

Health

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Diagnostic Assistant (Radiologic Technology)

Department: Health

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Summer

Length: 2 years

- A **fully accredited** technical program with an outstanding **national certification** exam pass rate and **post-graduation employment** statistics.
- **Clinical experiences** occur in the Radiology departments of **Mercy Medical Center** or **St. Luke's Hospital-UnityPoint Health** — both award-winning healthcare facilities.
- Students learn in a fast-paced, **competency-based educational environment**.
- The program is a mix of **classroom education, laboratory simulation,** and extensive **clinical education**.
- **Small class sizes** provide a low instructor-to-student ratio to optimize learning.
- **Compassionate faculty** deliver a comprehensive education, which turns into excellent patient care opportunities.

Program Description

The Diagnostic Assistant program is designed for Radiologic Technology students in partnership with the Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology.

The two-year Radiologic Technology technical program is taught through Mercy/St. Luke's, begins each summer, and has a separate application process.

Students must complete prerequisite courses at Kirkwood in order to enter the Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology program. After they complete the program and receive their certificate in Radiologic Technology, students can transfer those credits back to Kirkwood to receive this degree, as long as the prerequisite courses were taken at Kirkwood.

This Allied Health program has a mandatory background check for clinical purposes.

Upon completion of the degree, a graduate will be able to perform various imaging techniques while providing quality patient care.

Career Opportunities

Hospitals
Outpatient clinics
Physicians' offices
Mobile imaging companies

Sample Classes

Microcomputer Literacy
Human Anatomy and Physiology
Composition
Medical Terminology
Intermediate Algebra
Introduction to Psychology
Fundamentals of Oral Communication
Mercy/St. Luke's Technical Courses

Mercy/St. Luke's Credit Hours

After completing the Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology program, 29 technical credits can be transferred to Kirkwood Community College toward the Diagnostic Assistant Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology
319-369-7097

Scholarships

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