PROGRAM PROFILE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health for radiography is a 21-month program, that upon successful completion, allows its graduates eligibility to complete the certification examination offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT).

MISSION STATEMENT
Northern Michigan University Radiography Program is dedicated to the education of entry-level radiographers. It is the intention of this program to promote radiographers that will function as proficient health care professionals possessing a constant concern for quality patient care, quality customer service and technical competency in a diverse healthcare population.

Philosophy:
Our philosophy is to provide our students the highest quality of education with the most efficient use of our resources. The comprehensiveness of our academic offerings provides: opportunities for instruction to students from a broad range of ability levels and interests, placement of radiographer and the radiography student in a one-on-one relationship of guidance and feedback during instruction, and adaptability to balance the evolution of diagnostic imaging in healthcare for personal and professional success.

Our Goals:
To develop students who will:
1. Administer effective communication skills.
2. Utilize critical thinking and problem solving skill in the performance of medical and imaging procedures.
3. Demonstrate competency in methods of patient care and radiographic imaging procedures.
4. Model professionalism and quality customer service.

Program Terminal Objectives:
The primary goal of the Radiography program is to offer a core curriculum consistent with the position of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists regarding certification in Radiologic Technology. Upon completion of the recognized and accepted academic and clinical competency curriculum for the radiography profession, the Radiography graduate will demonstrate the following:

1. Communication: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to practice oral, written, and electronic medical communication.

2. Analytical Skills: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to apply the theories of radiologic sciences and techniques.

3. Citizenship: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the professional behaviors necessary to practice in a diverse environment.

4. Citizenship: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to practice radiation protection & safety for the patient, self, and others.

5. Critical and Creative Thinking: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to perform radiographic procedures, modifying each to accommodate for the patient or situation.

6. Critical and Creative Thinking: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to exercise independent judgment and discretion in the technical performance of diagnostic imaging procedures.
7. Cultural and Literacy: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the clinical competencies necessary to provide care for a diverse population.

8. Concentration in Radiography: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to operate radiographic instrumentation and equipment.

9. Concentration in Radiography: The Radiography graduate will demonstrate the ability to process and competently assess diagnostic images.

**ACCREDITATION**

Accreditation is a nongovernmental, voluntary means for an educational institution and/or program to assure those within the institution or program, the students, the general public, and state and federal agencies that the institution or program has clearly defined objectives, an appropriate structure, and staff and resources to accomplish those objectives.

**Northern Michigan University Accreditation:**

Higher Learning Commission  
159 North Dearborn  
Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 263-0456

**Radiography Program Accreditation:**

The Radiography Program currently holds an eight-year accreditation – the maximum duration awarded.

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)  
20 N. Wacker Drive Suite 2850  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182  
(312) 704-5300  
http://www.jrcert.org

**Standards for Accreditation:**

The Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiologic Sciences adopted by the JRCERT is available for review at [www.jrcert.org/acc_standards](http://www.jrcert.org/acc_standards) or in the School of Radiography faculty office. Program Accreditation Standards are discussed with all students at orientation.

**COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST**

Faculty:  
Full-time Director  
Full-time Didactic/Clinical Coordinator  
Twenty – One Clinical Instructors (inclusive to all clinical affiliations)

Advisory Committee:  
Director  
Faculty  
Director Clinical Sciences  
Dean of Professional Studies  
Student Representative  
Clinical Affiliates and Ancillaries Representatives  
Medical Advisor

The Advisory Committee serves to evaluate the program’s effectiveness in achieving its mission, goals, and outcomes. It accomplishes it function by recommending changes regarding the program’s policies, procedures, and monitoring of the Assessment Plan and annual Outcomes Assessment process. The Advisory Committee meets annually in May.

**OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE:**
Analysis of program effectiveness and student learning outcomes is completed annually to provide feedback on student achievement and identify and implement needed improvements. The assessment committee meets each May. Data is presented to the Advisory Committee at its May meeting. In conjunction with the program assessment, the assessment plan itself is also reviewed for adequacy annually.

**Northern Michigan University Radiography Program**

**Program Effectiveness Data**

**Five-year average credentialing examination (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Radiography exam) pass rate of not less than 75 percent at first attempt within six months of graduation.**

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**Five-year average job placement rate of not less than 75 percent within twelve months of graduation.**

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**Program completion rate**

Program completion rate is defined as the number of students who complete the clinical phase of the program within 150% of the stated program length.

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For more information regarding program effectiveness data visit the JRCERT website at [www.jrcert.org](http://www.jrcert.org).