MRI TECHNOLOGIST

MRI technologists use innovative technologies to create diagnostic images by determining and setting technical parameters and positioning the patient to create images that accurately display anatomy and pathology. In addition to technical expertise and computer literacy, excellent communication skills are essential for MRI technologists who are responsible for patient education, instruction, and safety.

CAREER DESCRIPTION*

» Typical Salary: $66,400 (NE); $68,420 (National)
» Projected job Growth: 5.9% (NE); 1.9% (National)
» Career opportunities are available in clinics, hospitals, research institutes, educational facilities, or equipment application and sales.

TYPICAL EDUCATION**

» Length of Program: 9 months
» Approximate Cost: Pending 2019-2020 Tuition
» Proof of English proficiency if native language is not English
» Typical-entry level education: Bachelor’s degree
» Average admittance GPA: 2.87-3.72

NEARBY SCHOOLS

» University of Nebraska Medicine Center
» Nebraska Methodist College
» Clarkson College
» University of Iowa
» Washburn University (Wichita, KS; Topeka, KS)

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

» Volunteer in the community (local health departments, community engagement organizations)
» Maintain a GPA above 3.0 to remain competitive
» Begin networking – make positive connections with faculty and community leaders

*Data and information from Bureau of Labor Statistics.
**Data and information from UNMC.

"The UNMC MRI program gives me the opportunity to obtain classroom and clinical experience while being a distant student. Throughout the program, I am able to gain practical knowledge and put those skills into action while demonstrating the highest quality of patient care and service."

-UNMC, MRI Program Graduate

"I love being an MRI Technologist because I get to meet all types of people. If you’re a social person, this is a great career option for you. Working with the MRI scan machines is fun too. It makes you really feel like you’re in charge!"

-UNMC, MRI Program Graduate

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