

**Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging**  
Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1.** Do I meet the application requirements if I am enrolled in prerequisite courses that will end after the application deadline?

A. No. Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses prior to submitting the application. All application information must be received in the office of the School of Medical Imaging by the stated application deadline or the candidate will not be considered.

**Q2.** What if I am taking a course that ends prior to the deadline, but getting the educational institution to send the official transcripts may cause me to possibly miss the deadline?

A. An unofficial transcript will be acceptable for submission with the application. Final acceptance into the program will be contingent upon receipt of an official transcript verifying the prerequisite course grade. It is your responsibility to make certain the transcripts are sent by the educational institution.

**Q3.** Do I need a computer for school?

We strongly recommend that you have a personal computer. You are required to have an e-mail account that is checked regularly and you need to have convenient Internet access to visit specific websites during the program. Note: Classes utilize the online course management system, Moodle, for posting assignments, grades, etc.

**Q4.** Where will I take classes while I am enrolled?

A. Classroom activities are held primarily at the School of Nursing and Medical Imaging Facility located on Parham Road in Richmond. Clinical education takes place in our affiliate sites which are located in the Richmond area, Charlottesville, and Tappahannock. Students are required to have transportation. Public transportation in Richmond does not provide access to all required sites.

**Q5.** How many hours of school will I have per week?

A. Our program is full-time. Some semesters require up to 40 hours of classroom/clinic work per week. The program will not exceed 40 hours of attendance per week at any point.

**Q6.** Will credits transfer from this program?

A. Credits from the program may transfer to some schools. Each school determines the rate of transfer credit for classes and the Radiography program as a whole. We suggest you contact the specific school of interest and check with them.

**Q7.** Are there any breaks or vacations?

A. The program observes the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Good Friday. Scheduled breaks occur over the Holidays.

**Q8.** I don't do well on tests, will the program be hard?

A. Our program includes a variety of assessment methods including written testing. Students are required to pass comprehensive tests throughout the program. Students who have difficulty with testing should seek tutoring and information on test-taking skills.

**Q9.** Can I work while I am in school?

A. Many students choose to work while in school. However, it is important to dedicate adequate time to your studies, and work may interfere. Work schedules cannot coincide with class or clinical education. Absences for work are considered unexcused and can result in dismissal.

**Q10.** How can I pay for school?

A. Students may pay by personal check, cashier's check or credit card. The program is approved for VA Benefits and Federal Financial Aid. Many students seek private lenders for assistance in payment of tuition and fees.

**Q11.** What happens if I become pregnant while I am in the program?

A. A copy of our pregnancy policy is available at [www.bonsecours.com/SOMI](http://www.bonsecours.com/SOMI)

**Q12.** What happens if I must miss class or clinic to care for family?

A. Students are allotted a specific number of allowed absences each semester for illness, emergencies and unforeseen events. Absences that go beyond the allotted time will result in deductions from the student's grade and excessive absences could result in dismissal. In some instances, a leave of absence is recommended.

**Q13.** When is tuition due?

A. Tuition is due on or before the first day of each semester.

**Q14.** How many hours of study will be required per week?

A. Study requirements vary for each student. Some students are able to listen closely in class and study less. Others require intense study outside of school. Students have reported an average between 4 to 12 hours per week of study beyond class and clinical time.

**Q15.** Do I get paid while I am going to school?

A. No. Students are not paid for any school related activities.

**Q16.** If I am not accepted into the program, can I reapply in another cycle?

A. Yes. Reapplying applicants will need to meet the admissions criteria of the cycle for which they apply, particularly if the requirements have changed since the previous application cycle. The candidate will have to pay the appropriate application fee (s) and will be required to take the admissions test for the new application cycle.