

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Three-Year Program Leading to a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Imaging with a specialization in CT, CT/VI, MRI, Education or Management

Required Prerequisite Courses for Application into Diagnostic Imaging

Application for Fall 2026

COURSE TITLE	TCCNS COURSE NUMBER	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
English Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
<i>Mathematics Core</i> College Algebra or higher	MATH 1314	3
<i>Language, Philosophy and Culture Core</i> Courses in humanities, literature, philosophy, modern or classical language, cultural studies or equivalent		3
<i>Creative Arts Core</i> Courses in arts, dance, music appreciation, music, drama or equivalent		3
United States History I	HIST 1301	3
United States History II	HIST 1302	3
Federal Government	GOVT 2305	3
Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
<i>Social and Behavioral Science Core</i> Courses in anthropology, economics, psychology, sociology, social work or equivalent		3
Anatomy and Physiology I with lab or Anatomy and Physiology II with lab	<i>Select one option:</i> BIOL 2401 BIOL 2402 BIOL 2301+2101 BIOL 2302 +2102	4
<i>Life and Physical Sciences Core</i> Courses in biology, chemistry, physics, geology or other natural sciences. (Intro to Anatomy and Physiology can be accepted.)		8
Total number of semester credit hours		42

All prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of application to the program in Diagnostic Imaging. The prerequisite courses may be taken at any regionally accredited college/university with a grade of C- or better. Courses are listed using the Texas Common Course Numbering System (tccns.org).

Admissions into the program is competitive. Learn more at mdanderson.org/SHPPapply.



Admitted students MUST hold an Associates degree, or higher, by August 2027. This is mandated by ARRT, as a requirement for taking the ARRT board exam.

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1. When do I turn in my admission application for Fall 2026?

The application will be available starting September 15, 2025. You should submit the application, transcripts of each college attended, essay and three professional recommendation forms before the priority deadline of March 1, 2026. To ensure documents are received before the priority deadline, it's recommended that you apply months before the deadline.

2. Can I apply for Spring or Summer admissions?

No. Students enter the Diagnostic Imaging program once a year in the Fall semester.

3. I'm currently enrolled in my final prerequisite courses this Fall 2025 semester. Can I apply for admission to enter the Diagnostic Imaging program?

Yes, if you are taking your final prerequisite courses this Fall 2025 semester, you may apply for admissions. Submit your application and three professional recommendation forms. In December 2025, once you have completed your courses and your grades have posted on the transcript, you can submit your college transcript. All items must be received before the priority deadline of March 1, 2026.

4. I have a few incomplete prerequisite courses. I will take the final prerequisite courses in Spring 2026. Can I apply for admission to the Diagnostic Imaging program?

No, since your final prerequisite courses will not be completed before the priority deadline of March 1, 2026, you cannot apply for Fall 2026. You can apply for the next enrollment cycle of Fall 2027.

5. What factors are considered in the admission process?

Admissions to the program is highly competitive and holistic. This means that an admissions committee will look at all the factors below when admitting a student. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance.

- (1) A minimum of 2.50 in all three areas: Overall GPA, science GPA and prerequisite GPA
- (2) Completed prerequisite courses at the time of application
- (3) Essay (the essay prompt will appear on the online admission application)
- (4) Three Professional Recommendation Forms
- (5) Attendance at the Diagnostic Imaging Information Session
- (6) Clinical site visit (by invitation only)
- (7) Interview (by invitation only)

6. Do I need to hold a degree as part of the admission process?

No, admission is competitive and holistic, based on the factors above. However, if admitted into the program, you **MUST** hold an Associates degree, or higher, by August 2027. This is mandated by ARRT, as a requirement for taking the ARRT board exam.

<https://www.arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/initial-requirements/primary-requirements/education-requirements-primary>

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7. Do I have to attend a clinical site visit as part of the application process?

Your admissions application will be reviewed, and only qualified applicants will be invited to schedule a clinical site visit.

8. When will I receive my admission decision?

Completed applications that meet all minimum admission factors will be contacted for an interview. An admissions decision will be completed near May 2026.

9. How do I learn more about the Diagnostic Imaging program?

Attend a monthly information session. You will gain valuable information on the application process and program curriculum. Attending the information session is also a requirement for application to the program. View the information session dates and times [here](#).

10. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can I apply for this program?

Yes, you can apply. Upon graduation you will earn a second bachelors degree.

11. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can you waive all the prerequisite courses?

No, despite holding a prior degree, prerequisite requirements cannot be waived. However, applicable courses from your prior degree may be used toward the prerequisite requirements.

12. Where is the School located?

The School is located in the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical complex in the world. The physical location of the School is 7007 Bertner Ave, Houston, TX 77030 inside the MD Anderson Mid-Campus Building 1.

13. Why does this program take three years to complete?

The program consists of 18 months of radiography and one-year of a specialization. Specializations include one of the following Diagnostic Imaging areas of your selection:

- Computed Tomography
- Computed Tomography with Vascular Interventional Radiography
- Diagnostic Imaging Education
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Diagnostic Imaging Management

14. I am board certified by ARRT, NMTCB or ARDMS. Do I still apply to the three year program in Diagnostic Imaging?

No, as a sonographer or technologist, you should apply directly into our one-year programs. Learn more [here](#).

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15. What is a clinical internship?

As part of the learning process, you will complete approximately 1,312 hours of a guided clinical internship. Clinical internships allow you to apply your knowledge gained from the classroom and labs to the real life medical setting.

16. When I graduate, what degree will I earn?

You will earn a bachelor of science degree from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

17. What does it mean to hold credentials in imaging?

Upon graduation, you will have the opportunity to take the credentialing exam offered by [The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists](#), the world's largest organization offering credentials in medical imaging. Passing the credentialing exam can result in improved job prospects and higher salaries.

