

Radiologic and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologists



JOB DESCRIPTION: Radiologic technologists, also known as radiographers, perform diagnostic imaging examinations, such as X-rays, on patients. MRI technologists operate magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners to create diagnostic images. Other job duties include adjusting and maintaining imaging equipment, precisely following orders from physicians on what areas of the body to image and working with physicians to evaluate the images and to determine whether additional images need to be taken.

MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY: MRI technologist \$69,930 and radiologic technologist \$58,440.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Associate's degree required from an accredited program. Many MRI technologists start out as radiologic technologists and specialize later in their career. Radiologic technologists must be licensed or certified in most states. Employers typically require or prefer prospective technologists to be certified even if the state does not require it.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This occupation is projected to grow 13% from 2016 to 2026.

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Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics and South Carolina Hospital Association.