



Bloomington, IN

RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM



INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET 2022

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Dear Interested Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the Radiation Therapy Program. Enclosed you will find information about the program; the current curriculum sequence, how to apply, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Radiation Therapy is an exciting field in healthcare; it is growing and changing every year. We want to help you with your goals to become a part of this healthcare team. Please carefully read through all the information supplied in this packet. This application packet is the most current and replaces any other previously printed application packet. If you have any questions, please contact enrollment services or a program faculty member.

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DEGREE AVAILABLE:

Associate of Science

SALARY RANGE:

The mean entry level salary for the profession in the South Central Indiana region is approximately \$57,000

ACCREDITATION:

Ivy Tech Community College is an accredited, equal opportunity, affirmative action institution of higher education.

This Radiation Therapy Program is accredited by the Joint Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

ADDRESS:

200 Daniels Way
Bloomington, IN 47404

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Radiation therapy utilizes ionizing radiation in a strictly controlled environment to treat disease, primarily cancer. High-energy x-ray, gamma, proton and electron beams are common forms of ionizing radiation used. Ionizing radiation can be administered using external beam therapy or by placing a radioactive material directly into a body tissue or cavity. The ultimate goal of radiation therapy is to destroy all abnormal cells while sparing the surrounding normal tissue.

Radiation therapists are part of a multi-disciplinary cancer management team. They are responsible for accurately positioning the patient for treatment, equipment operation, quality assurance, and calculating radiation dose to be delivered. Radiation therapists also have considerable responsibility for providing competent, concerned patient care. The therapist monitors patients throughout treatment, which often lasts several weeks

This program includes a curriculum that includes patient care, pathology and treatment principles, radiation physics, radiation biology and safety, and ethics (complete list is in this packet). Clinical practice and supplemental instruction are provided at the affiliated clinical sites. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates are eligible to take the American Registry Examination given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

This Radiation Therapy Program is a selective program with limited enrollment due to accreditation standards set by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Once accepted, it is a full-time, day program with students rotating to the various clinical sites. Classroom instruction occurs on campus in the program's VERT (Virtual Environment Radiotherapy Training) lab.

For some health programs, you may not be eligible to be licensed or certified if you have been convicted of a felony. Please check with the Program Chair if you have questions concerning this before enrolling in the program or you may contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) <http://www.arrt.org>.



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MISSION AND GOALS

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the radiation therapy program at Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington is to provide students with accessible, affordable, and high-quality education that guides them to pursue a career in radiation oncology. Through strategic partnerships, innovative training, and adaptive learning the program will prepare graduates for entry-level radiation therapist positions. It is the program's mission to promote world-class education and hands-on training throughout its curriculum that focuses on critical thinking, effective communication, diversity, and professionalism.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Students will possess the knowledge and skills to demonstrate competency in all essential aspects of radiation therapy including treatment/simulation procedures, patient care and radiation safety.
2. The program will provide a curriculum which promotes critical thinking and problem solving skills.
3. The program will graduate students that demonstrate professionalism and ethical decision making skills.
4. The program will provide a learning environment that promotes effective communication skills.

Students are provided opportunities to develop skills in team building, critical thinking, cultural sensitivity, and effective communication. Clinical experience fosters affective growth in providing care and responding to the needs of a diverse patient population. The program continuously promotes professional growth and life-long learning.



ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIATION THERAPY STUDENTS

Qualified applicants are expected to meet all admission criteria and prerequisites, as well as, these essential abilities (technical standards) with or without reasonable accommodations. Students requesting accommodations to meet these criteria must inform the Program Chair in writing of the need for accommodations at the time of admission to the Radiation Therapy program and must provide appropriate documentation to Disability Services.

Task	Weight (lbs)/Reach	% of Time	Description Tasks	Remarks
Carrying/Lifting/ Pushing/Pulling/ Bending/Stooping/ Squatting	250 lbs	40%	Carry patient from wheelchair/stretchers to treatment table. Lifting patients from treatment table to wheelchair/stretchers and at least 25 lbs above head (with no assistance) . Pull or push wheelchair/stretchers to treatment room, devices from treatment machine. Lifting and moving equipment and patients. Perform CPR.	With assistance of 1 or 2 additional persons
Hearing/Speaking		100%	Listening and communicating with fellow students, faculty, therapist, patients, and members of health team. Identify/interpret non-verbal communication; prepare treatment charts.	Must have excellent communication skills
Vision/Touching		100%	Performing patient care (identify skin color and/or sclera, locate veins to start IV's, regulate and monitor equipment (monitors, oxygen tanks, suction units, etc.)), palpate body parts, reading treatment parameters patient charts, and driving skills	Corrected to 20/20 Vision Able to comprehend nonverbal communication
Sitting		40%	At simulation consoles, treatment planning computers, during chart reviews	Computer work
Eye/Hand Coordination		100%	Writing, setting up patients for treatment (lining up pt. marks with room lasers), patient care skills, driving	Sometimes in adverse light conditions
Standing/Walking		90%	Patient care in treatment room/simulator. From treatment room to console, waiting rooms to treatment rooms	Sometimes in adverse lighting
Thinking/Intellectual/ Conceptual/ Judgment		100%	Analytical and critical, process information, evaluate outcomes, synthesize knowledge and skills. Accurately calculate and administer radiation doses. Identify changes in patient condition.	
Emotional/Coping		100%	Avoid demonstrating personal stress or frustration when interacting with others; demonstrate professional standards of practice under stressful and ideal conditions. Comfort patient when coping with diagnosis.	



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Program Course Requirements

Prerequisite courses must be complete by the end of the spring semester the student will be applying to the program.

PREREQUISITE COURSES	CREDITS	RAD. THERAPY PROFESSIONAL COURSES SUMMER SEMESTER	CREDITS
APHY 101 – Anatomy & Physiology I	3	RDTH 225 Clinical Externship II	3
MATH 136 – College Algebra	3		
APHY 102 – Anatomy & Physiology II	3	RAD. THERAPY PROFESSIONAL COURSES FALL SEMESTER 2	
HLHS 101 – Medical Terminology	3	RDTH 223 Radiobiology and Safety	2
		RDTH 232 Radiation Therapy Physics	3
		RDTH 240 Pathology and Treatment Prin. II	2
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES		RDTH 235 Clinical Externship III	5
BIOL 101 Introductory Biology	3		
COMM 101 – Speech or COMM102 – Interpersonal Communication	3		
ENGL 111 – English Composition	3	RAD. THERAPY PROFESSIONAL COURSES SPRING SEMESTER 2	
PSYC 101 – General Psychology	3	RDTH 241 Treatment Planning	2
Humanities Elective	3	RDTH 242 Quality Management in RTT	1
IVYT 112 – Student Success in Health Care	1	RDTH 243 Rad. Therapy Capstone Course	2
RAD. THERAPY PROFESSIONAL COURSES FALL SEMESTER 1		RDTH 245 Clinical Externship IV	3
RDTH 100 Introduction to Radiation Therapy	2		
RDTH 120 Cross Sectional & Imaging Principles	2		
RDTH 150 Patient Care in Rad. Oncology	3		
RDTH 110 Virtual Clinical Seminar	1		
RAD. THERAPY PROFESSIONAL COURSES SPRING SEMESTER 1			
RDTH 160 General Physics for Radiation Therapy	3		
RDTH 220 Techniques and Applications	3		
RDTH 230 Pathology and Treatment Prin. I	2		
RDTH 155 Clinical Externship I	3		



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APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

If You Are Planning To Apply To the Radiation Therapy Program, PLEASE Read This Information Carefully

The Radiation Therapy Program has a limited enrollment based on the standards set by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Applications to the program and/or completion of prerequisite courses do not guarantee admission into the technical portion of the program.

PRE- RADIATION THERAPY STEPS:

Since the Radiation Therapy Program is a selective program, it is important that you closely follow the application steps and the requirements that follow:

1. The following steps are required for new Ivy Tech Community College students
 - Complete the application process for Ivy Tech Community College in the Admissions Office at any campus or on-line at <http://www.ivytech.edu/apply-now/>
 - Provide any official college transcript(s) to the Ivy Tech-Bloomington Registrar Office.
 - Complete the **Accuplacer** Assessment test, if applicable.
 - Make an appointment with your campus Enrollment Services Health Sciences Advisor in the campus advising center to help you with this process and to help you interpret your **Accuplacer** scores.
 - If necessary, complete any of the Academic Skills courses required from the results of your **Accuplacer** test.
2. Meet all of the physical requirements (see essential functions sheet in this packet)
3. Complete the prerequisites by the due dates (see below)
 - Prerequisite courses need completed by the end of the spring semester the student will be applying to the program.
4. Complete admission and selection criteria
5. Completion of ATI TEAS. - (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Accepted Beginning	Application Deadline	Class Selected	Start of Radiation Therapy program
March 23, 2022	May 17, 2022	May/June, 2022	August, 2022



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**RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM
 2022 ADMISSION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection of Radiation Therapy students will be based on the following criteria:

- ATI TEAS Admission Examination
- Completed Coursework
- Mandatory Program Information Session
- Suggested Clinical Observation (not required for admission)
- Documentation of an eligible current certification in healthcare (not required for admission)

1. ATI TEAS ADMISSION EXAM (*refer to page 9 of this document for TEAS requirements*)

2. COMPLETED COURSEWORK (*refer to page 10 of this document for policy on multiple attempts at one course*)

- a. Prerequisite courses must be **completed by the end of the spring semester** in which you apply.

APHY 101 Anat & Physiology I	3
APHY 102 Anat & Physiology II	3
MATH 136 College Algebra	3
HLHS 101 Medical Terminology	3

3. MANDATORY PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

- a. All applicants **are required** to attend one Radiation Therapy Program Information Session during the year they are applying.
- b. Information Sessions will be held multiple times throughout the fall and spring semesters.
- c. Days and times the Information Sessions will be held can be found at www.ivytech.edu/radiation-therapy under the Bloomington campus dropdown.
- d. Failure to attend one Information Session **before the application deadline** will make applications incomplete and will not be considered for program acceptance.

4. SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL OBSERVATION

- a. Experience may be documented using the attached “Professional Observation” form (pg. 14 in packet).

5. CERTIFICATION IN HEALTHCARE

- a. Prior healthcare certification is **not required** for admission to the Radiation Therapy Program.
- b. Eligible certifications include RT(R), LPN, RN, EMT, Paramedic, CCMA, CMA, CNA, ABOC, or NCLEC.
- c. Applicants will be required to upload a current copy of their certification in the online application system. Only **current** certifications from the eligibility list above will be accepted.
- d. Applicants who meet the healthcare certification eligibility requirements will be awarded 5 points. Only one certification will be counted towards the application process.

**Successful completion of coursework does not imply admission into the Radiation Therapy Program. Applicant scores will be totaled and ranked. Based on rankings, the online application system will extend offers for acceptance to the Radiation Therapy Program.*



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ATI TEAS Requirements

- A. Students must score in the proficient, advanced, or exemplary ATI Academic Preparedness Category on the ATI TEAS to be considered for admission to the Radiation Therapy Program.
1. The student's **ATI Academic Preparedness Category** appears on the TEAS Score report immediately below the **Adjusted Individual Total Score**. Students whose ATI Academic Preparedness Category is at the developmental or basic level will not be considered for admission.
 2. **The Adjusted Individual Total Score** will be included in the selection point system. Points awarded for the TEAS exam will be calculated as 20% of the Adjusted Individual Total Score.
- B. Students must take the ATI TEAS .
1. Information on the ATI TEAS is available at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep>
 2. Study guides are available via campus libraries, bookstores and also at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep>
 3. The ATI TEAS may be taken up to 2 (two) times in a one-year period regardless of the testing location.
 4. There must be at least 30 (thirty) days between the test dates for the ATI TEAS (as with number of attempts, this excludes previous versions).
 5. The student must pay the approved testing fee each time.
 6. Exam scores will be valid for 2 (two) years from the date of the initial ATI TEAS test.
 7. The ATI TEAS test must include all four test components to be considered valid: Reading, English, Math, & Science. Partial tests will not be accepted.
 8. Applicants who take the ATI TEAS at schools other than Ivy Tech must contact Assessment Technologies Institute to have an official copy submitted directly to the radiation therapy program chair.
 9. **The last day to take the ATI TEAS is April 30th**. Plan your testing dates accordingly.
 10. For information on scheduling a remote ATI TEAS exam, visit the program webpage at <https://www.ivytech.edu/radiation-therapy/> or contact your academic advisor.



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Radiation Therapy Multiple Course Attempts Policy

When multiple course attempts are reported on the transcript(s):

- Multiple Attempt Policy (ASOM 3.2) – Students may repeat a course one time. In cases of extenuating circumstances, students may attempt a course for a third time only with the approval of the Campus Academic Officer (CAO) or designee. A withdrawal counts as an attempt. Exclusion of course attempts for the radiation therapy admission point system does not exclude those course grades from calculation of the student’s grade point average (GPA). Please refer to the Ivy Tech catalog for policies related to calculation of GPA.
- The **highest earned grade of the first two attempts will be used** for the selection decision score. This includes courses appearing on transcripts from other schools as well as any course withdrawals.
 - Exception: The online application system for the program cohort beginning in Fall 2022, as a transition initial roll-out, will count the highest of the first three grade attempts from the initial attempt regardless of the date in which the course was taken. As an example, if a student took the same course in 1999, 2003, 2005, and 2010, the system will pick up the highest grade from the 1999, 2003, and 2005 attempts. For these applicants, “W” grades will be removed from the total count of attempts and the highest grade received of a student’s first three attempts in a course will be pulled for the course point allocation on their application.



Radiation Therapy Clinical Rotation Sites

Students will be required to rotate to various hospitals and clinics for the clinical portion of their education. The currently approved clinical sites include the following:

Clinical Site	Location	Approx. Distance from Bloomington Campus	Required Rotation for All Students
IU Health Bloomington Hospital Cancer Radiation Center - Bloomington	Bloomington, IN	5 miles	Yes
IU Health Bloomington Hospital Cancer Radiation Center @ White River Medical Park	Bedford, IN	30 miles	Yes
Schneck Medical Center	Seymour, IN	60 miles	Yes
Benesse Oncology Center of Major Hospital	Shelbyville, IN	70 miles	Yes
Terre Haute Regional Hospital	Terre Haute, IN	55 miles	Yes
IU Health Morgan Hospital	Martinsville, IN	25 miles	Yes
Columbus Regional Hospital	Columbus, IN	45 miles	Yes
Memorial Hospital & Healthcare Center	Jasper, IN	70 miles	Yes
Hux Cancer Center of Union Health	Terre Haute, IN	60 miles	Yes
Baptist Health Floyd	New Albany, IN	90 miles	No; Determined by distance from student's home



Radiation Therapy Program Course Checklist

Applications must be completed electronically through Ivy Connect during the application period provided on page 7. Refer to the Radiation Therapy webpage at www.ivytech.edu/radiation-therapy or the Application Guidelines on page 16 of this document for an application link and more details.

The following tables can be used as a checklist for your records only; **do not submit**. Pre-requisites must be completed at the end of the spring semester in which you apply. General education courses are not required to be completed at the time of application but taking some or all general education courses is highly encouraged due to the difficulty and time demands of the program.

PREREQUISITES (REQUIRED)

PREREQUISITE COURSES	SEMESTER COMPLETED	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	Grade	Transcript on File: Yes/No
APHY 101: ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I				
MATH 136: COLLEGE ALGEBRA				
HLHS 101: MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY				
APHY 102: ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II				

GENERAL EDUCATION

BIOL 101: INTRO BIOLOGY				
ENGL 111: ENGLISH COMPOSITION				
PSYC 101: INTRO. TO PSYCHOLOGY				
HUMANITIES ELECTIVE				
COMM 101: FUND. OF PUBLIC SPEAKING OR COMM 102: INTRO. TO INTER. COMM.				
IVYT 112: STUDENT				



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SUCCESS IN HEALTH CARE or equivalent				
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**Computer literacy is required for program entrance. Proof of literacy may include completing CIS 101, an appropriate equivalency exam, or demonstrated life experience. The applicant must be proficient in the use of presentation and document software (ex. Word and PowerPoint).

POINT DISTRIBUTION

*(For your records only, **do not submit**)*

SECTION 1

Completion of ATI TEAS Entrance Exam (points awarded by taking 20% the Adjusted Individual Total Score)

<i>Section 1 Points Earned</i> _____

SECTION 2

Completed Prerequisite Coursework

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
A	30
B	20
C	10
D	0
F	0

APHY 101 Anatomy and Physiology I	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
MATH 136 College Algebra	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
HLHS 101 Medical Terminology	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
APHY 102 Anatomy and Physiology II	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

* CLEP/DANTES/VERIFIED CREDIT in any of the above 4 pre-requisites is not permitted.

**S/T/Pass = letter grade of C

<i>Section 2 Points Earned</i> _____

SECTION 3

Program Information Session (Required)

<i>Section 3</i>	<i>Attended Information Session</i>	<i>YES / NO</i>	<i>Date attended</i> _____
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SECTION 4

A. Optional Professional Observation (Not Required)

<i>Section 4A</i>	<i>Professional Observation form Completed</i>	<i>YES/NO</i>
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B. Healthcare Certification (Not Required)

<i>Section 4B Points Earned</i> _____

Total Points =

***In the event of a tie, cumulative GPA will be used as the deciding factor.



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**Program in Radiation Therapy
Professional Observation**

Students may wish to visit one of the program’s clinical affiliates or a cancer center of their choice for an observational period. This may help the student determine if this profession meets the students’ educational and professional goals. Applicants may submit this form, as a supplemental document with their program application. This observation is not a requirement for program admission but is highly suggested.

This applicant has completed an observation at our clinical site.

Facility Name

Date

Student Name



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Clinical Supervisor Name

**Please use this form to document any observational experience.*

CHECKLIST FOR RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM

College Admission Requirements:

1. Application to Ivy Tech Community College
2. Official College Transcript(s) on file with the Ivy Tech Registrar's Office
3. Accuplacer taken or SAT / ACT Scores evaluated

Program Admission Requirements:

- Step 1 _____ Complete the four (4) prerequisite courses by the end of the Spring 2022 semester.
- Step 2 _____ Complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) by the application deadline.
****Note: the TEAS testing window for spring 2022 applications ends April 30.*
- Step 3 _____ All transcripts from institutions other than Ivy Tech should be on file and evaluated by the Ivy Tech Registrar Office by the application deadline. Evaluation of transcripts can sometimes take a few weeks, so plan accordingly by sending official transcripts to the Ivy Tech Registrar Office well before the application deadline. Not allowing enough time for the Ivy Tech Registrar Office to receive and evaluate the transcripts may result in not receiving credit for transfer courses before the application deadline. Ivy Tech transcripts, including courses transferred from other institutions, are found through your MyIvy account. (You may request assistance from the Office of the Registrar to help you locate transcripts in MyIvy).
- Step 4 _____ A mandatory Program Information Session has been completed. (*Note: Attendance will be verified.*)
- Step 5 _____ Professional Observation Form (if completed)
- Step 6 _____ Copy of current eligible certification in healthcare. (if applicable)
- Step 7 _____ Submit application documents in online application portal by deadline (May 17, 2022).
See the Application Guidelines on the following page for steps on how to apply.



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****Incomplete applications will be declined. It is your responsibility to submit the program admission requirements and any supplemental documentation; we will not contact you if your application is incomplete.*

****Applications must be submitted electronically through the application portal in Ivy Connect. They cannot be hand delivered, mailed, or emailed.*

Online Application Guidelines

All applicants for select admission and limited enrollment programs, which includes Radiation Therapy, must use the School of Health Sciences and Nursing Online Application system, Ivy Connect. In order to be considered for admission into one of the limited enrollment programs, an application must be submitted during the application window of March 23rd - May 17th. No paper or emailed applications will be accepted. Please see the steps below:

Before beginning the application:

- 1.) Please secure any required or optional documentation (i.e., proof of professional observation, copies of certifications) that you will need to upload into the system. You will have the ability to save your application in progress until you are able to secure documentation.
- 2.) You will need a C# and Ivy Tech login credentials in order to apply. If you are not a current Ivy Tech Community College student, please [Apply Now](#).
- 3.) You will need to make sure your scores for pre-admission exams (TEAS) have been sent to Ivy Tech.
- 4.) Please visit the [Nursing and Health Science Community Page](#) or the [FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions) for program requirements and frequently asked questions.

To begin the application process:

- 1.) Go to <https://www.ivytech.edu/radiation-therapy/index.html> and click “Apply Now”
(Note: the application is only available during the application window given on page 7)
- 2.) Log in using your Ivy Tech credentials.
- 3.) Check to make sure your personal information is accurate.
- 4.) Select the programs and campuses you would like to be considered as an applicant.
You can select up to 3 different programs and 3 different campuses.
- 5.) Upload any necessary documents.



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- 6.) Make sure grades for pre-requisites and pre-admission exam scores (ATI TEAS) in the system are accurate. If not, please contact your home campus registrar or advisor.
- 7.) You will be able to submit your application if you are currently taking a course identified as a prerequisite into the program. The system will award points for the course once the online application closes and final grades are posted.
- 8.) Once complete, submit your application.

After the application window closes (May 17th):

- 1.) Make sure all of your grades are posted prior to the application close date. If your grade(s) for prerequisites is/are not posted before the deadline, your application will not be accepted. Please contact your course instructor immediately if your grades are not posted to ensure your application will be accepted. Instructors have until midnight on May 19th to post final grades.
- 2.) All notifications regarding the selection process will be sent to your Ivy Tech email. The auto-selection process will begin on Saturday, May 21st. If you are offered a spot in a program, you will have exactly 42 hours to either accept or decline an offer. Below is the schedule for admission notifications:

Auto-Select: May 21st – 31st

- Round 1 – May 21st - Offers Released May 22nd – Offer Expires at 11:59pm
- Round 2 – May 23rd – Offers Released May 24th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm
- Round 3 – May 25th – Offers Released May 26th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm
- Round 4 – May 27th – Offers Released May 28th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm
- Round 5 – May 29th – Offers Released May 30th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm
- Round 6 – May 31st – Offers Released June 1st – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

Manual-Select: Begins June 3rd if spots still remain in the program (may extend to start of fall semester)

Other Notes:

- Once you accept an offer, your name will be removed from the applicant pool for all programs and will be moved to the accepted list for the appropriate program and campus.
- Each round will begin at 6am and you will have until 11:59pm the following day to either accept or reject an offer. If you fail to respond, then the offer will expire. If you reject an offer three (3) times, then you will be removed entirely from the application pool for all programs.



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- You do have the ability to withdraw your application at any point during the admission cycle. However, once you withdraw your application, you will not be able to apply again until the next application cycle.
- For the Radiation Therapy Program, the Program Chair will send an email to your Ivy Tech email address with program orientation details once the cohort is full. This email will likely go out the week of June 6th, assuming all spots have been filled at that time.



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Radiation Therapy Program **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

1. How many students do you accept every year?

Presently it is 8 in odd years and 7 in even years.

2. How many applications do you receive?

It varies from year to year but average is around 35-40.

3. Is there a waiting list?

No, we do not use a waiting list. If an applicant is not selected, then he or she must reapply the following year.

4. What is your deadline for the application?

The deadline is May 17th.

5. When are students selected? How will I know if I am accepted?

The selection process will be May/June. Students will receive an email from the Ivy Tech Online Application System regarding acceptance status. See the Online Application Guidelines section of this packet for details.

7. Where do I take the TEAS?

See information about TEAS in the selection process of this packet. TEAS can be taken at the Workforce and Assessment/Testing Centers at most Ivy Tech campuses or remotely during the allotted testing window.

8. What do I need to score on the TEAS?

See page 9 of this document for TEAS requirements

9. How can I study for the TEAS?

There is a Pre-Test manual for the TEAS test available in the Ivy Tech bookstore. For sample questions and testing tips go to <https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep>. Your campus library may also have resources available.

10. How are students selected?

The selection process is decided by a points system. See point distribution document in this packet.

11. What do I need to do if I am accepted?

If you are accepted into the Radiation Therapy Program, you will need to do the following:

- Submit to a criminal background check and drug screen (instructions will be provided in an email from the Program Chair in the weeks following your acceptance into the program).
- Attend the mandatory summer program orientation session (date, time, and location will be provided soon after you accept a position in the program).
- After you have attended the summer orientation you will need to:
 - Submit required immunizations by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.
 - Have a TB skin test.
 - Have a current BLS CPR card.
 - Required to travel to the various clinical sites.

Information about how to obtain each of these will be given at orientation.



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12. What happens if I am not accepted?

If the student is not accepted the student may...

- Reapply the following year.
 - Students must submit a new application
- Consult with your advisor for other programs that you may complete or be eligible to pursue.
- Discuss with faculty areas that need to be improved.
- Discuss with faculty an alternate plan.

13. What is the cost of the program?

The program is 70 credits, including pre-requisites and general education courses. See page 6. The College has separate tuition rates for part-time and full-time students. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/tuition/> for more details on current tuition.

Other cost includes:

- Program Scrubs. Purchased in bookstore for approximately \$50 per pair.
- For Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters, the cost of books will be covered for free by Ivy Tech.
- Students will travel to a variety of clinical sites so gasoline is another cost.
- General Program fees that cover radiation monitoring and access to clinical records.

15. Can I work and be in the program?

You can but we do not recommend it. The regular hours of attending class and going to clinical are about 32-35 hours a week and you still need commuting and study time on top of that.

16. What do I do if I've already completed a college degree?

Have your official college transcripts sent to Bloomington Ivy Tech to be evaluated. The evaluation will determine what classes will transfer and what additional courses need to be completed.

17. Do I have to drive to Bloomington for RDTH classes?

Yes, the program is Bloomington based and students are required to attend face-to-face classes at this campus.

18. What if my criminal background check or drug screen comes back positive?

The student may or may not be able to complete the program's clinical portion. The clinical portion is a requirement for graduation. We strongly encourage you to inform us of any possible issues that may show up on your background check.

19. Where can I complete the suggested professional observation?

Any radiation therapy/oncology department that you choose. The Human Resources department for each facility is usually a good starting point for scheduling an observation. Note: many facilities have still not resumed allowing observations due to Covid.

20. What is the average GPA and TEAS scores for accepted student?

Overall GPA average: 3.3 - 4.0

Total TEAS score average: above 85

***Most students accepted to the program have all/mostly all A's in the pre-requisite courses, regardless of overall GPA. Those who do not have all A's in the pre-requisites tend to score higher on the TEAS exam or have an eligible healthcare certification to help offset the points lost for the pre-requisite grades.