

Radiologist Assistant



What do they do?

Radiologist Assistants are advanced level Radiologic Technologists. Radiologist Assistants work under the direction and supervision of Radiologists. They help perform diagnostic imaging exams such as CAT scans and x-rays. Radiologist Assistants also help assess and manage patient care.

Where do they work?

Most Radiologist Assistants work in hospitals while some work in private practices. Radiologist Assistants spend a lot of time on their feet working around radiation.

Pay:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly income for Radiologist Assistants and other health diagnosing and treating practitioners is \$115,390.

Education:

A master's degree is required to become a Radiologist Assistant. Acceptance into Radiologist Assistant master's programs requires a bachelor's degree. Students must also be a Registered Radiologic Technologist.

Radiologist Assistant Training Programs:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:
www.med.unc.edu/ahs/radisci

Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey: www.umdnj.edu

High School students interested in becoming a Radiologist Assistant should take classes in anatomy, biology, chemistry, physiology and math.

Accreditation:

Education programs for Radiologist Assistants are recognized by the American Registration of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

www.arrt.org

Professional Associations:

Radiologist Assistants can choose to join the following professional associations.

American Society of Radiologic Technologists: www.asrt.org



American Academy of Physician Assistants: www.aapa.org



Registry & License:

After completion of a Radiologist Assistant program a certification exam must be taken. The Registered Radiologist Assistant (R.R.A.) Exam is a 2 part, 7 hour exam. The first part of the exam is multiple choice questions and the second part of the exam consists of case study questions.

The Registered Radiologist Assistant exam is administered by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. For more information about the exam visit the website below:

<https://www.arrt.org/Examination>



Potential for Advancement:

There are many opportunities of advancement for Radiologist Assistants. Radiologist Assistants can advance into management positions. Radiologist Assistants may also move into teaching at colleges or into research.

Radiologist Assistants also can choose to specialize in these various areas:

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Computed Technology (CT)
- Mammography

Radiologist Assistants can also choose to attend medical school to become a Radiologist (M.D.).

Job Outlook:

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Radiologist Assistants (Physician Assistants) is expected to grow 31 percent between 2020-2030, which is faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Physician Assistants, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm (visited September 08, 2021)

