RADIOGRAPHY - AAS

A degree from St. Kate's will give students the best possible professional preparation for a satisfying, rewarding and successful career in radiography. St. Kate's specializes in educating healthcare professionals and has an outstanding reputation in the healthcare community as the metro area's leading healthcare educator, including an extensive clinical network where students will gain training in real-world conditions.

Being a radiographer means caring about people and helping them with their health problems. Radiographers take X-ray images of all parts of the human body to help physicians diagnose broken bones, disease and injury. They obtain detailed images through skilled operation of high-tech equipment combined with patient-care methods and their knowledge of human anatomy.

Radiographers work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics and outpatient centers. Students in the radiography program will acquire critical-thinking skills and an excellent understanding of human anatomy, interact with a variety of patients, gain experience in cutting-edge radiologic technology, and develop skills in safe radiologic procedures, body positions and patient care. Students may specialize in many different areas immediately after graduation, such as computerized tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and vascular procedures. They may also continue their education in fields such as ultrasound, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy.

St. Kate's expertise ensures students master the skills they need. Our program prepares students to begin an exciting radiography career through a challenging blend of liberal arts studies, professional courses and clinical experiences. Students spend about one-third of their time working and learning in a variety of hospital and clinical settings.

St. Kate's program prepares students to earn a two-year associate of applied science degree and to take the national certification exam offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). The radiography program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiology Technology located at 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 704-5300.

The radiography program is two years in length. Students may take one year of liberal arts and science courses before starting the professional sequence of courses.

Eligibility Requirements to Begin the Professional Sequence of Courses:

After admission to the University, students must meet the following requirements by the published deadline to begin the professional sequence of courses.

- Students should review the Physical Capability Requirements Document, which is located on the Radiography Program website, to be certain that they can meet all physical requirements of the profession.
- Status as an active associate degree radiography student taking courses at the University when ready to begin the professional sequence of courses.
- An overall minimum GPA of 2.5
- The following course must have been completed with a grade of C or better.
  - BIOL 2400 General Anatomy and Physiology with Lab
- The following courses must have been completed with a grade of C or better, or be in progress at the time of application. Courses in progress at the time of application must be completed with a grade of C or better by the end of the application term.
  - BIOL 2420 Human Disease
  - IPE 1020 Medical Terminology
  - MATH 1201 College Algebra for the Health Sciences I or Math elective
- Successful completion of the above prerequisite courses is defined as:
  - A grade of C or better is required.
  - General Anatomy and Physiology, Human Disease and the Math Elective may each only be repeated once.
  - A grade of “W” is considered a repeat.
  - A cumulative prerequisite GPA of 2.5 or above is required.

To be competitive, students should strive for more than the minimum grade of C for all coursework. It is also recommended that students plan to have most, if not all, liberal arts and science coursework completed before entering the program.

Radiography Program Progression Policy

To advance from one term to the next, students are required to show satisfactory academic performance to meet requirements of their program and to fulfill all financial obligations to the University. Policies for progression within programs are available from the program director and may be more stringent than this policy.

A. Curriculum and Level of Achievement

1. A minimum grade of C is required for all Radiography courses and the five prerequisite to program courses. A maximum of two C- grades will be accepted in all remaining liberal arts and science courses.
2. BIOL 2400, BIOL 2420 and the Math Elective may only be repeated one time and the repeated grade must be at least a C.
3. A grade of W is considered a repeat.

B. Conditions of Probation

University probation results if the student's cumulative institutional GPA falls below 2.00

C. Conditions for Removal from Probation

To be removed from probation, the student's cumulative institutional GPA must be 2.00 or above.

D. Conditions for Program Dismissal

Program dismissal will result as a consequence of the following:

1. Earning a grade lower than C in any Radiography course.
2. Earning a grade lower than C in any clinical Radiography course. If a student receives an F before the end of the semester, the student must immediately withdraw from all Radiography courses.
Conditions for Readmission to the Radiography Program

1. A student who has discontinued coursework for any reason, academic disqualification or personal reasons, must apply for re-enrollment through the Registrar’s Office.
2. Students who are readmitted will come in under the current catalog requirements.
3. As part of the readmission process the student must meet with the Program Director to plan the sequence of coursework.
4. The program must be completed within three (3) years of enrollment in the first radiography course.
5. Students will be considered for one readmission to the radiography program.
6. Readmission is not guaranteed.
7. The student will be on probationary admission status during the first semester.

This major is offered in the College for Adults only.