

Radiography Program

Western Technical College

Program Details

Mission Statement

To provide a solid foundation of knowledge and skills that produce high quality, entry-level radiographers who will positively impact the profession of radiologic science.

- **Goal 1: Graduates will use effective communication skills.**

Student Learning Outcomes

- a. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills with patients.
- b. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills with faculty and fellow classmates.

- **Goal 2: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to think critically.**

Student Learning Outcomes

- a. Students will apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the practice of diagnostic radiography.
- b. Students will produce and evaluate radiographic images for acceptable quality.

- **Goal 3: Graduates will be clinically competent.**

Student Learning Outcomes

- a. Graduates will meet the needs of employers.
- b. Students will practice radiation safety principles.

- **Goal 4: Graduates will model professional and ethical behavior.**

Student Learning Outcomes

- a. Students will model behavior consistent with ARRT Code of Ethics.
- b. Students will demonstrate professional growth.

Annual Program Completion Rate

The Radiography Program's accreditor, Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) requires the program to establish a benchmark for its annual program completion rate. Western's Radiography Program's program completion benchmark is 60%, and for the years 2015-2019 it has averaged 72%.

Graduation Year	Program Completion Rate
2019	82%
2018	73%
2017	59%
2016	64%
2015	82%
5-Year Average	72%

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American Registry of Radiography Technologists Credentialing Examination

Upon completion of graduation requirements, the graduate will be eligible to take the national board certification examination through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). This certification is recognized in all 50 states and U.S. territories, and is one of the requirements for state licensure. The ARRT requires programs to have a five-year average credentialing pass rate of not less than 75% at first attempt within six months of graduation. Western's Radiography Program's first time exam pass rate for the years 2015-2019 is 96%.

Graduation Year	Examination Pass Rate	Graduates Taking Exam	Graduates Passing Exam
2019	94%	18	17
2018	100%	15	15
2017	92%	13	12
2016	100%	14	14
2015	94%	18	17
5-Year Average	96%		

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2019 Graduate Follow-up Information

The ARRT requires programs to have a five-year average job placement rate of not less than 75% within twelve months of graduation. Western's Radiography Program's job placement rate for the years 2015-2019 is 100%.

Graduation Year	Job Placement Rate	Graduates Completing Program	Graduates Finding Employment	Graduates Actively Seeking Employment	Graduates Not Actively Seeking Employment
2019	100%	18	17	16	1
2018	100%	16	15	15	1
2017	100%	13	11	11	2
2016	100%	14	12	12	2
2015	100%	18	16	16	2
5-Year Average	100%				

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NOT actively seeking employment is defined as a graduate who:

- fails to communicate with program officials regarding employment status after multiple attempts,
- is unwilling to seek employment that requires relocation,
- is unwilling to accept employment due to salary or hours,
- is on active military duty, and/or
- is continuing education.

2019 Graduate Employment Information
Place of Employment and Job Title
Gundersen Boscobel Area Hospital and Clinics, Boscobel, WI – Radiologic Technologist
Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, WI – Radiologic Technologist (6)
Gundersen Health System, Palmer, IA – Radiologic Technologist
Mayo Clinic Health System, Eau Claire, WI – Radiologic Technologist
Mayo Clinic Health System, La Crosse, WI – Radiologic Technologist
Mayo Clinic Health System, Red Wing, MN – Radiologic Technologist
Mobile Medical Diagnostics of La Crosse, La Crosse, WI – Radiologic Technologist
Neighborhood Family Clinic, Sparta, WI – Radiologic Technologist
Watertown Regional Medical Center, Watertown, WI – Radiologic Technologist
Tomah Memorial Hospital, Tomah, WI – Radiologic/CT Technologist (3)