

Radiologic Sciences

@Northwestern State University



SPECIAL ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, DISMISSAL AND GRADUATION POLICIES

The student who indicates the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences as a major must meet University admission requirements and comply with academic regulations and policies.

The student who has been denied progression in courses or dismissed from another Radiologic Sciences program will be evaluated on an individual basis.

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists reserves the right to disapprove the writing of the National Registry to persons having been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.

Individuals who have been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or no contest to, or been sentenced for any criminal offense or misdemeanor in any state **must** contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists regarding this offense (ARRT-651-687-0048). The final order of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists will determine the individual's eligibility for consideration for admission to the Radiology clinical courses. The final order is to be submitted to the Radiologic Sciences program director prior to enrollment in RADS 3311.

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
1255 Northland Drive
St. Paul, Minnesota 55120-1155

The following statements relating to admission, progression, dismissal and graduation are consistent with policies of the University.

Special Admission Requirements for the University

The prospective student must submit the following materials to arrive at least nine weeks before registration to the University Registrar and Admissions Office, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497-0002.

1. An Application for Admission.
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended. Radiology requires an additional copy to be sent to the College of Nursing & School of Allied Health, Attn: Radiology, 1800 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-4653.
3. All freshmen and transfer applicants with fewer than three credits in English composition and three credits in college mathematics beyond the developmental level must submit scores from the ACT assessment.

Enrollment in Radiology Courses

Admission to the University does not guarantee enrollment in Radiology courses. Selection for enrollment in Radiology courses is on a competitive basis for available spaces.

Students must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for selection for enrollment in Radiology courses:

1. Admission to the University and submission of all official transcripts to the University Registrar and Admissions Office on the Natchitoches campus.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in all required biological sciences, chemistry, mathematics, allied health, and radiologic science courses.
4. Completion of pre-requisite general academic courses in first three semesters toward the degree.
5. Minimum grade point average of 2.7 in general academic courses completed that are required for degree excluding electives.
6. Completion of required entrance examination for Radiology.
7. Completion of Petition to Enroll in Radiology Courses which includes:
 - a. Application to Radiology courses form.
 - b. Copy of scores on required entrance examination for Radiology.
 - c. Response to any Requests of Waiver of Policy (if applicable).
 - d. Must complete a background check by the clinical application deadline of **August 31**.
8. Submission of completed Petition to Enroll in Radiology Courses no later than **August 31** for Spring enrollment.
9. Students must have completed all required courses and criteria by the last day of the Northwestern State University semester of requested enrollment. Official transcripts of grades earned from other institutions must be submitted to the University Registrar and Admissions Office at Northwestern State University by the last day of the NSU semester preceding the date of requested enrollment.
10. A Petition is valid for one semester only.
11. No Petition will be accepted after the designated deadline.

Selection for Enrollment in Radiology Courses

Admission to the University does not guarantee enrollment in Radiology courses. Applicants who submit a completed Petition to Enroll in Radiology Courses will be selected for admission on a competitive basis according to the following variables:

1. Grade point average – general academic courses required for the degree excluding elective hours.
2. Entrance examination scores.
3. Number of general academic credit hours required for the degree completed at Northwestern.

Students admitted to the first clinical Radiology course must submit a completed Undergraduate Studies in Radiologic Sciences Health Form within eight weeks following registration. These forms will be mailed to applicants with notification of acceptance for enrollment in Radiologic Sciences courses. Repeat health forms are required every year thereafter.

A Final Order of American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (if applicable), must be submitted to the program director prior to registration in RADS 3311.

Criteria for Progression in Undergraduate Studies in Radiology

1. Complete prerequisites and co-requisites for courses outlined in the curriculum pattern.
2. Earn at least a 2.0 GPA on courses outlined in the curriculum pattern.
3. Earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required biological sciences, chemistry, and mathematics courses.
4. Earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required radiologic science / allied health courses before progressing to the next required radiology course(s).
5. A radiologic science or allied health course may be repeated one time only. A maximum of two different radiology/health science courses may be repeated, including those dropped with a grade of "W".

Criteria for Dismissal from Undergraduate Studies in Radiology

A student is subject to dismissal from Undergraduate Studies in Radiology for the following reasons:

1. Failure to achieve at least a "C" when repeating or enrolling for the second time in the same required radiologic science or allied health course.
2. Failure of more than two required radiologic science or allied health courses.
3. The need to repeat/re-enroll in more than two required radiologic science or allied health courses.
4. Participation in academic dishonesty and/or unauthorized possession of an examination.
5. Plagiarism.
6. Falsification of patient and/or agency records.
7. The unlawful and/or unauthorized use, abuse, possession, distribution, transportation, manufacture, concealment, consumption, promotion or sale of alcohol, illegal drugs, legal drugs obtained illegally, controlled substances, or designer drugs.
8. Illegal possession of weapons.
9. Theft.
10. Lack of professional compatibility or unsafe clinical practice as identified by the Radiologic Sciences faculty.
11. Failure to comply with Factors of Academic Performance policies.

Criteria for Graduation

Criteria for graduation from Undergraduate Studies in Radiologic Sciences are:

1. Complete the University requirements for graduation.
2. Complete the approved curriculum within a four-year period after enrollment in the first clinical radiology course.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in all required biological sciences, chemistry, mathematics, radiologic sciences and allied health courses.

Criteria for Transfer Students

Students transferring credit from accredited Radiologic Sciences programs must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must meet all Northwestern State University criteria for admission to the University.
2. Students making application to the program must provide a copy of their official transcript showing all credits earned in Radiologic Sciences, and a copy of their clinical performance evaluations to the Director's office. Acceptance into the clinical program is contingent upon past clinical performance records and not acceptance to Northwestern State University.
3. Students will be admitted to the Radiologic Sciences program on a conditional status for one semester and must complete all assigned competencies in this period.

Requests for Waiver of Policies

1. Forms for Waiver of the Admission, Progression, Dismissal and Graduation Policies should be admitted to:

Northwestern State University
Program Director for Radiologic Sciences
1800 Line Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-4653

A committee will review the request for waiver and make recommendations to the Director. The student will receive written notification regarding the decision.

2. Grade Appeal or University Suspension Appeal-refer to University Academic Regulations and Policies in the University Catalog.

Forms pertaining to admission, progression, dismissal, and graduation policies can be obtained from any of the following College of Nursing and School of Allied Health Offices:

Northwestern State University
College of Nursing and School of
Allied Health
Fournet Hall
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497-0002
(318) 357- 6877

Northwestern State University
College of Nursing & School of Allied
Health
1800 Line Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-4653
(318) 677-3100