

## **GRADUATION and PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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All courses in the Radiography curriculum must be successfully completed with a “C” or higher prior to graduation or writing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam. The time-frame for completion of RGT courses is three years from the initial start date.

Students must receive a minimum grade of a “C” in all RGT courses to remain in the program. If the student should fail any Clinical or didactic Radiography (RGT) course, he/she will not be allowed to continue into the next semester.

### **ARRT EXAM**

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) is the only examining and certifying body for radiographers in the United States. To become a Registered Technologist in Radiography the student will have to successfully complete the ARRT examination.

Applications for examination will be provided to the student approximately two –three months prior to graduation. The cost of the examination for the student is \$200.00.

Students/graduates make appointments to take the examination at their convenience. It is recommended that students take the examination immediately or within two months of graduation.

All RGT courses, including clinical make-up time must be complete before taking the examination.

### **MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

According to MS code Title 41 Chapter 58-3 students of an accredited Radiologic Technology are exempt from state licensure and may work under the supervision of a qualified technologist.

After graduation from an accredited program the MS code allows the State Department of Health to issue a temporary state license to practice in radiography. The temporary MS license is valid for one (1) six-month period. The graduate would apply for a permanent state license after successful completion the ARRT exam.

The department may charge a registration fee of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$ 50.00) biennially to each person to whom it issues a registration under the provisions of 41 of the MS code

The MS Department of Health states that “it is illegal to practice Medical Radiation Technology in Mississippi without being registered or exempted by statute or regulations. Individuals engaging in such practices, or employing non-registered practitioners, will be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties.” [www.msdh.state.ms.us/](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/)

## **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY CODE OF ETHICS**

The Code of Ethics forms the first part of the Standards of Ethics. The Code of Ethics shall serve as a guide by which Certificate Holders and Candidates may evaluate their professional conduct as it relates to patients, healthcare consumers, employers, colleagues, and other members of the healthcare team. The Code of Ethics is intended to assist Certificate Holders and Candidates in maintaining a high level of ethical conduct and in providing for the protection, safety, and comfort of patients. The Code of Ethics is aspirational.

1. The radiologic technologist acts in a professional manner, responds to patient needs, and supports colleagues and associates in providing quality patient care.
2. The radiologic technologist acts to advance the principal objective of the profession to provide services to humanity with full respect for the dignity of mankind.
3. The radiologic technologist delivers patient care and service unrestricted by the concerns of personal attributes or the nature of the disease or illness, and without discrimination on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, or socio-economic status.
4. The radiologic technologist practices technology founded upon theoretical knowledge and concepts, uses equipment and accessories consistent with the purposes for which they were designed, and employs procedures and techniques appropriately.
5. The radiologic technologist assesses situations; exercises care, discretion, and judgment; assumes responsibility for professional decisions; and acts in the best interest of the patient.
6. The radiologic technologist acts as an agent through observation and communication to obtain pertinent information for the physician to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of the patient and recognizes that interpretation and diagnosis are outside the scope of practice for the profession.
7. The radiologic technologist uses equipment and accessories, employs techniques and procedures, performs services in accordance with an accepted standard of practice, and demonstrates expertise in minimizing radiation exposure to the patient, self, and other members of the healthcare team.
8. The radiologic technologist practices ethical conduct appropriate to the profession and protects the patient's right to quality radiologic technology care.
9. The radiologic technologist respects confidences entrusted in the course of professional practice, respects the patient's right to privacy, and reveals confidential information only as required by law or to protect the welfare of the individual or the community.
10. The radiologic technologist continually strives to improve knowledge and skills by participating in continuing education and professional activities, sharing knowledge with colleagues, and investigating new aspects of professional practice.