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Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Admissions/Enrollment

2027-2028 Academic Year

Application Process

The Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program begins accepting applications September 1. The application deadline each year is February 1 to be considered for the Fall Semester start date. Please select 'Fall 2027' in the 'Anticipated Starting Semester' field of the application.

Please note, if the application window of the Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program is closed it will not appear in the 'Program of Interest' list within the application. Applicants will only be able to submit their application when the application window is open.

Technical Standards

To be successful in the Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program, applicants and current students must meet the following technical standards with or without reasonable accommodation.

1. Candidates must have the ability to distinguish between shades of color and greyscale that will be seen in diagnostic imaging, and they must be able to accurately interpret numbers on a technique chart.
2. Candidates must have the ability to respond to verbal requests by patients, instructors, clinical preceptors and other caregivers.
3. Candidates must be able to move a minimum of thirty (30) pounds and be able to support up to 175 lbs. MRI technologists must assist, support and move patients to and from wheelchairs and carts onto examination tables.
4. MRI technologists work in one position, sometimes for hours. Candidates must be able to move among different imaging areas and patient care areas.
5. MRI technologists must be able to instruct patients and be able to express concern and compassion for them. Candidates must possess good communications skills as evidenced from the application and interview process. MRI technologists must perform data entry with efficiency and accuracy.
6. Candidates must be physically and mentally capable of fulfilling the objectives of the Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program. MRI clinical environments use powerful magnets, which may cause harm to individuals previously injured by a metal object (even if removed) or may interfere with some personal medical devices or implants. Examples may include certain: hearing aids, aneurysm clips,

insulin pumps, coils, continuous glucose monitors, filters, pacemakers, defibrillators, stents (other than heart), stimulators (e.g. DBS, VNS, SCS, bladder), IUDs, pain or baclofen pumps, penile implants, ear/cochlear implants, tissue expanders (does not include breast implants), programmable shunts, eye implants, loop recorders, or metal objects or implants. Candidates with any concerns should consult their healthcare provider.

Requirements

Individuals applying to the Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a minimum of an associate's degree from an accredited institution. The degree does not have to be in the radiologic sciences.
2. Complete all required prerequisite coursework at an accredited institution with a minimum grade of "C" and maintain a prerequisite GPA of at least 2.75. Required coursework includes one of the following options:
    - Medical Terminology
    - Anatomy & Physiology I, completed within the last five years *(Minimum 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits)*
    - Anatomy & Physiology II, completed within the last five years *(Minimum 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits)*

    OR

    - Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Imaging at Cuyahoga Community College, completed within the last five years

      Note: Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Imaging is accepted in place of A&P I and A&P II.
3. Maintain current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification *(please see Conditional Admittance section if you do not currently have a BLS certification).*

Transfer Credit as Prerequisites for Admission

The Primary MRI Program may accept college-level coursework (per the requirements noted above) from accredited institutions to satisfy the prerequisite requirements for admission to the program. Previously earned degrees do not serve as a substitute for

any specific prerequisites. Only coursework with a letter grade will be accepted. Pass/Fail or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory will not be accepted.

Credit By Examination

The program does not accept credit-by-examination (e.g., Advanced Placement, CLEP, International Baccalaureate) to satisfy the prerequisite requirements for admission to the program.

Transfer Credit for Program Requirements

The Primary MRI Program does not accept post-secondary credit to satisfy any required courses in the program.

Conditional Admittance

Applicants who have not completed all prerequisite courses by the application deadline (spring semester), may still apply to the program. Applicants must provide documentation confirming enrollment in all prerequisite courses at the time of application.

To remain eligible for the program, applicants must successfully complete all prerequisite courses before the summer semester. Applicants are required to submit an updated official transcript after the completion of spring semester demonstrating:

- Successful completion of all prerequisite courses at an accredited institution with a grade of "C" or higher
  - Medical Terminology
  - Anatomy & Physiology I, completed within the last five years
  - Anatomy & Physiology II, completed within the last five years

  OR

  - Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Imaging at Cuyahoga Community College, completed within the last five years

  Note: Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Imaging is accepted in place of A&P I and A&P II.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite coursework

Failure to meet these requirements or to submit the required documentation by the deadline will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

Applicants who have not yet completed an Associate's degree at the time of application, but will do so prior at the completion of spring semester, may still apply. To remain eligible, applicants must:

- Submit an official transcript verifying that the degree was conferred after spring semester once transcripts are available.

Failure to meet this requirement or to submit the required documentation by the deadline will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification is required for enrollment into the program but will not be asked for at the time of application. Once officially accepted into the program, you will be prompted to upload your certificate to the Campus Cafe applicant portal prior to the start of the program. Training from the following provider(s) is accepted:

- American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support
- CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer from the American Red Cross

Failure to complete and submit valid certification before the first day of the program will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

If you have questions, please contact the Registrar at SOHPRegistrar@ccf.org for clarification.

Coursework Prerequisites

When a prerequisite course is repeated, the highest grade earned is used for admission consideration and GPA calculations. For example, if a student initially earns an “F” and later earns a “C” in the same course, the program will use the “C” as the official grade for admissions/evaluation purposes.

Admission Documents and Requirements

An applicant is required to complete the following items after submitting their initial application in Campus Cafe in order for their application to be considered. Please note that documents marked with an asterisk (*) are **not** considered during the evaluation of applications and will **not** affect an applicant’s eligibility or admission decision. They are

required, however, for administrative purposes. To begin, please select 'Fall 2027' in the 'Anticipated Starting Semester' field of the application.

1. Submit your non-refundable $20.00 application fee payment in Momentus and upload a copy of your payment confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
2. Upload your current Basic Life Support certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.**
3. Complete a prerequisite course completion form and upload the completed form to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe (Prerequisite course completion form found on the Admissions webpage).
4. If the applicant's native language is not English, official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Duolingo English Test (DET) are required. Applicants must meet one of the following minimum score requirements:
    1. **TOEFL (Original Scoring):**
       Minimum overall score of 75, with writing and speaking scores of at least 17 each, or
    2. **TOEFL (New Scoring):**
       Minimum overall score of 3.5, with a writing score of at least 4 and a speaking score of at least 3, or
    3. **Duolingo English Test (DET):**
       Minimum overall score of 105

    - If applicable, complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Duolingo English Test (DET) and upload a copy of your results to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
    - The English Proficiency exam cannot be waived based on prior learning or work experience. This policy ensures that all students meet the same standardized language requirements, which supports academic success and helps maintain fairness and consistency in the admissions process.
5. Request official academic transcripts. You are required to submit official transcripts from every school you have attended. Once received, the transcripts will be uploaded to your applicant portal by program administration.
    - Domestic transcripts can be submitted through one of two methods:
        1. Electronic (preferred): request delivery to MRIProgram@ccf.org

2. Mail (all transcripts must be sent/received in a sealed envelope):

   Cleveland Clinic
   Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program
   Attention: Halley Majersky
   3275 Science Park Drive
   Beachwood, OH 44122

- International transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) on a course-by-course basis. Evaluations are a required component since they determine how your academics are graded compared to the U.S. education system. Be sure to follow the steps below to secure your credential evaluation:
  - Applicants can create a WES account by visiting: https://applications.wes.org/createaccount/login/login
  - Select the course-by-course evaluation option to ensure that your evaluation meets our requirements for admission review.
  - To ensure that Cleveland Clinic receives an official copy of your evaluation, select ”Cleveland Clinic” from the drop-down on the “Select Recipient” page.

6. Applicants who plan to complete one or more prerequisite courses after submitting their application but before the program begins must provide proof of course registration upon receiving a conditional offer of admission. To do so, applicants are required to contact the Registrar at SOHPRegistrar@ccf.org to request that the prerequisite field requirement be added to their Campus Café applicant portal. Additional details are outlined in the Conditional Admittance section.

Applicants must provide a current email address with their application. This is needed to contact you for clinical observation and for access to the program learning management system. No application will be processed without a valid and current email address.

Enrollment Documents and Requirements

If an applicant is accepted into the program the following items are required in order to enroll in the program. Please review the health requirements before submitting your documentation.

1. Complete and sign an Enrollment Agreement in Campus Cafe via DocuSign.
2. Upload your negative tuberculosis (TB) test documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The TB test must be completed within 12 months prior to the start of the program.
3. Upload your immunization documentation for chicken pox (varicella) or positive titer to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
4. Upload your immunization documentation for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
5. Upload your positive hepatitis B vaccination/titer or completed waiver to your applicant portal in Campus Café (Hepatitis B vaccination/titer waiver found on the Admissions webpage).
6. Upload your tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The booster is required within the past 10 years.
7. Influenza immunization documentation is required during flu season (November 1 through March 31). The applicant is required to upload documentation to the applicant portal in Campus Cafe if completing their application during flu season or will be required to obtain and submit documentation when the vaccination becomes available.
8. Complete the MRI Safety and Medical Eligibility Attestation and upload the completed attestation to your applicant portal in Campus Café (MRI Safety and Medical Eligibility Attestation found on the Admissions webpage).
9. Complete the required onboarding tasks in SilkRoad. Onboarding will include a background check. Additional information will be provided following completion of the above items.

If accepted contingent upon successful completion of prerequisite coursework, submit your official transcript showing completion of all prerequisites once they are available after the completion of spring semester. See “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.

Upon acceptance, there is a non-refundable $300 tuition deposit that is applied toward first-semester tuition.

Selection Process

When all the items listed above have been submitted, the applicant’s academic qualifications are evaluated.

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Applicants meeting the minimum criteria may be contacted to make an appointment for a personal interview. Please note that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an interview.

Admissions interviews used to assess communication and critical thinking skills are conducted in-person at Cleveland Clinic's Administrative Campus in Beachwood, OH. A candidate may request a virtual interview based on geographic distance or as reasonable accommodation for a disability.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that the deadline for submitting applications and other application materials is met.

Acceptance into the program is based on a point system that includes scores from an interview, college prerequisite GPA, and the number of college science classes with a grade of "C" or higher. The higher the grade on the science course, the more points awarded.

Item	**Maximum Points Possible**
College science classes with a "C" grade or better	24
College prerequisite GPA	20
Interview	33

Acceptable applicants will be ranked and selected in order of their total scores.

The program enrolls up to 15 students each year, based on clinical site availability. Admission decisions are communicated by email approximately one month following completion of the interview process. The program starts each year in August.

For questions, contact MRIProgram@ccf.org