

SwedishAmerican Hospital School of Radiography Admission Policy

Non-Discrimination Statement

The SwedishAmerican School of Radiography provides equal opportunity for admission to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability or national origin.

Professional & Academic Admission Standards

- The applicant must be 18 years of age before entering the program. This is to comply with radiation protection regulations.
- The applicant must be a high school graduate (or equivalent). Before starting the program, the applicant will have to have earned a minimum of an associate's degree.
- Admission procedures require applicants to have completed specific prerequisite course work with a grade of "C" or better.
- The applicant must have earned a 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average in college or higher to be considered for admission. Admission procedures favor applicants with superior academic achievement.
- The applicant must be of good moral character, as verified through applicant references. The School requires a criminal background check on each applicant before admission to the program. The applicant must complete the criminal background check before August 1st of the enrollment year.
- Due to the nature of employment as a radiologic science professional, the applicant must be able to perform the Essential Functions of a Radiographer, as outlined in the Student Handbook.
- Students admitted to the program must complete the required SwedishAmerican pre-placement physical examination to verify ability to perform Essential Functions. The program will not enroll an accepted student who fails to complete the required physical form and background check prior to the August start date.

Prerequisites

In addition to, or within the associate's degree, the applicant must complete, at minimum, eight prerequisite college courses before starting classes at the School of Radiography. A grade of "C" or better is required in all prerequisite courses. Prerequisites include: Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II (with labs), English Composition, Oral Communication (Speech), Chemistry (with lab), Medical Terminology, Psychology and College Algebra or Statistics.

The applicant may take these courses at Rock Valley College, the University of St. Francis or another regionally accredited college or university. All Math and Science courses must be completed within the last 5 years to be accepted. All prerequisites must be approved by the Program Director. If you have any questions regarding prerequisite courses, please contact the Program Director.

The applicant may submit an application for admission before completing all of the required prerequisite courses. Applicants may be admitted conditionally, pending completion of the required prerequisites. The applicant must verify successful completion of all courses by providing an updated official transcript before they can begin classes in August. Failure to prove prerequisite compliance will result non-admittance into the program.

Applying to the School of Radiography

1. The applicant must submit a completed Radiography Application by March 15th of the year they intend to be enrolled. The application will be available on the right hand margin of the school's website at <https://www.swedishamerican.org/join-our-team/school-radiography>
2. Due to the competitive nature of admission to the Program, the applicant is encouraged to apply early. The application must include the names, complete addresses and e-mail addresses of three academic or professional references (no family or friends).
3. There is a \$35 application fee. All fees must be sent in the form of a money order or certified check made payable to: SwedishAmerican School of Radiography. Mail the check to the address listed at the bottom of this page. Applications will not be reviewed until the application fee has been received.
4. The applicant must provide official high school and ALL college transcripts. The high school and college(s) attended must forward official copies of transcripts directly to the program director at SwedishAmerican School of Radiography (address below). Official electronic transcripts are also accepted.
5. The applicant must complete the PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination after application submission. Testing is scheduled by appointment. Applicants are responsible for contacting the school at (779) 696-4966 to schedule the testing. Applicants who have completed the exam as part of the application process for another program may have their scores forwarded to SwedishAmerican, rather than repeat the exam. The applicant is responsible for contacting the other program to have the scores sent to SwedishAmerican. Applicants may take the examination up to 3 times per application cycle. All admission testing must be completed by March 15th of the application year.
6. All applicants are required to perform eight-hour day of clinical observation in the SwedishAmerican Hospital Medical Imaging department as part of the admissions process. It is the applicant's responsibility to call the school at (779) 696-4966 to schedule the observation after the application has been submitted.
7. Applicants seeking admission to the baccalaureate track must also contact and apply to the University of St. Francis at: <https://www.stfrancis.edu/> Official transcripts must also be sent to USF. For additional information, call the director of allied health enrollment at (815) 740-5037.

Mail application and official transcripts to:

SwedishAmerican School of Radiography

Program Director

1401 E. State St.

Rockford, IL 61104

Electronic transcripts can be sent to:

Program Director:

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