

# DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING — EDUCATION

**One-Year or Two-Year Program Leading to a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Imaging with a specialization in Education**

**Application for Fall 2026**

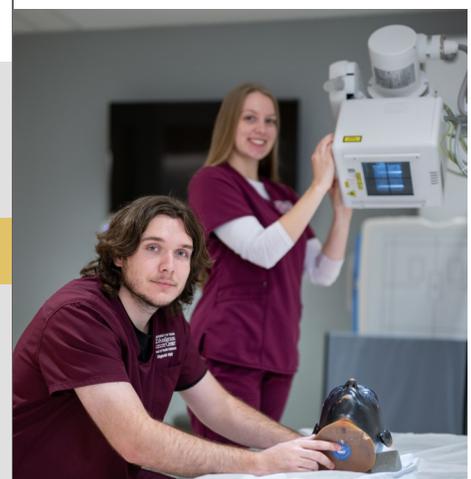
## Required Prerequisite Courses for Application into Diagnostic Imaging Education

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
<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.)		12
<b>Total number of semester credit hours</b>		<b>42</b>

This program offers sonographers, radiologic technologists or nuclear medicine technologists a pathway to expand their knowledge in Diagnostic Imaging Education while completing a bachelors degree.

This program's flexible structure includes full-time (1-year completion) or part-time (two-year completion) enrollment. Course content is delivered in a hybrid online format with only 3 Saturday classes each semester. Applicants should have the majority of the prerequisite courses completed at the time of application. 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](http://tccns.org)).

Admissions into the program is competitive. Learn more at [mdanderson.org/SHApply](http://mdanderson.org/SHApply).



**Applicants must also be certified by one of the following agencies:**

- American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS)
- American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 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 April 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– Education program once a year in the Fall semester.

### 3. Can I enroll in the Diagnostic Imaging—Education program part-time?

Yes, enrollment is offered full-time or part-time. View the courses and details [here](#). If you enroll full-time, it will take you one year to complete the degree. If you enroll part-time, it will take you two-years to complete the degree.

### 4. Do you offer online courses?

Nearly 100% of the content is delivered in a hybrid format. Face-to-face classes meet only three Saturdays a semester.

### 5. What factors are considered in the [admission process](#)?

Admissions to the program is 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) Number of 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) Interview
- (6) Hold board of certification by one of the following agencies: ARDMS, ARRT or NMTCB
- (7) Attendance at the [Diagnostic Imaging Information Session](#) is recommended but NOT required

### 6. I am NOT board certified by ARDMS, ARRT or NMTCB. Can I still apply to the Diagnostic Imaging—Education program?

No, since you do not hold prior credentials in imaging or radiation therapy, you should apply into the Diagnostic Imaging Radiography 3-year track program instead.

### 7. I'm currently enrolled in my final prerequisite courses. Can I apply for admission to enter Diagnostic Imaging– Education?

Yes, if the majority of the prerequisite courses are completed, you may apply for admission. The more prerequisite courses you have completed at the time of application, the better.

Admitted students must have no more than 2 missing prerequisite courses by the first day of enrollment in the School of Health Professions.

For this purpose, please note that a science course with a corresponding lab, is considered one course and not two courses, e.g. Human Anatomy and Physiology lecture and lab.

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**8. I was accepted for Fall 2026 to the Diagnostic Imaging-Education program. Due to a few lacking prerequisite courses, I was accepted into the program conditionally. When is the deadline to complete my outstanding prerequisite courses?**

By the first day of enrollment in the School of Health Professions, you can have a maximum of 2 outstanding prerequisite courses. These outstanding prerequisite courses must be completed no later than January 2027. Our recommendation is to finish the outstanding prerequisite course(s) as soon as possible.

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

No, a clinical site visit is not required for application to Diagnostic Imaging– Education.

**10. 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.

**11. How do I learn more about the Diagnostic Imaging– Education program?**

Attend a monthly information session. Although not mandatory for admissions, attending the information session will provide valuable information on the application process and program curriculum.

View the information session dates and times [here](#).

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

**15. What is a student practicum?**

As part of the learning process, you will complete a 40-hour internship in the summer semester of your final year. You will shadow the Program Director, Clinical Coordinator and a clinical faculty in an imaging science program to observe their roles and responsibilities. Observation and active participation will include review of accreditation process and standards, budget appropriation, clinical policies, planning rotation schedule and teaching students in the clinical environment.

**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.