1. Is there a website with information?
   - http://dacc/hps/radiology/

2. Who can I talk to about the program?
   - Annja Cox, Program Director, DAHL 190E/(575) 527-7581
   - Tammy Chaffee, DAHL 185A/(575) 527-7772
   - Michael Stewart, DAHL 191A/(575) 527-7582

3. In a nutshell, what does a student need in order to apply?
   - No entrance exam. Admission process includes: an orientation lecture and submission of a packet with documentation/information.
   - The following items are among the criteria considered in the selection of program applicants:
     1) Overall college GPA
     2) Prerequisite GPA
     3) Completion of prerequisites
     4) County of residence
     5) Advanced science or math courses
     6) 2nd/3rd time applicants who have a 3.45 or higher GPA will be given special consideration for class placement. For an outline of application process, go to http://dacc/hps/radiology/admission-process.html.

4. How does repeating prerequisites apply to this program?
   - a. If a student earns a grade of F in a prerequisite course and repeats the course, how is the new grade used toward consideration of acceptance into the program? Does the new grade replace the previous grade or is it averaged in with the F? What if the student repeats the course a second time? New grade is used. It also improves the overall college GPA
   - b. If a student earns a grade of D in a prerequisite course and repeats the course, how is the new grade used toward consideration of acceptance into the program? Does the new grade replace the previous grade or is it averaged in with the D? What if the student repeats the course a second time? New grade is used. Students will not be considered with a D or F in the prerequisites.
   - c. If a student earns a grade of C in a prerequisite course and repeats the course, how is the new grade used toward consideration of acceptance into the program? Does the new grade replace the previous grade or is it averaged in with the C? What if the student repeats the course a second time? Highest grade will be used.
   - d. Is there a cap on the number of times a student can repeat a course before the student will no longer be considered? Have not had to deal with this yet. Have not noticed it to be an issue.
   - e. Do any prerequisites or other courses have a time expiration? (Example: BIOL 225 must be repeated if taken more than 7 years prior to admission into the program.) If so, what are these courses and how do the new grade(s) work into the selection process? Have not had too deal with this yet. It has not been an issue.
   - f. How is transfer credit treated? Do you use the grade from the transcript where they previously attended and consider those grades or just take into consideration the CR, CD, or GR? Yes, college transcripts need to be seen and grades from other colleges are looked at. The GPA's are combined as if it was one university. Students sometimes have a hard time with this. They might have a 2.0 with 15 credits at another university and then a 4.0 here with 30 credits. The math is done to combine the GPA's as if it was one university taking into consideration the different credits.
   - g. Are students selected based on their prerequisite GPA alone, or a combination of their prerequisite and cumulative GPA? All of the above, 30 points on prerequisites, and 20 points on overall college (all colleges).

5. How does exercising the Adjusted Credit Option (ACO), affect student’s application?
   - Adjusted Credit Option GPA will be used if more than 15 hours of adjusted credits are earned. If a student has fewer than 15 hours of adjusted credits, the original GPA and the adjusted credit GPA will be averaged. Prerequisite GPA-the original grade earned will be used (adjusted credit will not apply).

6. What kind of a salary do graduates earn?
   - Median hourly earnings for entry-level positions range between $13 and $20 per hour, depending on job responsibilities and geographical location.
7 What kinds of grades are needed in order to graduate?
Radiologic Technology majors MUST earn a "C" or better in all RADT courses to receive credit for graduation. Course failure (D or F) in any class will result in dismissal from the program. The student may apply for readmission by following the readmission policy guidelines stated in III-G of the DACC Radiologic Technology Program Student Handbook.

Radiologic Program Grading Scale:
100-92 = A  91-83 = B  82-74 = C  73-65 = D  64-0 = F

8 Are there any special exams that may be taken upon completion of the program?
Graduates of the program are eligible to take (and must pass) the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification exam in order to obtain employment in this field. It should be noted that felony or misdemeanor convictions may make a student ineligible to take the ARRT exam.

Many states also require a license to practice as a radiographer in that state. Continuing education is required with both the ARRT and state licenses to retain current certification status.

9 Does having a felony/misdemeanor prevent students from applying?
Closed to those with a criminal record. Students convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may be ineligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national certification exam. Certification is required to work in this field. It is the student’s responsibility to petition the ARRT for registry eligibility and to meet the regulations set forth by the ARRT. Contact the program coordinator for additional information.

10 Is there an application deadline?  April 1

11 How many students apply?  How many are admitted?
Number of students applying:  60-80
Number of students admitted:  18-20

12 What is the average GPA of students accepted?
Fall 2013 cohort range 4.0 to 3.4
Fall 2012 cohort range 4.0 to 3.4
Fall 2011 cohort range 4.0 to 3.3

13 Is the program accredited?
Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

14 Are there additional program costs?
• Immunizations - PPD (TB), MMR, Tdap, Varicella, Hepatitis B series (costs depend on student's insurance)
• Current Health Insurance
All students are required to carry current health insurance for the duration of the program. Costs vary greatly. Students may qualify to remain on their parents’ insurance, they may obtain student insurance through NMSU, or they may find a good deal privately.
• Background Check, Drug Screen (approx. $89)
• CPR Course (approx. $40)
• Tuition - see tuition costs in current DACC schedule
• Textbooks (approx. $600)
• Uniforms - 5 scrubs, 2 lab coats, 2 pairs of shoes, name tag, shoulder patches, and ID markers (approx. $200)
• Graduation Fees (approx. $25)
• National Certification Fees (approx. $250)

15 Are there any special proficiencies students need to have?
Students must demonstrate proficiency in speaking, writing, and comprehending college-level English.

16 Is there any other information I might need to know?
It is recommended that the female student avoid pregnancy while enrolled in the program for the safety of the unborn child. Pregnancy disclosure is strictly voluntary; however it is recommended that the student inform the program director. (Program requirements must be met regardless of pregnancy).

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