening and certified background check as conditions of acceptance. The student must also pay a non-refundable \$50.00 enrollment fee to secure their place in the class. Student class size is limited and determined annually by the Director of Radiology Education and Admissions Committee.

### **Alternate Student Status**

The admission committee selects applicants who may be offered admission based on alternate student status. These students will receive a letter giving them the opportunity to accept enrollment if space should become available.

### **Reapplication to the Program**

Students wishing to re-apply will follow the same process as those who are applying for the first time.

### **Students Educated in Foreign Countries**

Applicants educated outside of the United States are required to submit proof that their foreign transcripts have been evaluated by an organization recognized for foreign transcript evaluation. This official evaluation must be submitted in lieu of the official foreign transcripts.

### **Provisional Student Status**

Students are provisionally admitted to the program until all requirements have been completed. Incomplete college courses, incomplete medical forms, a failed drug screen or invalid background checks are all grounds for non-admittance.

**Enrollment Contingencies**

Acceptance of applicants will be contingent on the following:  
Completion of all academic general education requirements  
Completion of all HR Pre-employment Processing requirements  
Completion of Occupational Health Pre-employment physical  
Submission of the \$50 Enrollment Fee  
Return of Program Enrollment Agreement

***ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS CRITERIA***

All students must be cleared by MWHC Occupational Health indicating they are capable of performing the essential functions of a student radiographer. Students must be able to perform certain psychomotor, cognitive, and affective skills that are required in the program and, upon graduation, in the profession. Students must be able to respond physically, orally, immediately to the patient. The Program or its affiliated agencies may identify critical behaviors or abilities needed by students to meet program or agency requirements. The Program reserves the right to amend this listing based on the identification of additional standards or criteria for students. If a student cannot fully meet (100%) the standards the student may request ADA accommodations. The MWHC Medical Imaging School of Radiology, Director of Radiology Education in conjunction with the Employee Labor and Relations department will review each case and assist with clinical accommodations as appropriate.