



7 Points To Ponder Before Enrolling in a Radiologic Science Program

1. You're going to have to touch people, including strangers.
R.T.s are hands-on people. This profession is high tech and high touch.

2. Radiologic technology isn't just a job.
It's a profession. Professionalism means committing to lifelong learning. That kind of commitment isn't for everybody.

3. School needs to be a priority.
Studying to be an R.T. is a demanding, full-time job. In addition to hours in the classroom and at clinical sites, you'll need time for studying. Make sure you can give it the time and attention it's going to take, and ask for your family's help and support, too.

4. Your friends think you'd be great at it, but is your heart really in it?
Patients deserve high-quality care from professionals who choose to focus on diagnostic imaging or radiation therapy. Give

yourself permission to change your plans if you've realized that radiologic technology just isn't for you.

5. Don't settle for this because the program you really wanted was full.

If your career choice doesn't ignite a passion in you, you're likely to be unhappy.

6. Don't set yourself up for failure, thinking the program's too hard or you won't fit in.

It is going to be challenging, but if you've been accepted, you've got what it takes to succeed. Stay focused, study hard and ask for help when you need it. Seek out positive, encouraging people who will support your success. Stay away from negative thinkers.

7. It's not going to be a breeze, either.

Here's a reality check: Ask current students and instructors what the program's really like. Students often say they had no idea how much they were going to have to learn and understand.