

LBCC Diagnostic Imaging

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1. How can I get started in the Diagnostic Imaging Program?

First you must complete prerequisite courses. Once the prerequisites are done, you qualify for admission into the program and will be eligible to APPLY for the next starting date of the program.

2. How do I apply?

You must first apply for general admission as a matriculated (degree-seeking) student. Use the regular college application form. See www.linnbenton.edu/admissions.

For the Distance Education Program, submit the DE Radiologic Technology Admissions Bulletin. Submit a Health Science Application form to the Office of Admissions. Have official transcripts sent to the Office of Admissions by any previous college or universities from which you wish to transfer. Submit "Transfer Credit Evaluation Request" form.

3. Is there a waiting list and how do I get on it?

Yes. You are eligible to be put on the acceptance list when you complete your prerequisite courses and provide documentation/transcripts to the admissions office. You will be assigned a starting date by the Office of Admissions. The waiting list only applies to the current application year. It will not carry over to the next application year. Nationally, most students apply to a program at least twice. LBCC is no exception.

4. How long is the waiting list?

That depends on how many students apply. The program is very popular and there is great interest in diagnostic imaging education, so the wait could be a year or two.

5. How do I find out if courses I have taken at other colleges will transfer to LBCC?

Fill out the "Transfer Credit Evaluation Request" form, available from the Office of Admissions. Once your transcripts have been evaluated, you will receive notification of what courses will transfer to LBCC.

6. Is it possible to get into the program sooner because I already have a bachelor's degree and experience working in a hospital?

If you have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the US, LBCC will clear all general education requirements. You will still be responsible for taking courses that the department requires. Students will still have to apply and be put on the acceptance list.

7. I haven't been to college in many years and want to return. How long are my old credits good for?

With exception of the Biology and Algebra courses, all courses can transfer into Diagnostic Imaging program as long as they meet the grade required, regardless of how old they are. For more information on classes see the Bulletin.

8. Is there special consideration for the older students?

No. All students are treated equally, regardless of age.

9. Is it possible to have a job while you are going through this program?

It is not recommended, however, part-time work is possible. Past students recommend 24 hours or less a week, depending on family responsibilities.

10. Is there financial aid available?

Yes. Students may contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance. Additionally, some of the local hospitals offer scholarships to students who have completed one year of the program in exchange for a commitment to employment.

11. What is the schedule like?

Students plan for 2-3 hours of homework for each course hour per week, depending upon personal study habits and class assignments. This is an intense program that requires a full-time commitment with an average weekly involvement of 40 hours plus homework. Students attend clinicals three to five days a week depending upon the term in addition to course work.

12. Describe what the clinical environment is like.

Clinical can be exciting and fun. It can also be stressful due to the steep learning curve. Students have the opportunity to learn in a hands-on environment and interact with patients. It is a strenuous physical job. As examples, radiographers lift image receptors, patients, and a variety of equipment around the hospital such as mobile units and patient stretchers. There are also days when radiographers spend a majority of their time on their feet. Additionally, radiographers are responsible for direct care of the patient, which can range from simple communications to recognizing and treating emergency situations. Students are under constant supervision and observation.

Students will be expected to participate in patient examinations that range from trauma to surgery, outpatient orthopedics to inpatient invasive procedures. Students need to be adaptable, self-motivated, and possess good critical thinking and decision making skills to be successful.

13. Do you get paid for doing your clinical?

No.

14. What is the starting salary?

The average starting salary in Oregon as of Fall 2007 is approximately \$19.00 to \$23.00 an hour.

15. What is the difference in pay between a Radiology Limited License Technician and a Radiologic Technologist?

As of 8/07 Radiology Limited License Technicians can expect to make approximately \$12.00 to \$13.00 an hour. Radiologic Technologists can expect to make \$19.00 to \$23.00 or more an hour. Technicians are generally not hired for hospital work since they can only perform a limited number of exams.

16. Does LBCC offer advanced or specialized training in radiology-related fields like MRI, Sonography, CT and others?

No; not at this time. Affiliation agreements with 4 year universities exist to transition students into these modalities after completion of the LBCC AAS Diagnostic Imaging degree.

17. How do I pursue advanced training?

There are several colleges and universities that offer programs in specialized areas which include, but are not limited to, MRI, CT, Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, Mammography, Radiation Therapy and Cardiovascular/Interventional Technology. It is recommended that you contact the specific school to find out their admission requirements.

Programs offering training in specialized areas do require ARRT certification in order to enter their programs. It is recommended that you contact the school you are considering for this advanced training to find out their requirements.

18. What other colleges offer the Diagnostic Imaging/Radiologic Technology Program in the Western United States?

There are two radiologic technology organizations that have websites that contain lists of programs in radiologic technology. The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology is located at <http://www.jrcert.org/>. The American Registry of Radiologic Technology is located at <http://www.arrt.org/>.

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