

Radiologic Sciences

Fact Sheet

Radiation exposure with resulting harmful effects such as cancer induction is a growing national concern and can only be minimized through the proper education of those tasked with administering radiation in the performance of diagnostic imaging procedures. Diagnostic Imaging procedures such as Radiography, MRI, CT, and Mammography are becoming more complex every day and require critical thinking skills that are best developed in BS degree graduates.

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) recognized the *critical mission* of the UCF Radiologic Sciences program and designated it along with Nursing as the only health programs to participate in statewide articulation.

The Radiologic Sciences program has been offered and fully accredited at UCF for 35 years. During this time, we have built a program of the highest quality with an impressive reputation in the Orlando area as well as across the State. This is the *only BS degree program in the State University System, and the only AS to BS articulation option*. Many community college programs look to UCF as the benchmark and gold standard for educational practices and outcomes in Radiologic Sciences, and Florida AS degree programs specifically design their curricula for easy transition of their graduates into the AS to BS transfer program.

Elimination of the state's only BS degree program leaves no other option for professional development through the attainment of advanced degrees. This will translate into a critical shortage of highly trained radiologists and educators that will be felt by practitioners and consumers across the state. The education of Radiologic Technologists should be of immense concern to anyone who utilizes medical services.

Other important outcomes of the Radiologic Sciences program include the following:

- Each year **100% of its graduates pass the national certification exam** given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) with average scores **well above the national mean**.
- The program maintains a **100% employment rate** of graduates with the majority staying in the Orlando area. These are individuals who graduate with immediate job skills and earn high salaries, thereby contributing to the strengthening of the local economy.
- Area **employers report 100% satisfaction** with the quality of the program's graduates, and typically prefer UCF grads to those with AS degrees.
- In December 2008, the program achieved a **flawless** reaccreditation by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).
- The limited access entry level program remains in high demand with a strong applicant pool each year. Admits have a **3.7 average GPA**.