RADIATION THERAPIST

Radiation therapists treat cancer and other diseases in patients by administering radiation treatments. They also operate machines to deliver concentrated radiation therapy to the region of a patient’s tumor since radiation can shrink or remove cancers and tumors. Thus, radiation therapists are often part of oncology teams.

CAREER DESCRIPTION*

» National Average Salary: $86,850
» National Projected job growth: 9%
» Treat cancer with technology
» Many work in hospitals, physician offices, and outpatient centers

TYPICAL EDUCATION**

» Years of school (including undergraduate): 4
» Approximate cost (including undergraduate): $81,225
» Average entering GPA: 3.7
» Typical-entry level education: Bachelor’s Degree in Radiography

NEARBY SCHOOLS

» University of Nebraska Medical Center
» Ohio State University
» St. Louis University
» Southern Illinois University

COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS ALWAYS...

» Maintain a competitive academic record
» Obtain health care experience
» Must have current certification and registration by the AART
» Shadow professionals in the field

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS SAY

“Millions of Americans every year depend upon medical imaging exams to diagnose disease and detect injury, and thousands more rely on radiation therapy to treat and cure their cancers.”

-Charles W. Pickering

“In the radiation laboratory, we count it as a privilege to do everything we can to assist our medical colleagues in the application of these new tools to the problems of human suffering.”

-Ernest Lawrence

*Data and information from Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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