Student Selection Process

25 students will be selected out of approximately 80 applicants

Admission to NMSU or DACC does not constitute admission to the Radiologic Technology Program.

There is limited enrollment in the Program and selection is based on the following system:

- Evaluation of Prerequisite course grades: 70 possible points.
- Residency: 3 possible points (based on residency in Doña Ana, Eddy, Otero, Grant, Luna, Lincoln, Sierra or El Paso counties).
- TEAS test: 40 possible points (Based on Reading, Math, Science and English). **If a student scores less than 60% on the TEAS test, their GPA must be at least a 3.4 in order to be eligible to apply for the program. If a student scores a 60% or greater on the TEAS test, their GPA must be at least a 3.0 in order to be eligible to apply for the program. The TEAS test can only be taken once per application process.**
- Students applying to the program for the 2nd time who have an overall college GPA of 3.5 or greater will be given 3 additional points toward their application.
- Based on overall application point tally, students will be selected for written and/or an in-person interview.
- The applicants with the most points who have successfully completed the application and interview process will be offered a position in the class. *Final selection is based on the applicant agreeing to their 2nd year clinical site assignment*. The 2nd year of the program begins in the summer -3rd semester of the program. 1st year clinic rotations (semesters 1 and 2) are all in the Las Cruces area.
- During the 2nd year of the program, clinical sites are based in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Artesia, Carlsbad, Deming, Silver City, T or C, Ruidoso and El Paso. Every effort is made to meet the applicant's 1st or 2nd choice for clinical assignments. When conflicts arise, clinical sites are assigned by a random drawing. You will know and will have

agreed to your 2nd year clinic site assignment prior to beginning the program courses. Students who are geographically dispersed to clinic sites outside Las Cruces need to know that all travel and lodging costs are their responsibility.

- During the 2nd year of the program clinic rotations, evening and/or weekend shifts are periodically assigned, but most shifts are during the weekdays.
- **Students who choose Artesia, Carlsbad, Silver City, or Ruidoso during the application process will receive 2 additional points toward their application. These are locations that you must relocate to or have a residence available.**
- *Adjusted Credit Policy - *Overall College GPA* - Adjusted Credit Option GPA will be used if more than 15 hours of adjusted credits are earned. If a student has less than 15 hours of adjusted credits, the original GPA and the adjusted credit GPA will be averaged. *Prerequisite GPA* - the original grade earned will be used (adjusted credit will not apply)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Students must be a minimum age of 18 before the clinical training begins in the Fall semester.
- Students convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may be ineligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national certification exam. *Certification is <u>required</u> to work in this field.* It is the student's responsibility to petition the ARRT for registry eligibility and to meet the regulations set forth by the ARRT. Contact the program coordinator for additional information.
- Students who do not pass requested drug screens or background checks (required by the program or the clinical affiliates) will be dismissed and/or excluded from the program.
- Radiologic Technology Students should demonstrate proficiency in speaking, writing, and comprehending college-level English. We are exploring the option of utilizing a screening test and the student may be required to pass this screening test prior to being accepted into the program.
- It is recommended that female students avoid pregnancy while enrolled in the program for the safety of the unborn child. Pregnancy disclosure is strictly voluntary; however, it is recommended that the student inform the program director. (Program requirements must be met regardless of pregnancy status).

  <u>The Radiologic Technology Program begins each Fall Semester only</u>. Students must maintain full-time status throughout the program. The Program is 21 continuous months in length.