

MRI TRAINING PROGRAM

ONSITE CLINICAL PRACTICE



MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

Neurologic & Orthopedic Imaging TRAINING POLICIES ABOUT THE PROGRAM

MRI, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, is a method used by physicians to look inside the human body to obtain diagnostic information. Incorporating an advanced technology, MRI produces images of the anatomy without the use of radiation as in X-Ray and Ct Scanning. MRI utilizes the physical properties of magnetic fields, radio waves and computers to generate images of the soft tissues within the body in any plane. This technique is now commonly used as a primary diagnostic tool. It can help provide a quick and more accurate diagnosis for the physician, which in some situations can reduce the need for exploratory surgery and other diagnostic procedures which might have associated risk. MR is a non-invasive procedure and there are no known side effects. The procedure is painless. The patient cannot see or feel anything. A faint knocking sound will be heard, which is simply the imaging process in operation. The benefits of magnetic resonance are many with new applications continually being developed through on-going research. MRI procedures are used for all parts of the body and is effective in the clinical evaluation of many pathological processes.

The MRI Training Program is designed to give the student practical hands on experience in performing exams in MR. The exams and procedures in this program are basic in nature and do not cover the more specialized exams such as but, not limited to MRA, contrast, FMR, spectroscopy, run off, etc. The primary sphere of experience will cover basic neurologic and orthopedic work. Also, different facilities will be used according to time, availability, and patient scheduling.

In the event that no patients are available to be scanned, a student trainee will be used. Due to size limitations to five to seven students are allowed per class, only two students are able to train at a time. Therefore, please adhere to your class appointments and schedules.

The prerequisites to taking the program are:

- + Completion of a formal radiologic technology program which is the ARRT 2year Associates degree or +completion of a LMRT or NCT Technologist program.
- +Or college courses- bachelors in chemistry and/or biology.

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Make up to an extra \$1,000.00 per month scanning patients from your referrals- network of contacts.

Neurologic & Orthopedic Imaging Program offers

- Business of Radiology
- MRI Training
- Business opportunity to make cash/personal income

We teach you the processes that all facilities use to generate income in the Radiology Department whether you scan patients or not.

Specialized Hands on Program

- 20 weeks hands- on
- 10 weeks for RT with prior X-Ray Experience

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FAQS- QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the difference between the 10 week & the 20 week program?

- Cost and level of training**

10 wk is \$1,750.00

20 wk is \$3,500.00

- Non –Accredited**

Hands on is non-accredited

- **Can I take the ARRT exam?**

Neither program will qualify students to sit for national certification by ARRT unless you presently hold the ARRT RT license. That is, you have completed the RT 2 year program and meet all clinical requirements.

- **Is there a law?**

There is no law or certification requirement for a technologist to be able to perform MRI exams. We provide a unique opportunity to learn MRI and become proficient.

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FAQS- QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- **What is class like?**

Classes are small, usually 4 to 8 students held informally with testing every 2 weeks. Clinical sessions are very informal unless scheduled patients are being seen. No more than 4 students in a clinical setting.

- **Why your company?**

- 1) Personalized Training
- 2) Business Opportunities
- 3) Skilled technologists

- **What will I receive once I finish the program?**

Students who complete the training program will receive a completion certificate which shows that they have completed the 20 weeks of specialized MRI Training at the MRI Training Institute. They will then be qualified to perform MRI exams.

More On ARRT Prerequisites

- 1) Must have primary certification in radiology before sitting for the post primary test for MRI
- 2) Only RTs can qualify for the ARRT MRI exam at the present time.
- 3) There is consideration for non-RT Technologist to take the ARRT MRI test. (see ARRT Annual Report for Technologist page 5). We will keep you updated.

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WORKING IN THE FIELD JOB OUTLOOK

- 1) There is no law barring a person from working in the field who is not a Radiologic Technologist. Properly trained technologists have been successful in securing positions in MRI facilities. With our program the greatest chance for employment is with free standing independent offices.
- 2) Pay scale is \$20.00-\$30.00 per hour based on experience level and training. Best pay rates are through contract employment at outpatient facilities.

Completing the Program

- 1) This is a non-traditional training program that is built on practical work experience. In order to be successful, outside reading and studying are required. The reading material is essential to understanding the MRI system, protocols, and patient care etc.
- 2) Attendance- Training (hands-on) sessions are valuable! You cannot make up missed opportunities! Each class session builds upon knowledge and experience gained in the previous session. You will be assigned a specific training slot. Please be prompt as different groups have different time slots and classes start on time. Due to class size limitations, you must keep your assigned time.
- 3) Assessments- Scanning proficiency must be demonstrated before a completion certificate will be issued.

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Fee payment and payment plans

The cost for the MRI Training program is \$3,500.00 the fees are due at orientation or you may reserve your spot in class by a 50% deposit. **As each class size is limited the \$1750.00 is non refundable. Also, no refunds or extensions are made for student's who withdraw, quit, miss or fail class training sessions.**

Students not completing payment arrangements by the beginning of the fourth week of class will be on hold until the balance is paid.

Neurologic & Orthopedic Imaging, INC. Diagnostic Radiology Imaging Network Presents the MRI Training Program

Thank you for interest in our seminar and training program for MRI. Our program is designed for technologist who are presently working in the field and for recent X-Ray and NCT trained technologist with desire to learn MRI. X-Ray Technologist who want to find better ways to increase their annual salary utilizing the skills and training that they have received in addition to the training that we have to offer will find benefit in our seminar as well.

The seminar portion of the training covers the important basics of the Business of Radiology whereby we as Technologist learn how to capture a greater amount of reimbursement for our skills. This seminar will show you how to tap into the reimbursement system to add at least \$10,000.00 or more to your annual salary. Our goal with the seminar class is to teach medical and non-medical participants how to generate income in the healthcare field whether or not the perform services as MRI Technologist. There are many facets to the healthcare business accessible for making money.

The MRI Training program is designed for RT and NCT trained Technologist who desire to cross train into MRI. This course provides for non-traditional teaching environment which will give the student practical application and actual hands on scanning experience. Our teaching methods include classroom lectures and small group rotations at the MRI unit. Our primary focus is to give you as much hands on scanning time as possible.

The fee for the MRI Training is \$3,500.00 for 20 week class, \$1,750.00 for the 10 week class. The eight hour two day seminar is \$500.00. Depending upon the size of the class and seminar sessions, times for class and training sessions may either be held in group sessions or private training sessions at the MRI clinical site at 2205 Southgate in Arlington or, 655 South Great Southwest Parkway. Please contact us for available classes and times. Individuals interested should mail, fax, or email to (mritrainingdallas@yahoo.com) a statement of interest to reserve a seat in the next class beginning in Fall of '2010. Rates for all classes will increase for the Spring sessions! Be sure to sign up soon!

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MRI STUDENT ORIENTATION

Checklist

Training manual

Class schedule

Scrubs and or Lab coat

Pertinent articles from newspaper

1st week assignment

Students Responsibilities

- Attend class and stay on schedule
- Complete worksheets
- Be patient with the learning process (MRI can be very difficult)
- Do homework
- If possible, study up on different websites specific to MRI

The MRI training program is designed to provide practical hands on experience along with classroom instruction in the performance of MRI exams. The program requires each student to attend each scheduled class and complete the assigned course work. Due to the limited times available to learn the required material, outside reading is a requirement in order to stay current with the materials presented.

During classroom sessions, regular attire may be worn. During clinical sessions scrubs must be worn. As the training sessions are held in a very non- traditional and informal manner please be mindful of the fact that the time training is very valuable to each and every student. During clinical sessions, one student will scan, one will observe and one will serve as a patient. Please be courteous and patient during the time that your partner is scanning. Clinical training is very time consuming. You may use that time waiting for your turn to scan studying the material.