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FROM: Program Director, School of Radiography
Bradford Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: Admission for the School of Radiography
Bradford Regional Medical Center

Thank you for your interest in the School of Radiography at Bradford Regional Medical Center. **Please carefully read the attached addendum to understand the significance of our collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (Pitt-Bradford).**

All those applying to the School of Radiography @ BRMC for the class scheduled to begin in August 2023 must submit all required application information by February 1, 2023 (even if you are enrolled in Pitt-Bradford's Pre-Radiological Science major). Completed applications received after February 1, 2023 will be accepted but held for the class scheduled to begin August 2024.

If you wish to apply, **you must spend a half day in the Radiography School environment.** Contact the School office at 814-362-8292 to set up the half day visit. Students enrolled at Pitt-Bradford in the Pre-Radiological Science major are exempt from this requirement as long as they satisfy the **Basic Human Needs** didactic and lab requirements at Pitt-Bradford.

In addition to the required half day site visit, applicants must provide the following to the School of Radiography by February 1st, 2023;

1. Complete (by typing or neatly printing) the enclosed **School of Radiography Application for Admission**
2. **Two letters of personal reference** from individuals who can attest to the character of the applicant. Reference letters from relatives or immediate family are not acceptable.
3. **High school transcripts and college transcripts** (if you have taken college courses).
4. **Cumulative SAT scores of 960** (math and critical reading only). Usually SAT scores appear on the high School transcripts. The **ACT equivalent score of 20** is also accepted.
5. A non-refundable \$25.00 application fee in the form of a check or money order made out to School of Radiography @ BRMC. Please do not pay this fee in cash.

Application materials must be mailed to:

School of Radiography @ BRMC
116 Interstate Parkway
Bradford, Pa 16701

After February 1, 2023, completed applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent and must have completed 15 credit hours of college level general education. Applicants must have successfully completed the following prerequisite courses in either high school or in post secondary education; 2 English courses, 2 science courses, two math courses, and a minimum SAT score of 960 (math and critical reading only) or ACT equivalent score of 20. In each of the above-mentioned courses, the applicant must have received a final grade of 75% or better for that course to be accepted as a minimum requirement. See School's brochure for further clarification.

APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE:

Candidates coming into the Program must be degree matriculated or already possess a minimum of an associate's degree prior to application to the School.

The Admissions Committee will evaluate acceptable applications based on the following:

1. Quality Point Average (QPA) in the Radiological Science Major at Pitt-Bradford or the Individual Studies Program @ Jamestown Community College (JCC; Cattaraugus Campus). See brochure explaining the School's articulation agreements.
2. High School and college (if applicable) science and math grades
3. SAT scores of at least 960 (math and critical reading only) or ACT equivalent of 20.
4. Letters of reference and applicant exposure to work in a healthcare setting.
5. Your plan to satisfy the ASRT general education requirements.

Based on evaluation of applications by the Admissions Committee, selected candidates will be scheduled for a personal interview. **Students enrolled at Pitt-Bradford in the Radiological Science major achieving a 3.0 QPA (or higher) an interview will be granted with the School of Radiography Admissions Committee.** Students selected for placement in the class beginning in August 2023 will be chosen from applicants who are interviewed by the Admissions Committee in February/March, 2022.

The School of Radiography @ BRMC is a 24-month, competency based educational program which involves 800 hours of didactic instruction and 2000 hours of clinical experience. Students are required to travel to affiliate clinical sites in Warren, Coudersport, St. Mary's, Clearfield and Kane, Pennsylvania as well as Olean, New York during the 24-month program.

Graduates earn a certificate that entitles them to sit for a certifying exam administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Almost 100% (93%) of the School's graduates during its 30+year history have passed this exam.

The current tuition is \$7,000 per year. Students are financially responsible for book purchases (approx. \$1225), a computer technology fee of \$230.00 and expenses related to school uniforms. Required background checks (approx. \$85.00) must also be completed prior to admission into the Program. The School presently does **not** participate in Guaranteed Student Loan or Pell Grant programs unless the student is enrolled at Pitt-Bradford.

The School of Radiography is accredited through the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The accreditation guidelines are listed in the Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiologic Sciences and are available for review during the visit to the School.

For more information please contact the Program Director of the School of Radiography at (814) 362-8292 or check our website at <http://www.brmc.com/programs-services/school-of-radiography.php> Thank you for your interest in our program!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Burritt Capra MHA, RT (R); Program Director
School of Radiography at BRMC

Why consider starting your radiologic technology education at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford?

In 1995, at the 75th conference of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) House of Delegates, a resolution was adopted concerning the requirements for education in radiologic technology. A position statement was formulated at the conference establishing that, "... the ASRT recognizes the baccalaureate degree as the professional level of radiologic sciences education." It was intended to confirm that future radiographers will either be technical or professional practitioners. The ASRT went on to differentiate the skills and abilities associated with the technical and professional practitioner.

The School of Radiography at BRMC has a proud and successful 30+year history as a hospital-based certificate program and intends to continually strengthen its educational experience. However, the School's Advisory Committee felt it important to recognize the ASRT's 1995 resolution and develop a bachelors degree option available to former and future graduates certified through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

In January, 2001 officials from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (referred to as Pitt-Bradford) and the School of Radiography at BRMC developed a collaborative arrangement. Pitt-Bradford offers students the option of a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiological Science. Former and future graduates from the School of Radiography can transfer 50 credits toward a Bachelors Degree. **In addition, students can opt to begin their radiologic science education at Pitt-Bradford in a creative curriculum sequence referred to as the 2 + 2 program.**

During the past several years, interest in Pitt-Bradford's 2 + 2 Bachelors degree option has grown significantly so the School of Radiography has revised its admissions process to reward students enrolled at Pitt-Bradford. **Students enrolled in the Pre-Radiological Science major who achieve a 3.0 QPA in the fall (2022) will qualify for an interview with the School of Radiography Admissions Committee in February, 2023.** In addition, each year the School of Radiography Admissions Committee receives applications from other highly qualified applicants, whom they must also consider.

Those applying directly to BRMC's certificate program in Radiography are advised that the admissions process is very competitive; 90% of students admitted to the School of Radiography at BRMC during the past three years started their studies at Pitt-Bradford. As a reminder, only those prospective students who are degree granted can still apply directly to the School of Radiography. The ASRT now requires a minimum of an associate's degree for any graduate radiographer who plans to sit for the certification exam offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

In an effort to accommodate as many students as possible, the Radiography School @ BRMC doubled its capacity ten years ago by setting up clinical affiliations with healthcare providers in Coudersport PA, Warren PA, St. Mary's PA, Kane PA, Clearfield PA, and Olean NY. Currently, the School of Radiography accepts a maximum of 16 students per year.