

RADIOGRAPHY

QUESTION: As a pre-rad student, what did you do to build up your CV?

ANSWER: In order to get into the program, you have to write a letter. That's your basis and basically what gives your application personality. The board comprises of the radiography directors and professors (Chad Hensley & Dr. George Pales). They review each letter on a case to case basis, so it is essential that you get to know the radiography board members and that they can associate an application to a face. Get involved in STARS and leadership roles.

QUESTION: Have you volunteered in a hospital? If so, where and how was your experience like?

ANSWER: I took the initiative to start volunteering in the radiology department of Desert Springs Hospital. In doing so, I have already learned many things that is better taught through real-life settings. The patient care skills that I have acquired through volunteering in the department has prepared me on what to expect while in the program and as a real-life profession. Even though I was not performing the x-rays, I assisted the technologist in various hands-on tasks. I would push the portables for them around the hospital and bag up the cassettes. I have also learned how to use their systems and the procedures for image processing.

QUESTION: What would you do differently if given the opportunity?

ANSWER: If I had the opportunity to do something different, I would volunteer at hospitals sooner and go in order of radiography classes. I started off with RAD 102, 100, and then 117. By the way those classes, in my opinion, should have been taken in this order → RAD 117, RAD 100, then RAD 102.

QUESTION: What classes were/are the most beneficial?

ANSWER: RAD 100 & RAD 117 -- RAD 100 is an introduction to medical imaging class whereas RAD 117 is a patient care in medical imaging class. RAD 100 is mostly terminology based, whereas RAD 117 is interactive (practice venipuncture, get CPR certified, and etc).