



Explore a Career as a **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST**

What do Radiologic Technologists do?

Radiologic technologists are the healthcare professionals who perform diagnostic imaging procedures, such as X-ray examinations, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans and computed tomography (CT) scans. Radiologic technologists are responsible for accurately positioning patients and ensuring that a quality diagnostic image is produced. They work closely with radiologists, the physicians who interpret medical images, to either diagnose or rule out disease or injury. Some radiologic technologists prepare a mixture for the patient to drink that allows soft tissue to be viewed on the images that the radiologist reviews.

Radiologic Technologists are in demand in Kankakee County!

Kankakee County employment of radiologic techs is expected to increase through 2020. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recognizes the job outlook as growing faster than average.

Training & Educational Opportunities

An associate degree is the most common educational requirement for radiologic technologists. Education programs typically include both classroom study and clinical work. Coursework includes anatomy, pathology, patient care, radiation physics and protection and image evaluation. You will need to pass an exam to become a licensed radiologic technologist in the state of Illinois.

As a Radiologic Technologist you will:

- Adjust and maintain imaging equipment
- Position the patient and the equipment in order to get the correct image
- Precisely follow orders from physicians on what areas of the body to image
- Protect the patient by shielding exposed areas that do not need to be imaged

Radiologic Technologist

Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs and certifications to train for a career as a radiologic technologist:

- Kankakee Community College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire radiologic technologists in Kankakee County, including:

- Hospitals
- Medical and diagnostic facilities
- Outpatient care centers
- Physician offices



Wages & Openings

Radiologic Technologist Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$19.20
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$32.18
Average Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	21
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	122

Opportunities

After you earn your radiologic technologist degree, you will have many opportunities for advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Chief Radiologic Technologist
- Director of Imaging
- Radiology Assistant
- Radiologist Extender



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