



# Radiography Admissions Guide

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2026 Application Cycle

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## Radiography at PCC

The Radiography program at PCC's Sylvania campus (pictured above) is a two-year program designed to give students all the skills needed for an entry-level radiography job. Students graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), and are eligible for both national certification and state licensure. After passing the national certification exam, students will be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

The Radiography program is highly competitive, admitting up to 38 out of 150+ applicants annually through a three-phase evaluation ([details on page 5](#)). We strongly advise applicants to research the radiography field, understand the job, and gain paid or unpaid healthcare experience before applying. **Important: All dates and information in this guide are subject to change on a yearly basis.** Changes are typically posted in September of each year. It is the applicant's responsibility to visit the Radiography program page ([pcc.edu/radiography](http://pcc.edu/radiography)) to ensure you have the most up-to-date program information.

## Application Requirements

- All applicants need to be active, credit-seeking students at PCC at the time of application
  - Apply online at [pcc.edu/admissions](http://pcc.edu/admissions) by March 18, 2026
  - If an applicant hasn't taken a credit course at PCC in the last year, they must **update their application** by going to [pcc.edu/apply](http://pcc.edu/apply) or to confirm their status as a **credit-seeking student** by emailing [enroll@pcc.edu](mailto:enroll@pcc.edu)
- Complete all required prerequisite courses with a letter grade of "C" or higher by the end of PCC's Winter term prior to the application deadline
- Complete PCC's Radiography program application by creating an account through the [AHCAS](#) system
- Submit your Radiography application, all official transcripts from any and all schools attended (including PCC), supporting documentation, and a \$72 non-refundable application fee to AHCAS by the 8:59pm PST deadline on **April 7, 2026**

Completion of the above application requirements **does not guarantee** admission to the program.

# Prerequisite Courses

All courses must be completed with a C grade or higher by the end of PCC's Winter Term prior to the application deadline. See the [Prerequisite Course FAQ section](#) for details on how to get support with your planning your prerequisite courses.

## Courses with a 7-year Expiration Date

(Courses must be dated **2019** or more recent for the **2026** application)

### ❑ BI 231 - Anatomy and Physiology I

- BI 112, or BI 211 and BI 212, or BI 221Z are the prerequisites for BI 231

### ❑ BI 232 - Anatomy and Physiology II

- BI 231 is the prerequisite for BI 232

### ❑ BI 233 - Anatomy and Physiology III

- BI 232 is the prerequisite for BI 233

### ❑ MTH 95 - Intermediate Algebra or Higher

- Applicants who have expired MTH 95 may use PCC's ALEKS math placement test scores to update their math requirement (See the [Prerequisite Course FAQ section](#) for additional details)
- **ATTENTION:** Beginning in the 2027 application cycle, the PCC Radiography program will be raising the math requirement and will only accept one of the following STEM math courses:
  - MTH 111Z, MTH 112Z, MTH 251Z, MTH 252Z or MTH 253Z

## Courses with No Expiration Date

### ❑ WR 121Z - English Composition

- Prerequisites for WR 121Z are WR 115 and RD 115 or IRW 115 or equivalent placement (see the [Prerequisite Course FAQ section](#) for additional details on the writing requirement)

### ❑ MP 111 - Medical Terminology

- There are no prerequisites for MP 111

## Degree Requirements That May be Taken Prior to Acceptance

- Applicants may complete the general education requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree prior to applying to the Radiography program
  - To view degree requirements, please visit: [catalog.pcc.edu/generaleducationdisciplinestudies/](https://catalog.pcc.edu/generaleducationdisciplinestudies/)

# Selection Process

## Phase I: Initial Application Evaluation

- Applicants must meet general eligibility requirements listed in the [Application Requirements](#) section
- Applications are evaluated on a 54-point scale detailed in the [2026 Phase I Point Distribution](#) section
- Send official transcripts to AHCAS from all colleges attended, including PCC
  - Failure to submit all official transcripts to AHCAS will render an application ineligible
  - Only complete and verified applications submitted by the application deadline will be considered

## Phase II: Job Shadow, Panel Interview & Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT)

- The highest scoring applicants from Phase I will be invited to participate in Phase II
- Phase II notifications will be sent to the email address designated in AHCAS
  - It is the applicant's responsibility to regularly check their email for admissions updates and notification. Appeals for missing action/response deadlines will not be considered
- Applicants are required to attend a mandatory, virtual orientation prior to participating in Phase II
  - Details on the HSRT, panel interviews and how, when, and where to the schedule job shadow will be provided during the mandatory virtual orientation on April 20, 2026 from 5:30-6:30pm
- All invited applicants will be required to participate in an assigned job shadowing experience with one of our [Hospital Affiliates](#) prior to the panel interview
- Prior to the panel interview applicants will be required to complete the HSRT online
- A prescheduled panel interview will take place at the Sylvania campus and is facilitated by imaging faculty members, PCC staff, and clinical instructors
- Program selection is based solely on Phase II points
- Phase II scores and/or feedback will not be released

## Phase III: Post-Selection Requirements

Applicants offered a seat in the program must meet the following requirements prior to the start of Fall 2026:

- Pass a criminal background check from an agency designated by PCC
- Pass a ten-panel drug screen from a lab designated by PCC
- Submit proof of current immunizations
- Submit proof of current CPR for Healthcare Providers certification (American Heart Association)

Applicants should **NOT** pursue meeting these requirements prior to being admitted to the Radiography Program. For additional details regarding required immunizations and other post-selection requirement details, please see the [Requirements for Clinical & Field Education document](#) and the [Phase III FAQs](#) section.

# 2026 Phase I Point Distribution

The PCC Admissions team will evaluate your application in Phase I using the criteria on this page. To be competitive, ensure your application is complete and all supporting documents are submitted by the deadline, as points are awarded for completeness.

Category	Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible
<b>Prerequisite GPA</b>	<p>Calculated based on your grades in BI 231, BI 232, BI 233, MP 111, and MTH 95 or higher.</p> <p>3.67 - 4.00 = <b>25pts</b>      3.33 - 3.66 = <b>23pts</b>      3.20 - 3.32 = <b>20pts</b>            3.15 - 3.19 = <b>17pts</b>      3.00 - 3.14 = <b>15pts</b></p>	/ 25pts
<b>Previous Degree</b>	<b>1pt:</b> For completion of an international or domestic associate's degree or higher by the end of PCC's winter term.	/ 1pt
<b>PCC Students</b>	<b>1pt:</b> For taking credit or non-credit classes at PCC in the last 2 years.	/ 1pt
<b>Service Members</b> Active Military, Veteran, Reserve	<b>2pts:</b> Discharged applicants must provide their DD214, member 4 copy documenting honorable discharge. Please see the <a href="#">Phase I FAQ section</a> for details or email <a href="mailto:admissions@pcc.edu">admissions@pcc.edu</a> for individualized inquiries.	/ 2pts
<b>Healthcare Experience</b>  Applicants can earn points in <b>one</b> of the following categories which best represents their (paid or unpaid) healthcare experience.	<p><b>Category 1: Hands-on Patient Work in a (Inpatient) Hospital or Long-Term Care Facility.</b></p> <p>This category is for roles with significant direct hands-on patient interaction in a hospital or long-term care setting. Examples include a CNA, hospital transporter, EMT, phlebotomist, medication aide, or RAD tech aide with transporting duties. See <a href="#">Phase I FAQ section</a> for details.</p> <p><b>25pts:</b> 1,000 or more hours  <b>23pts:</b> 500-999 hours  <b>21pts:</b> 200-499 hours  <b>15pts:</b> 100-199 hours</p> <p><b>Category 2: Non-Hospital (Outpatient) Medical Setting with Limited Hands-on or Indirect Patient Contact.</b></p> <p>This category includes roles in outpatient or home-based healthcare settings where direct physical patient care is not the primary duty. This may include clinical support roles with some patient interaction (e.g., medical assistant, dental assistant, chiropractic assistant, vet tech), as well as administrative or logistical roles with minimal or no direct physical patient contact (e.g., patient access specialist, scheduler, file room clerk). See <a href="#">Phase I FAQ section</a> for details.</p> <p><b>20pts:</b> 1,000 or more hours  <b>18pts:</b> 500-999 hours  <b>16pts:</b> 200-499 hours  <b>10pts:</b> 100-199 hours</p>	/ 25pts
<b>Phase I Total Points</b>		<b>/ 54pts</b>

# Application Timeline & Details

## Early September: Start Building Your [AHCAS](#) Common Application

- Create an AHCAS Account at [ahcas.cas.myliaison.com/](https://ahcas.cas.myliaison.com/)
- All admissions information will be sent through the email address used to create your AHCAS account
- Applicants are responsible for checking their email throughout the entire admissions process

## January 2, 2026: PCC's Application Opens in AHCAS

- Applicants are able to select and add PCC as a program in AHCAS
- Begin completing PCC specific application requirements and upload all supporting documents
- If you are not in progress with a prerequisite course winter term, begin ordering official transcripts to be sent directly to AHCAS (including PCC transcripts)

## March 18, 2026: PCC's General Application Deadline

- Applicants must be admitted to PCC as an active credit-seeking student before applying to the Radiography program

## March 22, 2026: End of PCC's Winter Term

- All prerequisite courses, math placement exam, healthcare experience, must be completed by this date
- Official transcripts documenting winter term prerequisites should be sent directly to AHCAS around April 1<sup>st</sup>

## April 7, 2026 at 8:59pm (PST): AHCAS Radiography Application Deadline

- Applicants should ensure AHCAS has received all their most up-to-date transcripts from all colleges attended. See the [Preapplication FAQ section](#) for details
- Ensure all required PCC supporting documents are uploaded to your application in AHCAS

## Mid-April, 2026: Phase II Notifications

- Applicants are notified through email and must RSVP to participate in Phase II

## April 20, 2026, 5:30-6:30pm (PST): Mandatory Virtual Orientation for Phase II Participants

- Provides details on the Panel Interviews, scheduling the Job Shadow, and completing the HSRT

## April 23, 2026: Phase II Participants can Schedule Job Shadow & Online HSRT Opens

- Information about how and when to schedule the job shadow experience during the mandatory orientation
- The HSRT will take place online, details regarding how to access the HSRT will be discussed during the mandatory orientation

## May 13, 2026: Last Day to Complete the HSRT & Job Shadow

- Applicants will have until the end of the day to complete the HSRT and Job Shadow, no extensions will be given

## May 14 & 15, 2026: Panel Interviews held at the PCC Sylvania Campus

- Panel interviews will be randomly assigned throughout the day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (please clear your schedule for both days)

## End of May, 2026: Final Admissions Notification

- Up to 38 of the top scoring applicants and one alternate are notified of seat offer

## Summer Term, 2026: Program Begins

- RAD 100, a 2-credit course (mainly online with four weekday in-person afternoon meetings)

## September 21, 2026: Full-time Radiography Program Begins

- Phase III requirements must be successfully completed prior to the start of PCC's fall term

# Preapplication Checklist

Once admitted to PCC as a credit-seeking student, ensure minimum application requirements are on track to be met by the end of PCC's Winter term prior to the application deadline.

- ❑ Attend a live admissions information session or watch the pre-recorded session by going to [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/info-sessions/](https://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/info-sessions/)
- ❑ Get admitted to PCC as an active credit-seeking student by going to [pcc.edu/enroll/#first-time](https://pcc.edu/enroll/#first-time)
- ❑ Meet with an academic advisor for prerequisite planning (submit official transcripts first if applicable)
- ❑ Gain healthcare experience and complete prerequisite courses by the end of PCC's Winter term
- ❑ When prerequisites are almost complete, begin building your AHCAS general application by going to [ahcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login](https://ahcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login)
- ❑ Add PCC as a program in AHCAS when the application goes live on January 2, 2026. Search for programs that begin in "Summer Term, 2026"
- ❑ Ensure all documents, transcripts, and supporting information are attached to your application and check your uploads for accuracy and completeness
  - Review a list of supporting documents, application information, and transcript ordering details by going to [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/apply/](https://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/apply/)
- ❑ Request official transcripts be sent to AHCAS from **all colleges attended (including PCC)**
  - If you are in progress with classes during the winter term (prior to the application deadline) **wait until final grades post** to your academic record before ordering transcripts to be sent to AHCAS. This will ensure your winter grades are reflected on the official transcript
  - For additional transcript ordering support, visit [help.liasonedu.com/AHCAS Applicant Help Center/Sending Your Official Transcripts and Test Score to AHCAS/Sending Official Transcripts to AHCAS/1 US and English Canadian Transcripts](https://help.liasonedu.com/AHCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Sending_Your_Official_Transcripts_and_Test_Score_to_AHCAS/Sending_Official_Transcripts_to_AHCAS/1_US_and_English_Canadian_Transcripts)
- ❑ Ensure your application and all supporting documents are submitted and the application fee is paid by the April 7, 2026 8:59pm (PST) application deadline
  - Once you have applied, you will not be able to go in and adjust your uploads or add additional documentation, but you can still send official transcripts and they will be matched to your application. It is your responsibility to monitor your transcripts and application status
  - Information on how to check your application status can be found by going to [help.liasonedu.com/AHCAS Applicant Help Center/Submitting and Monitoring Your AHCAS Application/Before and After You Submit Your AHCAS Application/02 Check Your AHCAS Notifications and Status](https://help.liasonedu.com/AHCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Submitting_and_Monitoring_Your_AHCAS_Application/Before_and_After_You_Submit_Your_AHCAS_Application/02_Check_Your_AHCAS_Notifications_and_Status)
- ❑ Frequently check the Radiography website and the email address used to create your AHCAS account
  - All program communication will be sent to this email until officially admitted to the PCC Radiography Program, after admission, all program communication will go through your MyPCC email

# Frequently Asked Questions

## General FAQs

### **I have questions about the admissions process, what should I do?**

First, thoroughly review the admissions guide and watch the recorded admissions information session or attend a live session, if you haven't done so already. If you still have questions, please email [admissions@pcc.edu](mailto:admissions@pcc.edu) and one of our admissions specialists will reach out to you.

### **Will more live admissions information session dates be posted?**

Four live admissions information sessions are offered each academic year. If you are unable to attend a live session, a prerecorded session, which contains the same information, is available for you to view at your convenience. To view live session dates and the prerecorded session, visit: [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/info-sessions/](http://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/info-sessions/).

### **How do I make sure I am an active, credit-seeking student?**

Applicants need to be an active-credit seeking student prior to applying to the Radiography program. If you haven't taken a credit course at PCC in the last year, please **update your application** by going to [pcc.edu/apply](http://pcc.edu/apply). To confirm your status as an active credit-seeking student email [enroll@pcc.edu](mailto:enroll@pcc.edu).

### **On average how much does this program cost?**

Applicants can expect the program cost, not including prerequisites, to be approximately \$16,900 or more. This estimated cost does not include tuition fluctuations, food, housing, transportation, health insurance, immunizations, and more.

### **Can I work while in the program?**

The Radiography program requires a 40-hour per week commitment. Due to its academically rigorous and intense academic and clinical schedule, students have reported that they do not have time to work while in the program.

To help you prepare financially, we strongly encourage all applicants to seek scholarship support as soon as they identify the Radiography program as a program of interest. You can find connections to PCC's scholarship services in the [PCC Support Resources section](#).

## Prerequisite Course FAQs

### **I need help with planning my prerequisites, where should I start?**

If you are new to PCC, please go to [pcc.edu/advising/](http://pcc.edu/advising/) for next steps on how to connect with an advisor or fill out the New Student Question Form by visiting [pcc.edu/visit/new-student-questions/](http://pcc.edu/visit/new-student-questions/). If you are already taking classes at PCC, follow this link: [pcc.navigate.eab.com/app/#/](http://pcc.navigate.eab.com/app/#/) to set up an appointment with your assigned academic advisor.

### **Will my transfer courses be accepted at PCC?**

Applicants with transfer courses are strongly encouraged to submit their official transcripts to Student Records for evaluation by visiting [pcc.edu/student-records/transfer/](http://pcc.edu/student-records/transfer/). Student Records will evaluate lower division collegiate (LDC) coursework.

Upper division coursework (UDC) is evaluated upon request. We do not recommend you request all UDC to be evaluated by Student Records, instead, please request they evaluate only the courses you intend to use as prerequisites courses. Each transfer course is subject to review by the PCC Student Records Office, the Medical Imaging Department, and/or the Admissions Team to determine transfer equivalency.

### My completed prerequisite course now has the letter Z attached to it; do I need to retake it?

No. If the course has not expired, applicants will not need to repeat the prerequisite course. For example, prerequisite courses such as MTH 111Z used to be numbered as MTH 111 and would not need to be retaken. Courses such as WR 121Z, WR 122Z, STAT 243Z, and many others are part of the new Oregon Common Course Numbering system. Visit the Common Course Numbering page by going to [pcc.edu/common-course-numbering/](http://pcc.edu/common-course-numbering/) for more information and a list of current course changes.

### I have a Bachelor's degree; can I waive the writing requirement?

The writing requirement is waived with completion of a previous U.S. bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited institution.

### What other math courses can be used to meet the MTH 95 requirement?

- Applicants applying for the 2026 cycle are required to complete MTH 95 or higher within 7 years of application to the program. Other courses that can be used to meet this requirement include, but are not limited to MTH 98, 105Z, 111Z, 112Z, or STAT 243Z
  - Be advised, the math requirement is increasing to MTH 111Z in 2027. We strongly encourage applicants take one of the following courses to meet the new math requirement:
    - MTH 111Z, MTH 112Z, MTH 251Z, MTH 252Z or MTH 253Z
- Applicants who update their math by completing PCC's ALEKS placement test (placing into MTH 111Z or higher) **must use the grade from their expired math course for points**
  - PCC only accepts ALEKS raw test score reports from the ALEKS math placement website to demonstrate math competency (not a PCC placement email – see below for details)

### How do I find My ALEKS raw test score?

Once you have completed the ALEKS placement process through your MyPCC account, you will see your recent assessment. Click on the 3 dots in the upper right-hand corner of the box and download your results. Your raw test score should look similar to the picture below. Attach the downloaded score report to your AHCAS application. **Reminder:** the ALEKS placement must be completed by the end of PCC's Winter term.

The screenshot displays the 'Placement Assessment Results' page. At the top, it shows the date '08/01/2023' and the student's name, which is redacted with a blue bar. Below this, the student ID and reference ID are also redacted. The cohort name is listed as '2019-2020 Cohort Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall-Summer 2019' and the institution name is 'Portland Community College'. A dark teal bar indicates the assessment is 'Placement Assessment 1 | Unproctored' and a light blue bar shows the 'Placement Result: 10'. At the bottom, the start and end dates are '06/30/2021' and the start and end times are '12:12 PM' and '12:26 PM' respectively. The time in placement is '14m 57s'. A circular progress indicator is partially filled with a teal segment.

### What does the 2027 change in math requirement mean for me?

The Medical Imaging department is planning to raise the math requirement to MTH 111Z (MTH 111) to better prepare the students for the program content. If you are planning on applying in 2026, the MTH 95 or higher requirement will be accepted. If you apply in 2026 and are not accepted, you will be required to complete the higher-level math prior to reapplication in 2027.

**If you are working on an application for 2027 or beyond, you will need to complete a STEM based math course. Applicants may take MTH 111Z (MTH 111), or any of the following courses: MTH 112Z, MTH 251Z, MTH 252Z or MTH 253Z, by the end of PCC's Winter term prior to your 2027 application.** Please note that as of 2027, MTH 105 and STAT 243Z will no longer meet the math requirement for the Radiography program.

Applicants applying in 2027 who are planning to use the ALEKS math placement to update an expired math course (and its grade), must place above MTH 111Z prior to the end of PCC's winter term.

### Does PCC's Radiography program require a computer literacy course?

The Radiography program does not require a computer science class as a prerequisite. However, success in the Radiography program requires that students are confident and comfortable in their computer skills. This may include but is not limited to, word processing, data entry, use of spreadsheets and internet research.

### What if I take a prerequisite course as pass/no pass?

Individual prerequisite courses must be successfully completed with a letter grade of "C" or higher. Pass/no pass grading options are not accepted as proof of successful course completion.

### If I have to take a course more than once, which grade will be used during my evaluation?

The highest grade earned will be used when evaluating repeated prerequisite courses. For prerequisite requirements, see page 3.

### Can I use Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) courses from an unaccredited institution to meet a prerequisite course requirement?

CPL courses are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. All prerequisite courses, including transfer work, must be completed with a C grade or higher from a regionally accredited institution to meet prerequisite course requirements. If you are planning on using a CPL course to satisfy a prerequisite course requirement, email your academic advisor and copy [admissions@pcc.edu](mailto:admissions@pcc.edu) on the email prior to submitting your program application.

## Preapplication FAQs

### What was your 2025 applicant profile?

The 2025 application cycle had:

- **190** complete Radiography applications
- **57** applicants were invited to Phase II
- **35** seat offers were extended
- **1** alternate seat offer was extended

Applicants invited to Phase II had the following:

- **100%** of the applicants had some healthcare experience
- **3.59** was the average prerequisite GPA

**Please note: These numbers change on a yearly basis. Phase I & Phase II point totals are not released.**

### **How soon should I begin working on my AHCAS application?**

Each September, the AHCAS application becomes available. Be sure to select the correct summer term you intend to start. You can then complete your personal information, enter your academic history, and review AHCAS requirements. You won't be able to designate PCC as your program of choice until January 2nd. After this date, you can view and start uploading your PCC-specific requirements.

### **Do I need to upload evaluations to my AHCAS application?**

AHCAS allows students to upload evaluation forms for their common application. PCC does not require or review evaluations to be submitted for application to the radiography program. PCC will not consider uploaded evaluations during the admissions evaluation process. Students only applying to PCC can choose the "I am not adding any evaluations" button to complete the evaluation section of their common application.

### **Do I need to write an essay in AHCAS?**

AHCAS requires an essay that will not be evaluated for PCC admissions consideration. If you are only applying to PCC, you can write a one sentence response in the essay response field to complete the required section of your AHCAS application. If you are applying to multiple schools through AHCAS, you are encouraged to check with each school to see if an essay response is required for admission to their program. PCC will not review or consider your essay response for admission to the radiography program.

### **Do I need to send my official transcripts to AHCAS even if I have already sent them to PCC?**

Yes, applicants must send every official college transcript, including PCC transcripts, to AHCAS by the application deadline even if all your official transcripts have been sent to PCC. **It is your responsibility to ensure that AHCAS has received and verified all official transcripts.**

### **I applied last year; do I need to send my official transcripts to AHCAS again?**

If you applied last year, you may not need to send all official transcripts to AHCAS again, instead you can use the reapplication function in AHCAS. To learn more, visit:

[help.liaisonedu.com/AHCAS\\_Applicant\\_Help\\_Center/Starting\\_Your\\_AHCAS\\_Application/Creating\\_and\\_Managing\\_Your\\_AHCAS\\_Account/02\\_Use\\_an\\_Existing\\_Account\\_to\\_Re-Apply](http://help.liaisonedu.com/AHCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Starting_Your_AHCAS_Application/Creating_and_Managing_Your_AHCAS_Account/02_Use_an_Existing_Account_to_Re-Apply)

### **How do I submit official transcripts as part of my AHCAS application?**

Submit official transcripts from all colleges (including PCC) to AHCAS. Send them at least two weeks before the deadline, as AHCAS needs 7-10 business days to post them, and they must be posted by the deadline. If you're currently taking prerequisite courses, wait until your Winter term grades are on your transcript before sending it. For all other colleges, send transcripts immediately – don't wait until you submit your AHCAS application, as this can delay processing and cause you to miss the deadline. You are responsible for ensuring AHCAS lists your application as "Verified." For a detailed guide and to check status, visit: [help.liaisonedu.com/](http://help.liaisonedu.com/).

### **How will I be notified of my AHCAS application status?**

All communication regarding your program application will go to the email address linked to your AHCAS account. Make sure to check this email often. After you're admitted to the Radiography Program, all official program-related information (like financial aid and post-selection steps) will be sent to your MyPCC student email address, which you can find in the top right of your MyPCC account. You are responsible for regularly checking both the email you used for AHCAS and your MyPCC email throughout the admissions process.

### **Will appeals be considered for applicants who miss admissions related deadlines?**

At PCC we are committed to maintaining a fair admissions process by adhering to firm deadlines for application submissions and supporting documentation. Due to the high volume of applications, we cannot accept appeals for missed deadlines. We encourage all applicants to plan accordingly and submit required materials well in advance of the program deadlines. See page 7 for a detailed program timeline.

## Phase I FAQs

### Can I use old healthcare experience verification forms on my 2026 application?

Applicants can use old healthcare experience verification forms on their 2026 application; however, applicants are responsible for understanding the new requirements and hours needed to ensure the forms properly document the 2026 requirements. Applicants should check the [Apply to Radiography program page](#) to ensure all PCC documents such as the [healthcare experience verification forms](#) are gathered before uploading them to their PCC application in AHCAS.

### How can I earn points for my military experience?

Applicants can earn points for U.S. Military service (Active, Veteran, or Reserve status). Discharged applicants must provide their DD214 member 4 copy documenting honorable discharge. Active military service members may upload a letter from their commanding officer on letterhead from the respective military branch documenting their active service status. For more information, please follow up with [admissions@pcc.edu](mailto:admissions@pcc.edu).

### How do I know if my healthcare experience will be counted?

Applicants should consider the following factors when estimating how many points their healthcare experience will be counted:

- Is my healthcare experience directly interacting with patients?
- Is my healthcare experience taking place in an inpatient or outpatient (human) medical setting?
- Have I worked at least 100 hours by the end of PCC's Winter term?
- Is my healthcare experience in a hospital or long-term care facility, or is it in a non-hospital setting?

If the answer is yes to the first three questions, we will accept your healthcare experience for points. How many points you earn depends on the number of hours worked and what type of facility the work is completed in see page 6 for details. If you have any questions, please email [admissions@pcc.edu](mailto:admissions@pcc.edu).

### What if my healthcare experience doesn't fit into a specific category?

When an applicant's experience doesn't clearly fit into Category 1 or 2, evaluators will focus on the type of patient contact rather than the location of the experience. The Radiography department has instructed evaluators to prioritize direct patient care.

Evaluators will review the uploaded documentation and do their best to ensure each applicant receives the maximum points possible for their experience. If you have any questions, please email [admissions@pcc.edu](mailto:admissions@pcc.edu).

### How do I earn healthcare experience?

There are several ways applicants can acquire healthcare experience with direct patient contact:

- Meet with Career Services to find job opportunities in your area, get support in writing your resume and cover letter, and practice interviewing by going to [pcc.edu/careers/](http://pcc.edu/careers/)
- PCC offers a cooperative work experience education program that helps students explore potential career paths. To learn more, please visit: [pcc.edu/resources/careers/co-op/](http://pcc.edu/resources/careers/co-op/)

Applicants must complete the [healthcare experience form](#) and upload it to their AHCAS application to ensure their healthcare experience is documented and considered in phase I of the admissions process.

### Will my Phase I score be shared with me?

Our admissions team does not share individual Phase I scores nor is the overall Phase I cut-score shared. Each year the Phase I score, applicant pool, and/or the selection criteria changes. Instead of sharing the Phase I cut-score, the admissions statistics for the most recent application cycle are published.

## Phase II FAQs

### What should I do to prepare for the panel interview?

Applicants are encouraged to practice their interviewing skills prior to the panel interview, effectively discuss your skills and experiences in a short amount of time, research the job duties of a Radiologic Technologist, and have a clear understanding of what will be required of you both in the program and once in the industry.

### Can I complete the job shadow experience prior to being invited to Phase II?

No. As of 2026, the job shadow experience is now a requirement that is included in Phase II. Applicants will be assigned to a job shadow experience at one of our [hospital affiliate](#) sites. Applicants should treat this experience like it is a job interview, meaning, wear business casual attire with comfortable closed-toe shoes. Jeans, shorts, tank tops, open toe shoes, and/or scrubs are not appropriate attire. Additional details will be provided to Phase II applicants during the mandatory orientation.

### How should I prepare for the Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT)?

The HSRT is a critical thinking exam which makes it difficult to study for. Most of the questions are situational and may have more than one correct answer. You can read more about the HSRT on the [Insight Assessment FAQ page](#) under the Testing and Administration section. Applicants usually have 50 minutes to complete the exam and are assessed based on how they answer the questions rather than the completion of the test. For more info, see [How to Prepare](#) and [Top 10 Critical Thinking FAQ's](#).

### Why are Phase II scores not shared?

Similar to Phase I scores, the PCC Radiography program does not share individual feedback and/or overall Phase II scores. If an applicant does not receive a program invitation after completing Phase II, they should practice interviewing and answering critical thinking questions.

## Phase III FAQs

### After I receive a seat offer, and accept program placement, what is required of me?

After being offered a seat in the program, and the seat is accepted, students will be required to successfully pass a criminal background check, a ten-panel drug screen, provide proof of required immunizations, and CPR certification for healthcare providers (American Heart Association). Review the following requirements for clinical and field education by visiting: [pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/11/immunizations-cpr.pdf](https://pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/11/immunizations-cpr.pdf).

### Can I start working on these requirements now?

Please **wait** to start working on the above requirements until you are offered a seat in the program. Admitted students will receive specific directions from PCC's Radiography department on how to meet and document these requirements.

## Program Completion FAQs

### Once I complete the program will I be licensed or certified?

Once you complete the program you will be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists ([ARRT](#)) national certification examination. Once certified and registered by the [ARRT](#), licensure is done on a state-by-state basis and is required in most states, including Oregon and Washington.

### How many PCC graduates pass the ARRT certification exam on their first attempt?

The ARRT Certification exam pass rates, program completion data, as well as 5-year average job placement information can be found at: [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/](https://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/).

# Additional Support Resources

## PCC Internal Support Resources

- Academic Advising: [pcc.edu/advising/](https://pcc.edu/advising/)
- Accessible Ed & Disability Resources: [pcc.edu/disability/](https://pcc.edu/disability/)
- Additional FAQs: [pcc.edu/radiography](https://pcc.edu/radiography)
- Apply to Radiography Program Page: [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/apply/](https://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/apply/)
- Career Services: [pcc.edu/careers/](https://pcc.edu/careers/)
- Clinical & Field Education Requirements: [pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/11/immunizations-cpr.pdf](https://pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/11/immunizations-cpr.pdf)
- Financial Aid: [pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/financial-aid/contacts/](https://pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/financial-aid/contacts/)
- Hospital Affiliates: [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/affiliates/](https://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/affiliates/)
- International Students: [pcc.edu/international-students/](https://pcc.edu/international-students/)
- Job Finding Support: [pcc.edu/careers/jobs/](https://pcc.edu/careers/jobs/)
- Orientation Center: [pcc.edu/visit/orientation-centers/](https://pcc.edu/visit/orientation-centers/)
- PCC Foundation: [pcc.edu/foundation/](https://pcc.edu/foundation/)
- Placement Process: [pcc.edu/enroll/placement-process/](https://pcc.edu/enroll/placement-process/)
- Radiography Information Session Page: [pcc.edu/programs/radiography/info-sessions/](https://pcc.edu/programs/radiography/info-sessions/)
- Radiography “Connect with us” form: [pcc.edu/programs/get-in-touch/?discipline=Medical+Imaging](https://pcc.edu/programs/get-in-touch/?discipline=Medical+Imaging)
- Scholarship Support: [pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/scholarships/](https://pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/scholarships/)
- Student Records: [pcc.edu/student-records/](https://pcc.edu/student-records/)
- Tutoring: [pcc.edu/tutoring/](https://pcc.edu/tutoring/)

## External Support Resources

- AHCAS Help Center: [help.liaisonedu.com/AHCAS\\_Applicant\\_Help\\_Center](https://help.liaisonedu.com/AHCAS_Applicant_Help_Center)
- American Society of Radiologic Technologist: [asrt.org](https://asrt.org)
- American Registry of Radiologic Technologist: [arrt.org](https://arrt.org)
- ARRT Ethics Review Pre-Application: [arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/initial-requirements/ethics/ethics-review-preapplication](https://arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/initial-requirements/ethics/ethics-review-preapplication)
- Health and Science Reasoning Test (HSRT): [insightassessment.com/product/hsrt](https://insightassessment.com/product/hsrt)
- Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology: [jrcert.org](https://jrcert.org)
- Oregon Board of Medical Imaging: [oregon.gov/obmi/pages/index.aspx](https://oregon.gov/obmi/pages/index.aspx)
- Washington Board of Medical Imaging: [doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/radiologic-technologist/licensing-information](https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/radiologic-technologist/licensing-information)

# Radiography Technical Standards

The following standards are capabilities related to successful practice in the Radiography profession. These are non-academic criteria and include physical capabilities required of radiography applicants and radiography professionals. Applicants **must be able to meet these standards** in order to successfully complete the program. Please read each item carefully to determine if you are able to meet each requirement.

## Communication Ability

The ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing as it relates to:

- Obtaining and recording patient history
- Explaining or discussing procedures
- Discussing patient consent forms
- Providing clear verbal instructions to patients either face to face or from the radiography control area, which is a distance away from the patient

## Visual Acuity

The ability to see fine lines and to distinguish gradual changes in blacks, grays and whites is necessary to evaluate:

- Radiographic images in dimmed lighting
- Assess the direction of the central ray to the anatomical part being imaged
- Read department protocols for imaging procedures, examination request, monitors and any written directions or orders

## Hearing Ability

The ability to hear sounds is necessary in order to:

- Respond to patient questions, concerns and needs
- Hear faint or muffled sounds when the use of surgical masks is required
- Hear faint or muffled sounds since operator control areas are separated from the x-ray table and patient
- Monitor equipment operation or dysfunction, which may be indicated by low sounding buzzers or bells

## Motor Functions Ability

Good manual dexterity, motor skills and eye-hand coordination are necessary in order to:

- Manipulate machine locks and controls
- Don surgical gloves, fill syringes and handle sterile trays and equipment
- Operate both mobile and stationary medical imaging equipment
- Provide strength to move and operate equipment and patient carts and wheelchairs
- Stand unassisted for long periods of time
- Provide strength to transfer and position patients without placing patients at risk
- Reach overhead in order to manipulate an x-ray tube that hangs from the ceiling

If you would like to request accommodations, please contact PCC's [Accessible Ed & Disability Resources](#) for assistance. If you are accepted into the program and your functional abilities change, please meet with the Medical Imaging Department for assistance.

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