



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

## FAQ – Bachelor of Science Radiation Therapy

### What is the process for applying to the Bachelor of Science Radiation Therapy program?

- Refer to our website and your program of choice for initial information and introduction.
- Contact us for program advising or if you have questions after you have visited our department website.
- Complete the online application, verifying that all questions are answered, and the application fee is included during official enrollment periods (non ARRT- October 1 – April 1 and ARRT October 1 – April 1).
- Follow the allied health admission procedures outlined by the program. There is only one application to both the program and University.
- Arrange to have original transcripts from your high school and all colleges attended **sent directly to:**  
**Admissions Processing**  
**11139 Anderson St**  
**Loma Linda University**  
**Loma Linda, CA 92350**
- Please note: Transcripts sent from you personally (even if sealed) or hand delivered are not considered "official" transcripts. They must be sent from your previous colleges.
- Complete the 24 hours observation.
- Complete prerequisites by the end of the summer of the year you plan to enter the program.

### Will I be prepared to take the board exam that goes with Radiation Therapy?

Upon successful completion of a program our graduates are able to sit for the ARRT national board exam. Classes are taught within the program that prepare students for board exams.

### Is the LLU Bachelor of Science Radiation Therapy program accredited?

Yes. The BSRTT program in the Department of Radiation Technology at Loma Linda University is accredited by WASC (Western Associate of Schools and Colleges) and by JRCERT. [www.jrcert.org](http://www.jrcert.org).

### What is LLU looking for in a student who applies to the Bachelor of Science Radiation Therapy programs?

- An individual knowledgeable about the field, either from reading or observing, who knows why she/he wants to enter the profession.
- An enthusiastic, motivated individual who desires to maintain high standards for didactic and clinical performance.
- Strong references from the applicant's prior work supervisors, instructors, or healthcare professionals knowledgeable about the applicant.
- A person whose transcripts reflect academic excellence in science classes, as well as related courses.
- A person who is motivated to take initiative, be a leader, and maintain high standards.
- A person who is motivated and challenged by the University's motto: "To Make Man Whole".

### What physical and mental abilities must I possess?

Entrance and completion of this program signifies that the candidate is prepared to practice in the profession. The candidate must be prepared to work in the standing position, do frequent walking, lift and transfer

patients, communicate effectively, and perform with both hands. For more information on this, please consult the Program Handbook.

**What academic record must I have to enter and stay in the program?**

BSRTT requires a minimum of 3.0 GPA in prerequisites and all courses in the program.

**Is there a waiting list to get into your programs?**

Currently, we do not have a waiting list for our programs; however, our programs are competitive. We often receive two to three times the number of applicants over the number of open seats in each program.

**When does the BSRTT program start?**

For ARRT applicants the program commences in the fall quarter and for the non-ARRT applicants classes start in the preceding summer quarter.

**When does the BSRTT program finish?**

For the ARRT applicant the program length is 21-months, and for the non-ARRT applicant the program length is 24 months. Both program tracks end in June and culminate with Commencement Ceremonies the second week of June.

**What is the job outlook for radiation therapy professionals?**

Like many healthcare positions, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, x-ray, CT, MRI, and sonography technology jobs are expected to grow much faster than other professions. National trends tell us that there could be up to a 35% increase in many radiology positions through 2014. Career advancement opportunities exist in education, administration, research, and in commercial companies as education/application specialists, sales representatives, technical advisors, etc.

**What must I do if I have studied outside of the United States?**

Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluation center from the list below. Email our admissions director if you have any questions regarding foreign transcripts. Please note: there are additional University requirements and fees for International students. Please contact our student services for more information.

**Is financial aid or student loans available?**

Financial aid is available to students depending on credit history. Contact the financial aid department for more information and deadlines. Please note: FASFA applications are due on or around March 1st of each year. Students are encouraged to secure educational funding as part of their application process.

**Do you offer weekend or night classes?**

No, we do not. Our program is a full-time, day program. Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You will also be assigned homework to complete. Some classes require afternoon clinical labs, which varies from quarter to quarter.

**Do you offer online courses?**

Some classes within BSRTT program offer a blended learning environment with some online components.

**Can I work full-time or part-time while taking radiation therapy coursework?**

Our program is a comprehensive and intense professional program. We do not recommend that you attempt to work full-time during this program. It is possible to work weekends but on a flexible, part-time basis. Living expenses can be built into financial aid assistance as an option for meeting your living expenses.

**Who do I contact to set up my career observation at LLUMC?**

Contact the department for further info.

**Where do I get the form to do my 24 career observation hours?**

Use the Career Observation Form (PDF) that is available from this link.

**If I live out of the area, can I do my career observation time at another facility?**

Yes. Contact us for further information.

**What do I wear to career observation appointments?**

Dress professionally: Lab coat or scrubs preferred or professional dress for patient care setting. See observation page for more information. Wear sturdy shoes. No open toe shoes.

**Am I required to provide transportation to school and to clinical sites?**

Yes. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from school and clinical sites. Some sites are located as much as an hour away from the Loma Linda campus.

**If I have had a lifetime of computer experience, do I have to take an introduction to computer class?**

No, you will, however, need to prove computer competency by documenting the type of computer experience that you have and the types of projects that you have completed using the computer. You can also show that you have taken an Introduction to Computers class.

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