Frequently Asked Questions for the Radiologic Technology Program

1. What are the program prerequisites?

- High School diploma or equivalent
- At least 18 years of age by 1 July of the year of application
- Hold a current, valid American Heart Association, CPR card upon entry into the program
- 2013 course prerequisites:
  - Students with an associate degree or higher will have to complete only the 7 core classes: Eng 1A (English Composition), Bio 31 (Human Anatomy), Bio 32 (Human Physiology), Math 82 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher, HS 36 (Medical Terminology), Psych 01 (Intro to Psychology) or Soc 1A (Intro to Sociology), and CS11 (Fundamentals of Computer Science). Each course will require a grade of C or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all 7 classes.
  - Students without an associate degree will have to complete the 7 core classes listed above plus 3 additional general education classes to satisfy the associate degree, general education requirements of Delta College. Each course will require a C or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all 10 classes.
- Completion of a prior knowledge written test.

2. How often are students admitted to the program?

- Students are admitted once a year. Refer to the general program information and getting started page for specific application procedures. The application window is from 1 January to 15 March.

3. When do classes begin?

- Each new group begins on or about July 1st. Class and clinical instruction is generally from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Currently there are no night or weekend classes.

4. How many students are selected each year?

- A maximum of 12 to 14 students are admitted each year.

5. How many students apply for admission to the program?
• Our application pool fluctuates from year to year. Typically we will see from 80 to 120 qualified applicants each year.

6. How much does the program cost?

• The major cost is tuition paid to Delta College. Tuition is dependent upon resident and non-resident status according to the "California Community College Enrollment Fee" as established by the Legislature. Presently (2012-2013) tuition is $46.00 per unit for California residents. Consult Delta’s catalog for non-resident fees. The two-year program currently carries 80.5 semester units. Books may cost about $700 for the two years. Additional costs will include uniforms, drug tests, background tests, liability insurance, and immunizations.

7. What is the current job market for graduates?

• There is currently a steady demand for Radiologic Technologists both locally and nationally. Albeit, this has been affected in the immediate community by the status of the economy.

8. What is the starting pay for a new graduate?

• Starting pay in this area is approximately $20-$26 per hour. The amount will vary according to the type of employer and the shift.

9. Are program requirements the same each year?

• Published program information, including entry requirements, are valid for the indicated year only. Any changes will be noted on this website and in printed program materials at least one year in advance.

All prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of application. A random selection will be affected from a pool of applicants. Applications will be assigned a numerical score. Applicants’ names or designated number will be entered into the pool in 3 tiers. The first 50% of names drawn will from those above a cutoff score who have established residence within the region. Next, the names of those above the cutoff from outside of the region will added to the pool and the next 25% of the current class will be drawn, and then all the remaining names will be added to the pool and the final 25% will be selected.