

RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM
Radiation Therapy Associate in Science Major Code 2159
Radiation Therapy Specialist Technical Certificate Major Code 6228

Program Description

The Radiation Therapy Programs prepare individuals to successfully perform as a radiation therapist. Radiation therapists are vital members of a team of health professionals including a radiation oncologist (physician), physicist, dosimetrist, and oncology nurse. Some of the many functions of a radiation therapist include: assisting the radiation oncologist in localizing the tumor and simulating treatment parameters, treating patients with malignant diseases using ionizing radiation, monitoring patient's physical condition and response to treatment and recognizing treatment complications; Clinical education is performed in Broward and Palm Beach County hospitals and clinics and is offered concurrently with the didactic courses. The program maintains regional accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Program Description

This Associate in Science degree program is a two-year program. **Applicants must complete all of the AS General Education course requirements prior to admission to the second year of the program.** Upon completion of this degree program, the student will be eligible to write the Radiation Therapy Exam, and be certified by, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and become licensed by the State of Florida as a Radiation Therapist. Clinical Education is performed in Palm Beach and Broward County hospitals and clinics and is offered concurrently with the didactic classes. The program maintains regional accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The program is offered in Building 41 on North Campus. Applicants should access admission information online at www.broward.edu/healthsciences, or call 954-201-2890. Applicants should call the program manager at (954) 201-2352 for specific program information.

Radiation Therapy AS Program applicants who have criminal convictions or concerns must clear the ARRT ethics requirements through a pre-application review of eligibility process. The Pre-application Review of Eligibility process with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists is done to avoid potential delays when applying to take the certification exam. Applicants should contact the ARRT directly at 651-687-0048 for further information.

Criteria for Admission to Radiation Therapy - Associate in Science Degree:

- Applicants must fulfill the general requirements for admission to Health Science Programs.
- A minimum 2.5 degree GPA.
- Applicants must complete the Pre-Health Science Core requirements (HCP 0130, CAE 0299, CAE 0382, CAE 0474 and CAE 0476) after submitting the health science application and prior to entering the program.
- Applicants must complete the pre-requisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher prior to submitting an application. See list of courses below.
- Applicants must complete a Medical History and Physical Examination prior to the start of RAT courses in Term I, August. Completion of the physical is not required for application to the program. Physical Examination information will be provided to students at the preadmissions meeting.

Radiation Therapy AS Program Selection Criteria

Once students have successfully completed **all** prerequisite courses (i.e., ENC 1101, BSC 1085, BSC 1085L, , BSC 1086, BSC 1086L & MTB 1310 or MAT 1033) & have applied to the Radiation Therapy Program with the **required minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA**, admission will be based on a point system. Points will be awarded for the number of courses completed toward the A.S. Degree in Radiation Therapy, Grade Point Average (programmatic) and work experience.

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Points for Courses Completed Toward the Degree:

Only those courses required for the A.S. Degree in Radiation Therapy (exclusive of the prerequisite courses & pre-health science core requirements) will be used to award points. One point will be awarded for each course successfully completed with a minimum of a "C" (or "S") grade regardless of the number of credits. The points awarded for courses completed at BC or that are transferred in as equivalent are as follows:

**CGS1060C Computer and Internet Literacy	1 point
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	1 point
Social/Behavioral Science Elective	1 point
SPC 1024 Intro to Speech Communications or SPC 1608 Public Speaking	1 point
*Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students who meet all of the application criteria	1 point

Points for Accumulative Grade Point Average

Points as follows will be awarded for the cumulative average of the courses that are required by the AS degree. This is for courses completed at BC or that are transferred in as equivalent:

2.5 -3.2 GPA	1 points
3.3-4.0 GPA	2 points

Points for Health Care Work Experience

Full time employment in a radiation therapy department	3 points
Part time employment in a radiation therapy department	2 points
Full time employment in a Health care environment	2 points
Part time employment in a Health care environment	1 points

Selection of Students:

Students with the highest point totals will be offered admission to the program based on availability. In the event of a tie, admission will be based on date of application (first come, first serve). Students are therefore, encouraged to apply as soon as possible after all prerequisite courses are completed. The earliest applications can be submitted is September 3rd (i.e., 11 months in advance of the program start date in August of the following year). Only those applications meeting the program selection criteria will be considered. **Incomplete applications or those received before students have completed the prerequisite courses will be returned.**

Students selected for the program will be notified by the Admissions Department via e-mail during the months of June. Those accepted will be required to attend a pre-admission session & accept or decline their place in the program. Students can defer entry into the program until the following year. However, such students must enter the program the following August. Those who do not enter the following year will have to reapply for admission.

Students who do not attend the pre-admission session or contact Admissions to accept, decline, or defer entry into the program will need to reapply for the following year.

Note: In order to successfully progress through the AS Radiation Therapy Program, students must achieve a grade of "C" or above in all didactic courses and an "S" (satisfactory) grade in all clinical and laboratory courses. This requirement is in addition to maintaining an overall degree GPA of at least 2.0.

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Pre-requisite Courses

*ENC 1101	Composition I	3
*BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
*BSC 1085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
*MAT 1033	Intermediate Algebra or	
*MTB 1310	Applied Mathematics	3
*BSC1086	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
*BSC1086	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
Total Semester Hours		14

First Year Term I

RAT 1001	Introduction to Radiation Therapy	3
RAT 1614	Introduction to Radiation Therapy	
	Physics	3
Elective	Humanities	3
**CGS 1060C	Computer and Internet Literacy	3
Total Term Semester Hours		12

First Year Term II

*RAT 1111	Radiographic Process	2
*RAT 1111L	Radiographic Process Lab	1
SPC 1024	Intro to Speech Communications or	
SPC 1608	Public Speaking	3
Elective	Social/Behavioral Science	3
*RAT 1021C	Clinical Instrumentation	2
Total Term Semester Hours		11

First Year Term III

*RAT 1804	Clinic Education I	3
Total Term Semester Hours		3

Second Year Term I

RAT 2240	Radiation Pathology	3
RAT 2021	Principles of Radiation Therapy I	3
*RAT 2617	Advanced Physics I	3
*RAT 2023	Oncology	3
*RAT 2814	Clinic Education II	3
Total Term Semester Hours		15

Second Year Term II

*RAT 2022	Principles of Radiation Therapy II	3
*RAT 2618	Advanced Physics II	3
*RAT 2241	Radiobiology	2
*RAT 2824	Clinic Education III	3
*RAT 2657	Quality Assurance and Pharmacology	3
*RAT2248	Radiation Oncology Sectional Anatomy	2
Total Term Semester Hours		16

Second Year Term III

*RAT 2619	Dosimetry and Computer Treatment	
	Planning	2
*RAT 2619L	Dosimetry and Computer Treatment	
	Planning Lab	1
*RAT 2834	Clinic Education IV	3

Total Term Semester Hours 6**Total Program Semester Hours** 77

*Requires a pre- or co-requisite or proper score on placement test. Refer to the course descriptions found online at www.broward.edu.

**Students must fulfill the computer literacy general education requirements within the first 15 hours of BC credit by successfully completing the basic student technology test or pass the CGS1060C to earn the degree.

It is strongly recommended that students see an academic advisor or counselor every term.