

Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Admissions/Enrollment

2026-2027 Academic Year

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 with a minimum grade of "C" and maintain a cumulative prerequisite GPA of at least 2.75. Required coursework includes one of the following options:
 - o Medical Terminology
 - o Anatomy & Physiology I, completed within the last five years
 - o Anatomy & Physiology II, completed within the last five years

OR

- o 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

Conditional Admittance

Applicants who have not completed the prerequisite courses, but can provide documentation confirming enrollment, may still apply to the program.

To remain eligible for the program, applicants must meet all of the following requirements prior to the start of the Primary MRI program:

- Complete Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology requirement prior to the start of the program start date
- Submit an updated official transcript before the first day of the program that demonstrates:
 - o Successful completion of Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology requirement with a minimum grade of "C" and
 - o A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 across 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 to the start of the program, may still apply. To remain eligible, applicants must:

- Submit an official transcript verifying that the degree was conferred prior to the first day of class.

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.

Additional Admissions Information

Be aware of the following academic and procedural requirements:

- Prerequisite coursework must be completed at a regionally accredited institution and graded using a traditional letter grade system. Pass/nopass grading is not accepted.
- Placement testing, advanced placement, transfer students, and transfer credits from any college or MRI program are not accepted.
- 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.
- A valid and current email address is required for application processing, clinical observation coordination, and access to the program’s learning management system. Applications without a valid email address cannot be processed.
- The admissions process includes a behavior based personal interview conducted by program officials.

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 20XX' in the 'Anticipated Starting Semester' field of the application.

1. Submit your non-refundable \$20.00 application fee payment in [Momentum](#) and upload a copy of your payment confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
2. Complete the Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Supplemental Application and upload the completed supplemental application form to your applicant portal in Campus café (Supplemental application found on the Admissions webpage).
3. Complete the [Applicant Demographic Survey](#) and upload a copy of your survey completion confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
4. Upload your current Basic Life Support certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.**
5. 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 have a total minimum score of 75 with written and speaking sections no less than 17 for the TOEFL. A minimum score of 105 is required for the DET. Exam date must be within two years of the program's start date. If applicable, complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Duolingo English Test (DET) and upload a copy of your results to your application 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.
6. Request official academic transcripts. You are required to submit official transcripts from every school you have attended. High school transcript or GED is also required. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) on a course-by-course basis. If applicable, upload a copy of your WES transcript evaluation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. Once received, the transcripts will be uploaded to your applicant portal by program administration.
7. 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.

You can submit your official transcripts through one of two methods:

1. Electronically (preferred):

Request delivery to MRIProgram@ccf.org

2. By mail (all paper transcripts must be submitted in an official sealed envelope):

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

**The BLS certification is an admissions document that is required to be completed prior to the beginning of the program. Please see the “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.

Selective admissions

The Primary Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program uses a selective admissions process. Applicants are evaluated using a point-based system that considers interview performance, high school and college grade point averages, and completion of science and mathematics coursework with a grade of “C” or higher. Higher grades in science and mathematics coursework receive more points.

Qualified applicants are invited to participate in a behavior-based interview, typically conducted in February or March. The interview is designed to assess communication skills and critical thinking abilities.

Item	Maximum Points Possible
High school GPA	20
High school science & math classes with a “C” grade or better	8
College science & math classes with a “C” grade or better	24

College prerequisite GPA	20
Interview	33

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.

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. Complete the [Student IPEDS Survey](#) and upload a copy of your survey completion confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
3. 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.
4. Upload your immunization documentation for chicken pox (varicella) or positive titer to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
5. Upload your immunization documentation for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
6. 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).
7. Upload your tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The booster is required within the past 10 years.
8. 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.
9. 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).

10. 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 before the first day of the program. See “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.

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

For questions, contact MRIProgram@ccf.org.