

RAD FAQ's

Your journey to become an x-ray technician in Ohio begins with the Ohio Allied Health Consortium. Associates degrees in Radiographic Imaging (x-ray) can be earned at two of our Ohio schools – Northwest State Community College (Archbold, OH) and Urbana University (Springfield, OH).

For more information on the Ohio Allied Health Consortium's x-ray technician programs, please visit our [Radiology Imaging Program page](#) (<http://www.ohioalliedhealth.com/programs/RadiographicImaging.aspx>). You can also learn more about x-ray technology by visiting [The American Society of Radiologic Technologists' website](#) (www.asrt.org).

How often will I have to come to campus?

Most radiographic imaging (x-ray) courses in our program include hands-on-labs, which must be done on campus. These labs will take place every other Friday and will last approximately 6-8 hours. You must also come to campus to take your final exams. These will be conducted over a two day period at the end of the quarter.

Where will I do my clinical rotations?

Every attempt will be made to assign distance education students to clinical rotations within their geographical area.

How often will I attend clinicals?

First year students attend clinicals two days a week during fall, spring, and winter quarters. They go five days a week during summer quarter. Second year students go two days a week for the rest of their time in the program.

How long is a clinical day?

A clinical day is eight hours.

How much time will I spend preparing for classes?

Plan on spending at least 15-18 hours a week watching the lectures, doing assignments, and studying.

How will I access the radiographic imaging (x-ray) classes?

Some classes will be broadcast to the partner schools (Northwest State Community College or Urbana University) via videoconferencing in a live format. Other classes will be archived, which will allow you to view them online in the convenience of your home.

The class materials, which include lecture outlines, power point slides, and assignments, will be made available to you online via our college's course management system, ANGEL. Webcast links of all the

lectures are also posted on ANGEL to give you the opportunity to review them as many times as you wish.

Will I have any contact with my radiographic imaging (x-ray) instructors?

All instructors have their contact information (i.e. email address, office phone #) posted online on the course management system. You will be encouraged to call or email them with questions/concerns. Instructors also make visits to the clinical sites on a regular basis. Lastly, instructors will be available the days you are on campus for your labs.

What qualities does a successful student enrolled in a distance education program possess?

To be successful in a distance program, you need to possess good time-management skills and basic computer skills, be highly organized, and be willing to take control of your educational experience.

Will I be able to continue working full-time as I do the Radiographic Imaging (x-ray) Program?

Based on past observations, this is not recommended.

Will I have any contact with the students enrolled in the campus Radiographic Imaging (x-ray) Program?

You will have some interaction with the campus students during the live videoconference lectures. For instance, you will be able to see them when they ask a question or make a comment and vice-versa when you ask a question or make a comment. Some instructors have included online assignments that promote interaction between the distance students and campus students. Both groups of students will take final exams together at Rhodes State College (Lima, OH). Lastly, you will all walk together during the graduation ceremony.

Is the distance program easier than the campus program?

No. The distance program follows the same guidelines and curriculum as the campus program. Every attempt has been made to provide equal opportunity among both groups of students.