

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Accreditation & Program Effectiveness



Accreditation

The Chippewa Valley Technical College Radiography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee of Education in Radiologic Technology and upholds the professional standards required of all Radiologic Technology programs nationwide. The Radiography Program sponsored by Chippewa Valley Technical College is fully accredited, with the highest award of 8 years accreditation by the JRCERT.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography are designed to promote academic excellence, patient safety, and quality healthcare through the accreditation of educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry.

The JRCERT is recognized by both the United States Department of Education (UDSE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The JRCERT Standards incorporate many of the regulations required by the USDE to assure quality of education offered by higher education programs. Accountability for performance and transparency are reflected in the Standards for CHEA recognition.

The JRCERT Standards offers a way to provide assurance to the public that a program meets specific quality standards. There are six standards listed below or can be found at www.jrcert.org.

Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography

Standard One: Accountability, Fair Practices, and Public Information

The sponsoring institution and program promote accountability and fair practices in relation to students, faculty, and the public. Policies and procedures of the sponsoring institution and program must support the rights of students and faculty, be well-defined, written, and readily available.

Standard Two: Institutional Commitment and Resources

The sponsoring institution demonstrates a sound financial commitment to the program by assuring sufficient academic, fiscal, personnel, and physical resources to achieve the program's mission.

Standard Three: Faculty and Staff

The sponsoring institution provides the program adequate and qualified faculty that enable the program to meet its mission and promote student learning.

Standard Four: Curriculum and Academic Practices

The program's curriculum and academic practices prepare students for professional practice.

Standard Five: Health and Safety

The sponsoring institution and program have policies and procedures promote the health, safety, and optimal use of radiation for students, patients, and the public.

Standard Six: Assessment Programmatic Effectiveness and Assessment: Using Data for Sustained Improvement

The extent of a program's effectiveness is linked to the ability to meet its mission, goals, and student learning outcomes. A systematic, ongoing assessment process provides credible evidence that enables analysis and critical discussions to foster ongoing program improvement.

Students have the right to submit allegations against a JRCERT accredited program if there is reason to believe the program has acted contrary to JRCERT accreditation standards or that conditions at the program appear to jeopardize the quality of instruction or the general welfare of its students.

Any allegations of non-compliance of JRCERT standards should be reported to the Program Director per the Accreditation Compliance policy found in the Radiography Orientation Handbook. Students may contact the JRCERT at: Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-3182 or www.jrcert.org



Chippewa Valley Technical College is accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](http://www.hlc.edu).

Mission Statement

The mission of the radiography program is to provide quality education in the radiologic sciences, graduating entry-level radiographers to meet the workforce needs of the community.

Radiography Program Goals

Goal 1: Students will be clinically competent.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will carry out the production of radiographic images.

- Students will apply computer skills in the radiographic clinical setting.
- Students will practice radiation safety principles.

Goal 2: Students will be able to communicate effectively.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will provide quality patient care.
- Students will demonstrate written communication skills.
- Students will demonstrate oral communication skills.

Goal 3: Students will demonstrate professionalism.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will model professional and ethical behavior consistent with the ARRT Code of Ethics.
- Students will demonstrate professional values in the clinical setting.

Goal 4: Students will demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the practice of diagnostic radiography.
- Students will evaluate radiographic images to determine diagnostic quality.

Program Effectiveness Data

In addition to the goals and student learning outcomes, the performance of the radiography program is reflected through program effectiveness data as defined by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) (20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-3182, 312-704-5300, www.jrcert.org). Program effectiveness data includes the program completion rate, credentialing examination pass rate and job placement rate. Explanations of these measures and program data are listed below.

First-Time Pass Rate on ARRT Certification Registry

Five-Year average for Graduates of the Radiography Program will maintain a 75% credentialing examination pass rate or better for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist Radiography Examination on first attempt taken within six months of graduation.

Year	Number of Graduates that Took Exam	Number of Graduates that Passed on First Attempt	Pass Rate of First Attempt
2022	15	14	93%
2021	17	16	94%
2020	20	20	100%
2019	21	20	95%
2018	24	24	100%
Total	100	98	Five-Year Average 97%

Job Placement Rate

Five-year average job placement rate of graduates from the Radiography Program is not less than 75% within twelve months of graduation. Job placement rate is defined as the number of graduates employed in the radiologic sciences compared to the number of graduates actively seeking employment in the radiologic sciences.

The JRCERT has defined not actively seeking employment as: 1) graduate fails to communicate with program officials regarding employment status after multiple attempts, 2) graduate is unwilling to seek employment that requires relocation, 3) graduate is unwilling to accept employment due to salary or hours, 4) graduate is on active military duty, and/or 5) graduate is continuing education.

Year	Job Placement Rate	Students Employed in Radiographic Science within 12 Months of Graduation
2022	100%	15 out of 15
2021	100%	16 out of 16
2020	100%	20 out of 20
2019	100%	21 out of 21
2018	100%	24 out of 24
5 Year Average	100%	96 out of 96

Program Completion Rate

Students will complete Radiography courses and graduate from the program within 21 months. Program completion rate is defined as the number of students who complete the program within 150% of the stated program length.

Year	Program Completion Rate	Student Enrolled	Students Graduated Within 150% of Program Length	Reason
2022	63%	24	15	1 academic dismissal 8 voluntary withdrawal
2021	71%	24	17	2 academic dismissals 5 voluntary withdrawal
2020	83%	24	20	2 academic dismissals 3 voluntary withdrawal
2019	87%	24	21	2 academic dismissals 1 voluntary withdrawal
2018	89%	27	24	2 academic dismissals 1 voluntary withdrawal

For additional information regarding assessment and program effectiveness data please refer to the JRCERT website at www.jrcert.org.