

TIPS FOR A COMPETITIVE COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY APPLICATION

HOW ARE THE APPLICATIONS SCORED?

Item	Rank
GPA in primary-pathway program (in-program courses only)	1
Statement of intent	2
Overall quality of application (accuracy, completion)	3
Paid ARRT-licensed Technologist experience	4
Optional job shadowing	5
Letters of reference (dated within last six months)	6

START EARLY

Primary-pathway and RTE 2055 transcripts are required. To ensure candidate eligibility for program entry, it is the candidate's responsibility to the pre-req accepted by Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) and documented on the RRCC transcript within six weeks of completing the pre-req.

SUBMIT A COMPELLING STATEMENT OF INTENT

This carries a large amount of weight in your application score. This is your opportunity to stand apart from others as the best candidate for the program. Follow the statement of intent instructions very carefully and have someone critique it for you.

TREAT THE "OPTIONAL" ITEMS AS "REQUIRED"

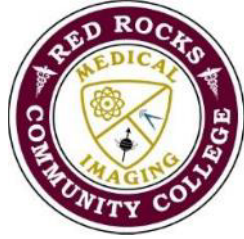
Points for job shadowing and healthcare experience make a big difference in your score. Try calling clinical sites affiliated with RRCC to job shadow and call multiple places – don't give up!

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Get compelling LORs from a supervisor, faculty member or healthcare supervisor. Ask them to speak to your strengths as a potential healthcare professional. Only two LORs are required and adding more does not earn more points. Put quality before quantity.

READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY & CHECK YOUR WORK

Several applications are not considered each semester due to incorrect, missing or incomplete documentation. Read all instructions carefully. After submitting your application, you will be sent a copy via email. Check it for errors or unreadable attachments. Contact the Advanced Modality Coordinator if you need to submit a new corrected application.



RED ROCKS CT PROGRAM FAQs

Q: How many people apply each semester?

A: The applicant pool can vary from semester to semester. On average we get about 40 applications, interview 20 candidates, and accept about 6-10 students every semester.

Q: Is it difficult to get into the program?

A: The competitive pool of applicants varies each semester. During high-volume, highly competitive application times, as few as 20% of applicants may make it into the program.

Q: I did not get into the program this semester. Can I apply again next semester?

A: Yes, we encourage you to apply again. Some candidates do get in if they try again. You can apply as many times as you want.

Q: Do you keep a waitlist of prospective candidates?

A: We do not keep a waitlist. If you are still interested, you'll need to re-apply next semester.

Q: What happens if I interview but do not get offered a spot?

A: We keep a list of interview scores. Should someone decline an offer to join the program, we will offer it to the next highest scoring candidate. You may also re-apply the following semester.

Q: How recent do pre-requisite courses have to be?

A: As of 2023, RTE 2055 must be completed within 4 years prior to entering the program.

Q: I won't be done with my pre-req by the end of the semester in which I apply.

A: RTE 2055 may be taken in combination with the CT Program. It is just required that proof of enrollment is submitted and that you pass with a 'C' or better to complete the CT Program.

Q: I've tried but cannot find a facility that will allow me to job shadow. What should I do?

A: Try joining the facility as a volunteer. Try calling clinical sites that are affiliated with the Red Rocks program. If you are unable to shadow after multiple attempts, include an explanation in the comment section of your application.

Q: What are the clinical internship hours like?

A: Students are able to schedule clinical shifts that are flexible to their schedule. Shift hours vary, but last about 8 hrs per shift. Schedules are determined with the facility student preceptor at the beginning of the semester so the student can plan ahead.

Q: How do you decide where to send students for clinical internship?

A: Assigning clinical internship is a complex process based on a variety of factors. We do consider personal preference, but cannot guarantee top choices.

Q: Can I continue working during the program?

A: Workload capacity, studying needs, and personal obligations are different from individual to individual. In general, yes, the program is set up that coursework is online and clinicals are flexible to the student schedule.

Q: Do I have to be vaccinated for COVID to participate in the program?

A: Yes. Clinical facilities require that all students be vaccinated for COVID-19. Vaccination requirements are subject to change.

Q: Do CT students get paid for interning at the clinical sites?

A: No. The clinical sites provide training but not monetary compensation.

Q: Does the program offer online coursework?

A: Yes, the program is in fully in an online format. Check the website for current information.

Q: If I get into the program, does that guarantee I can take the ARRT exam and be employed?

A: Entry into the program does not guarantee national licensing or employment upon graduation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they meet any specific eligibility requirements of the ARRT and/or potential employers.

Q: Is the national ARRT licensing exam difficult?

A: The ARRT exam is an intense, 3-hour exam that will test you on nearly six months of knowledge and training. Most RRCC graduates pass on the first try, but a lot of preparation and studying is needed. RRCC has high ARRT pass rates compared to the national average.