

# **MRI INFORMATION SESSION**

**NOVA** | Northern Virginia  
Community College

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# **PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE**

<b>Application Period:</b>	June 1 to June 15
<b>Admission Policy:</b>	First-come/first-served
<b>Program Offered by:</b>	Medical Education Campus, Springfield, Virginia
<b>Program Size:</b>	12 students
<b>Program Length:</b>	Two semesters (fall and spring)
<b>Program Starts:</b>	Every August

**Medical Education Campus, Health Sciences Division  
6699 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, VA 22150**

# THE MRI CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

MRI is the gold standard for imaging joints, sports injuries, and detecting certain cancers due to its high accuracy and detailed imaging capabilities.

- All lectures are conducted synchronously via Zoom in the evenings to allow working professionals to continue their daytime employment
- The certificate program includes online didactic coursework
- Clinical experience is arranged independently by the student at their workplace or facility of choice

## **Fall Semester**

RAD 115 Principles of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, 3 credits

## **Spring Semester**

RAD 247 Cross-sectional Anatomy, 3 credits

RAD 251 Enhanced Patient Care for Magnetic Resonance Imaging, 3 credits



# WHO THIS PROGRAM IS FOR

This career studies certificate (CSC) program is designed for:

- **Registered Radiologic Technologists** with current licensure who wish to specialize in MRI and meet professional continuing education (CEU) requirements
- **Students who just graduated from NOVA's Radiography program** who may already be working and are RT(R) credentialed, or are registry eligible but have not yet taken the ARRT RT(R) registry exam
- This program is not for students who want to work in MRI, but have not yet completed a Radiologic Technologist program

# REGISTERED RAD TECHS

**Registered Radiologic Technologists** with current ARRT licensure may apply during the open application period.

- Accepted American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) credentials include:
  - Radiologic Technologist RT(R)
  - Radiation Therapist RT(T)
  - Computed Tomography (CT) Technologist RT(CT)
  - Nuclear Medicine Technologist RT(N)(NMTCB)
- A copy of the ARRT licensure must be submitted as an attachment to your application
- Licensure will be verified with the ARRT

# NOVA RADIOGRAPHY GRADUATES

- **NOVA Radiography graduates** within the past year may apply during the open application period
- Graduates must be registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or eligible for registry
- Graduates must have graduated with a minimum NOVA cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Graduates already RT credentialed must submit a copy of their licensure as an attachment to their application
- Registry-eligible students must successfully complete the radiography registry within the first semester of enrollment in the MRI curriculum



# INTERESTED IN MRI BUT NOT A RT YET?

- Students that are interested in MRI but have not yet completed a radiologic technologist program may review the application requirements for NOVA's **Radiography** program to become licensed as a RT(R)
- Graduates from the Radiography program are then eligible to apply for the MRI certificate program after graduation

# DOMICILE ADMISSION POLICY

The MRI program can only accept a limited number of applicants. All students who have met the requirements may apply to the program. However, international, and out-of-state students should note the NOVA Admission Policy for Limited Enrollment Programs.

“Due to limited laboratory, classroom and/or clinical space, certain Health Sciences and Nursing programs have restricted enrollment. As stated in the NOVA catalog, Health Sciences and Nursing students are accepted on either a competitive or a first-come/first-served basis with priority given to:

1. Legal residents domiciled in the cities and counties supporting the College
2. Other Virginia legal residents
3. Out-of-state applicants
4. International students requiring Form I-20

Category 1 may include areas in which clinical affiliates have contractual agreements with NOVA or students from other VCCS service areas whose community college does not offer the specific program.”

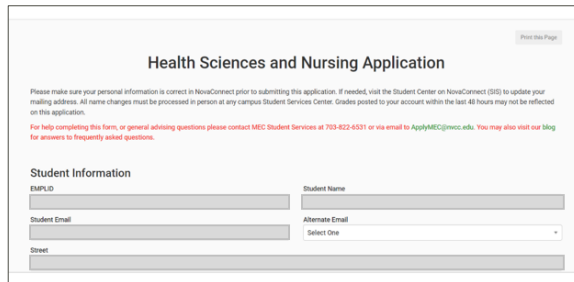
This policy is established by the Virginia Community College System and is stated in section 6.0.5 Admission Priorities of the VCCS Policy Manual.

**In-state Tuition Eligibility:** [www.nvcc.edu/admissions/tuition/in-state.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/tuition/in-state.html)

# HOW TO APPLY

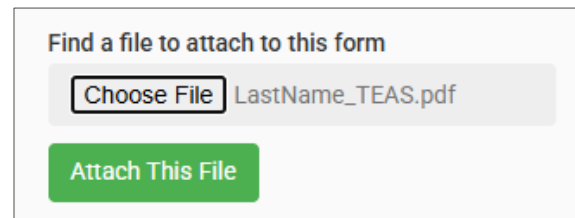
- Apply between June 1 to June 15
- Apply to NOVA at [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) and select the **Health Sciences AAS plan** if it has been more than 3 semesters since you attended NOVA
- Allow 24 to 48 hours after college application for your myNOVA login to activate
- Submit a **Health Sciences and Nursing Application**
- Select the **Magnetic Resonance Imaging** program on the HSN application
- Existing Radiography Technologists must attach a copy of their current ARRT licensure using the Attachments section on the HSN Application

**[www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/application.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/application.html)**



The screenshot shows the 'Health Sciences and Nursing Application' form. At the top, it says 'Please make sure your personal information is correct in NovaConnect prior to submitting this application. If needed, visit the Student Center on NovaConnect (SC) to update your mailing address. All name changes must be processed in person at any campus Student Services Center. Grades posted to your account within the last 48 hours may not be reflected on this application. For help completing this form, or general advising questions please contact MEC Student Services at 703-822-6531 or via email to ApplyMEC@nvcc.edu. You may also visit our blog for answers to frequently asked questions.' Below this is a 'Student Information' section with fields for EMPLOY, Student Name, Student Email, Alternate Email (with a 'Select One' dropdown), and Street.

*Health Sciences & Nursing Application*

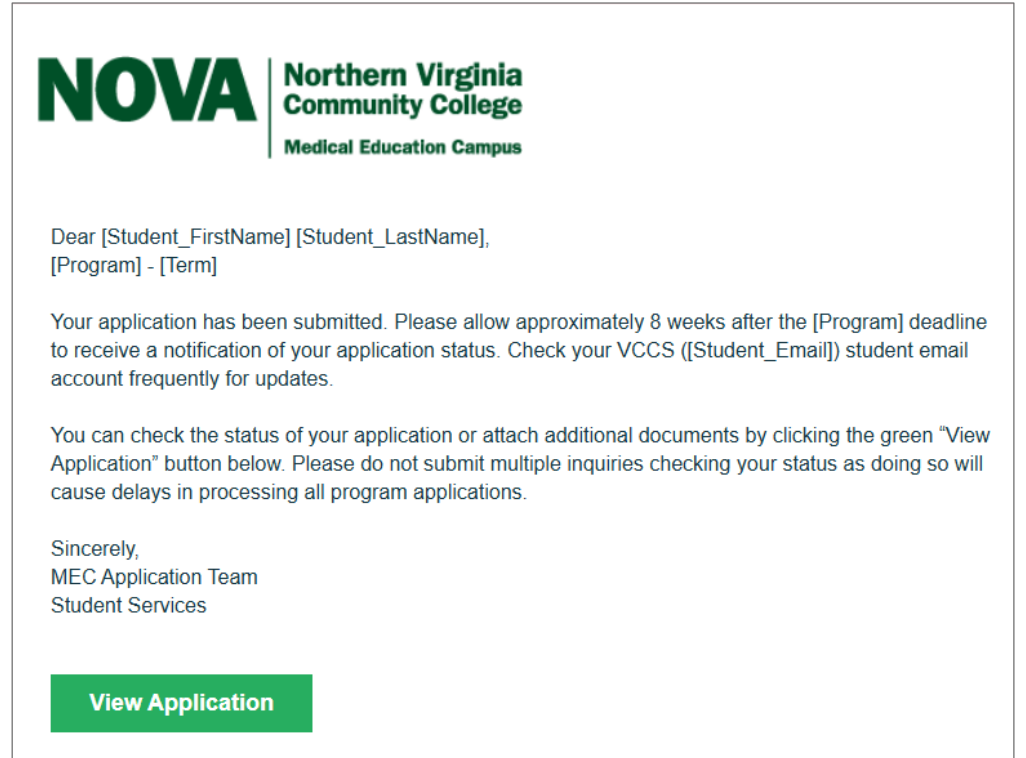


The screenshot shows the 'Attachments' section of the application. It has the heading 'Find a file to attach to this form'. Below this is a 'Choose File' button and a text input field containing 'LastName\_TEAS.pdf'. At the bottom is a green 'Attach This File' button.

*Attachments section on HSN Application*

# AFTER APPLICATION

- Check your VCCS email for a confirmation
- Click on the View Application button on the confirmation if you need to add missing attachments
- Check your VCCS email frequently and respond promptly if you are contacted for missing information
- Allow 4 weeks after the deadline for notifications
- All applicants will be notified of a final admission decision via their VCCS student email
- The program accepts 12 students on a first-come, first-served basis



*Confirmation email received after HSN submission*

# INFORMATION SESSION CODE

- Record this code in the Information Session Code field on the Health Sciences and Nursing Application
- Type the code EXACTLY as written
- No spaces and no capital letters

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# STUDENT RESOURCES



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**NOVA Student Resources:**  
**[www.nvcc.edu/student-resources](http://www.nvcc.edu/student-resources)**