# **FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGISTS**

#### Houston Gulf Coast Region<sup>®</sup>

# YOUR FUTURE AS A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST

Have you ever had an x-ray? Then you've probably met a radiologic technologist. Radiologic services, often called imaging services, employ radiologic technologists who perform imaging tests to assist in diagnosing patients. Some radiologic technologists specialize in computerized tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). While most are employed in hospitals, jobs are also available in many specialties and settings. The health industry has been trying to overcome a severe shortage of radiologic technologists for a number of years.

# Factors contributing to the shortage:

- the number of medical imaging procedures performed are increasing each year
- a growing and aging population
- a workforce that is approaching retirement age
- difficulty in attracting new entries into the workforce
- advancing technology requires continued training



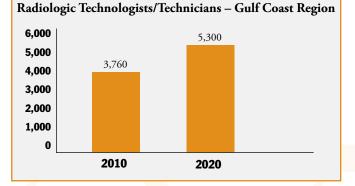
# THE NUMBER OF RADIOLOGIC **TECHNOLOGISTS IN THE GULF COAST REGION WILL GROW BY 41 PERCENT** FROM 2010 TO 2020!

THE GULF COAST REGION NEEDS TO **TRAIN 215 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS** EACH YEAR FROM 2010 TO 2020 TO **KEEP UP WITH DEMAND!** 

Due to Replacement 60

Due to Growth 155

\*Includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.



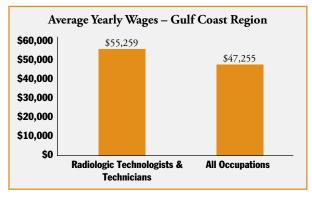
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# VISUALIZE YOURSELF IN THIS EXCITING CAREER THAT PAYS MORE THAN \$55,000 A YEAR.



# WHAT ABOUT SPECIALIZED POSITIONS OR ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

With experience and additional training, candidates may become specialized, branch into other related occupations, or move up into management positions:

- CT scanning specialist
- Angiography
- Mammography specialist
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Supervisor
- Chief radiologic technologist

# PLAN EARLY FOR A CAREER AS A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST

Radiological technology occupations usually require completion of a

two-year associate degree program. Formal training programs do, however, range in length from 1 to 4 years and lead to a certificate, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree. Training programs can be found at:

- Community Colleges
- Universities
- Vocational-Technical Institutes
- In some instances, training is available in hospital-sponsored programs

In addition to training completion, employers generally require job candidates to be certified by the American Registry of Radiological Technologists. To be eligible for certification, technologists must graduate from an accredited program and pass an examination. In addition, candidates are generally required to be licensed or eligible for license by the State of Texas Department of Health.



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# **PREPARING FOR A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST\***

9th Grade	Suggested Coursew	Suggested Coursework		
	English I	World Geography	Career-Related Electives:	
	Algebra I	Languages other than English I	Introduction to Health Science Tech-	
	Biology	Health/PE or Equivalent	nology AND Medical Terminology	
10th Grade	Suggested Coursework			
	English II	World History	Career-Related Electives:	
	Geometry	Languages other than English II	Health Science Technology I	
	Chemistry	Technology Applications		
11th Grade	Suggested Coursework			
	English III	United States History	Career-Related Electives:	
	Algebra II	Communication Applications	Health Science Technology II or	
	Physics	PE or Equivalent	Anatomy and Physiology of Human	
			Systems or Languages other than	
			English III	
12th Grade	Suggested Coursework			
	English IV	Government/Economics	Career-Related Electives:	
	AP Statistics	Fine Arts	Heal <mark>th Scie</mark> nce Technology III or	
	Scientific Research		Pathophysiology or Independent Study	
	and Design		or Calcul <mark>us or</mark> Languages other than	
			English IV	

\*Source: AchieveTexas.org



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# **GULF COAST REGION RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST PROGRAMS**

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGES:**

- Galveston College
- Houston Community College System
- Lone Star College System
- San Jacinto College District
- Wharton County Junior College

# **HEALTH-RELATED INSTITUTIONS:**

- Harris County Hospital District
- Memorial Hermann Healthcare
- University of Texas-MD Anderson

# **MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN THE GULF COAST REGION**

- Advanced Diagnostics
- Harris County Hospital District
- HCA Healthcare
- Health Care Partners
- Healthsouth Diagnostic Imaging
- Houston VA Medical Center
- Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
- Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
- The Methodist Hospital
- Oak Bend Medical Center
- River Oak Imaging
- St. Luke's Episcopal Health System

- Shriners Hospital for Children
- Tenet Health Care
- Texas Children's
- Hospital
- The University of
- Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- The University of Texas Medical Branch

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