

## Are you interested in **LACC Mammography Program?**



### To qualify:

- must be a **Senior LACC Radiologic Technology student** OR
- must be a **Senior Radiologic Technology student** from external RT program OR
- must be a **Certified Radiologic Technologist**

If you meet the qualification above, please click the link below:

➡ [2024 LACC Mammography Program Application Form](#) ⬅

- \* Certified RT - must provide a copy of your state certification and ARRT \*
- \* External Senior RT student - must provide a proof of enrollment from current RT program and permission letter from program director\*

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Mammography Program offered at Los Angeles City College through the Radiologic Technology Program is a certificate course designed to provide Senior Radiologic Technology Students, Graduates or Licensed Radiologic Technologists the didactic education in the field of Mammography. This program covers theory, mammography principles and standards. The course will allow students to enhance their communication skills, critical thinking, and technical skills necessary with patient care specific to mammography. The course will develop the student's competency as an entry level Mammography Technologist. The Mammography Program curriculum fulfills the educational requirements established by the FDA Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA), American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT/3D Mammogram) will be covered for **8 hours** which will satisfy both **DBT/3D Mammography** and **8 hours of Digital Breast Imaging** requirements. Simulated hands-on positioning activity is included in the laboratory section.

- **This course covers the didactic portion. Students are responsible for securing their clinical site, if needed. \***

### The program covers:

- **40** credit units of Category “A” documented training requirement specific to Mammography by MQSA and California Radiologic Health Branch.
- **16** hours of structured education required by ARRT.
- **8** hours of Digital Breast Tomosynthesis which also covers the **8** hours of Digital mammography training.
- **25** supervised hands-on mammograms required by MQSA. (Clinical site)
- The course covers breast anatomy and physiology, patient care, mammography procedures, positioning, compression, special procedures in breast imaging, breast implants imaging, pathology, image evaluation, technique, physics and quality assurance and quality control.
- Simulated breast positioning laboratory is included.

The student will receive a certificate of completion upon successfully completing the program from Los Angeles City College. The program will prepare senior RT students enrolled in the RT program and can take the ARRT Mammography certification exam once certified as Radiologic Technologist (ARRT)(R). Certified Radiologic Technologists in California (CRT's) will be eligible to take the exam for California state Mammographic Radiologic Technologist certification. The program will try to give the students the opportunity to complete all the clinical requirements by ARRT. **Note that there is no guarantee.**

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## INSTRUCTOR

The Mammography Program instructor is Rachelle C. Casinto, ARRT(R)(M), CRT(R)(M). Ms. Casinto started her education in Radiologic Technology in the Philippines where she completed AS in Radiologic Technology and passed the board exam for X-ray Technology. She moved to United States in year 2000 and continued her studies to become a board-certified Radiologic Technologist. In 2003, Rachelle graduated with an AS in Radiologic Technology at Los Angeles City College. In that same year, Ms. Casinto achieved her certification in Mammography and started working full-time at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center from September 2003. From 2003, up to now, she has been a dedicated Mammography Technologist. She enjoys teaching the students that rotate in the clinic about breast positioning, breast anatomy, pathologies, and x-ray theory. She also enjoys bike riding, hiking, and hanging out with my family and friends in her free time.



She hopes that after the class, the student will have a full understanding of why “you must care about what you do, NOT because what you do is a must..”

## About the Class:

- Every Saturday in **FALL Semester**. Time is to be determined.

**Senior LACC Radiologic Technology Student:** the program covers the didactic portion of the ARRT Mammography Certification requirements. Clinical sites cover hands-on.

### Requirements:

- 1) Provide proof of enrollment to the LACC Mammography Program.
- 2) Provide a copy of Driver's license, CA ID, or passport.
- 3) Provide clearance permitting attendance to Mammography Program.
- 4) Provide all the rest of requirements below.

**External Senior Radiologic Technology Student:** the program covers all the necessary requirements to take the California Mammography State Certification.

### Requirements:

- 1) Provide proof of enrollment in the current external RT Program.
- 2) Provide a permission letter from external RT Program Director.
- 3) Provide proof of enrollment in LACC Mammography Program.
- 4) Provide a copy of Driver's License, CA ID, or passport.
- 5) Provide all the rest of the requirements below.

**For Certified Radiologic Technologist:** It covers all requirements necessary to take the California Mammography State Certification. Clinical site available if needed. (not guaranteed).

### Requirements:

- 1) Provide a copy of CA State RT certification.
- 2) Provide proof of enrollment to LACC Mammography Program.
- 3) Provide a copy of Driver's License, CA ID, or passport.
- 4) Provide all the rest of the requirements below.



## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Please email all required documents below @ [http://laccmammography@gmail.com](mailto:laccmammography@gmail.com)

\*Make sure to have a cover letter with your full name and all documents before submission\* **Note: No cover letter, means no submission.**

## Click all links below to view documents:

[Mammography checklist new cohort .pdf](#)

[2024 Mammography First Page \(Table of Contents\).pdf](#)

[Mammo Senior Clearance.pdf](#)

[ATTENDANCE POLICY Mammography.pdf](#)

[Background check and Drug Testing](#)

[HIPAA and Bloodborne Pathogens Compliance .pdf](#)

[Malpractice Insurance Instructions 1.pdf](#)

[Physical Forms for Program Students 1.pdf](#)

[COI Policy-2.pdf](#)

[Conflict of Interest COI Form - Upload Instructions.pdf](#)

[Photograph and Video Release 1.pdf](#)

[MAMMOGRAPHY MANUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.pdf](#)

**NOTE: STUDENT WILL BE NOTIFIED IF THERE ARE  
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT IS NOT IN THIS  
PACKET\*\*\***



## GRADING POLICY

### GRADING SYSTEM

To standardize our grading system, all instructors will use the following grading scale:

1. A = 100-94%
2. B = 93-83%
3. C = 82-75%
4. D = 74-61% F = 60% & below

Students must maintain a minimum grade of "C" (75%).

**There is NO makeup on presentations, or Final exam. There is NO repeat of any failed exam in any of the RT courses.**

- **There is NO rounding up on any exam, lab practicum or final grade.**
- **There is no reviewing of any exams taken.**
- **Students are NOT allowed to screen capture any quiz/exam questions posted on**

**Canvas, it is a violation of publication rights and the college's dishonesty policy.**

If you are tardy or absent for your Final Exams/Practicums, there are **NO** make-up test(s). **The program simulates the same environment and requirements as the ARRT Board examination testing centers.** All examinations will be timed. In addition, it is very distracting to your classmates that showed up on time.

**LACC DOES NOT BASE GRADE ACCORDING TO ATTENDANCE, HOWEVER, THE STUDENT WILL NOT RECEIVE AN ASRT APPROVED CERTIFICATE IF THE STUDENT MISS ANY CLASS.**

**For more information on ASRT policy: Live Lecture Info**

**<https://www.asrt.org/main/continuing-education/asrt-request-for-approval-information/activity-information>**



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Mammography Program has a strict attendance policy due to the rules set by the American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT). Students must attend every class during the semester to earn the 48 credit units approved by the ASRT. **Students without absence will receive a certification of completion with ASRT approval.**

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## NOTE:

**\*\*\* MISSED CLASS WILL FORFEIT EARNING CERTIFICATION APPROVED BY ASRT \*\*\***

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## LOCATION

The didactic courses will be offered on campus. It will be in Los Angeles City College in the Radiologic **Technology Building, Room 5**. The clinical training will be performed at the affiliated clinical sites (days and times will vary depending on the clinical institution).

## DATES

The Mammography Program offered at Los Angeles City College will be offered during the **Fall Semester of 2024**. The class will meet every **Saturday** during the Fall Semester.

**\*\*\* PLEASE SEE THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION OF DATES AND TIME \*\*\***



## UNIFORM POLICY

Uniform is NOT required during the didactic at LACC. However, **uniform is mandatory during clinical rotations.** It is agreed that the student must wear **Navy Blue uniform.** Failure to adhere with the uniform policy can result in disciplinary action up to expulsion from the program.

## FINGERNAILS POLICY

This policy applies to all students in the Mammography Program. **Fingernails must be cut to 1/8 of an inch or .125 cm (about 0.05 in).** Using the hands and fingers is the main part of the job of a technologist therefore we need to minimize additional discomfort to the patients. Students must adhere to fingernails policy at their clinical facilities if this policy is different than the clinical institution.

## CLINICAL PLACEMENT POLICY

This policy addresses the placement of students and rotations at clinical sites to observe or perform breast imaging. Under this policy, the opportunity to participate in clinical rotation in mammography will be offered to all students, male and female. If requested, the program will make every effort to place a male student in clinical rotation; however, **the program does not have the authority to supersede the policies of clinical institutions** that limit clinical training to female students. It is advised that male students are not guaranteed placement in mammography clinical training and is subject available clinical institutions that allow male student. The program will provide the opportunity to participate in mammography rotations and will not deny female students if the clinical facility does not provide the same opportunity to male students.



## LACC SENIOR RT STUDENT:

**\* Required: 90% completion of ARRT Radiography clinical competency prior to Mammography clinical rotation\* Must obtain clearance from Joyce Obeng, Julie Washenik or Vanessa Havakian.**

**\*Clinical site will be your current clinical site. If clinical site does not offer Mammography training, student must complete the RT program, must have ARRT(R), CA State RT certification and CA State Mammography Certification and only then Radnet can provide training\***

Note: Radnet Clinical training can be part-time or full-time. 16-20hrs (part time) 32-40hrs (full-time).

## EXTERNAL SENIOR RT STUDENT

**\*If current clinical site does not offer Mammography training, student must complete the RT program, must have ARRT(R), CA State RT certification and CA State Mammography Certification and only then Radnet can provide training\*** Note: Radnet Clinical training can be part-time or full-time. 16-20hrs (part time) 32-40hrs (full-time).

## LICENSED RT

**\*Student must get CA State Mammography Certification first and only then Radnet can provide training\***

Note: Radnet Clinical training can be part-time or full-time. 16-20hrs (part time) 32-40hrs (full-time).

The Mammography Program sponsored by Los Angeles City College, Radiologic Technology Department has revised its policy, effective Fall 2024, regarding the placement of students in clinical mammography rotations to observe and/or perform breast imaging. Under the revised policy, students may request to participate in clinical mammography rotations. The program will make every effort to place students in a clinical mammography rotation if requested; however, the program is not in a position to override clinical setting policies that restrict clinical experiences in mammography to students. Students are advised that placement in a mammography rotation is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of a clinical setting. The change in the program's policy regarding student clinical rotations in mammography is based on the sound rationale presented in a position statement on student clinical mammography rotations adopted by the Board of Directors of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at its April 2016 and October 2021 meetings. The JRCERT position statement is included as Addendum A to the program's policy and is also available on the JRCERT Web site, [www.jrcert.org](http://www.jrcert.org), Program Faculty, Program Resources.

**\*\*\*STUDENT MUST ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THEIR ASSIGNED CLINICAL SITE\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Other Policies that are not in this packet, must adhere to the Radiologic Technology Program Student Manual \*\*\***



**LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE**  
**Radiologic Technology Department**  
**Mammography Program**  
**Department Clinical Education Centers**

<u>Clinical Education Centers</u>	<u>Radiologist</u>	<u>Clinical Preceptors and Administrators</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kaiser Permanente Hospital  West LA  Department of Radiology  6041 Cadillac Avenue Los  Angeles, CA 90034 (323)  857-4373</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christopher Hsu, MD  (Chief Radiologist)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Merrick Schneider, MD  (Medical Advisor)</p>	<p>*Ernesto Reyes RT, CRT, Clinical Preceptor, <a href="mailto:ernesto.a.reyes@kp.org">ernesto.a.reyes@kp.org</a></p> <p>David Venegas, RT(R)  Director of Radiology</p> <p>Helen O. Hien, RT®  Assistant Director</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kaiser Permanente Hospital Los Angeles (LAMC/Sunset) Department of Radiology 4867 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90027 (323) 783-7604</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anne Kosco, MD  (Chief Radiologist)</p>	<p>*Arelly Alfaro, RT(R), Clinical Preceptor, <a href="mailto:Arelly.Alfaro@kp.org">Arelly.Alfaro@kp.org</a></p> <p>*Aaron Burton, RT(R), Clinical Preceptor, Assistant Director  <a href="mailto:Aaron.M.Burton@kp.org">Aaron.M.Burton@kp.org</a></p> <p>James Powell, RT(R)  Director of Radiology)</p>

<p>RadNet Mammography Imaging Center  465 N Roxbury Dr Unit 101  Beverly Hills, CA 90210  Westchester Advanced Imaging Center  8540 Sepulveda Blvd Unit 101 &amp; 111  Los Angeles, CA 90045</p>	<p>Omid Bendavid, MD  (Medical Director)</p>	<p>Lousine Adjemian, Regional  Director of Mammography  Training  lousine.adjemian@radnet.com</p>
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## ESTIMATED FINANCIAL COST

Legal residents of the State of California are required to pay nominal enrollment fees. Non-resident students are required by State law to pay non-resident tuition fees. Consult Los Angeles City College Admissions and Records for current fees. (Fees are subject to change per the State Legislature.) In addition, students may expect other fees and expenses during the program.

1. Enrollment Fee (\$46 per unit) x 5 units	\$230
2. Associated Student Body Membership (optional)	\$ 7.00
3. Health Fee	\$ 11.00
4. Parking Fee (optional)	\$ 20.00
5. Certification Examinations (estimated) ARRT Mammography - \$225 CRT Mammography - \$112	\$337.00
6. Identification Badge (one time)	\$8.00
7. Liability/Malpractice insurance (annually)	\$75.00
8. Pre-entrance medical examination (one time)	\$75.00
9. Textbooks and supplies (entire program)	\$300
10. Uniforms (entire program)	\$150.00

11. Drug Testing and Background Check (before the start of the program)	\$150.00
15. Immunizations (one time)	\$200.00
16. Film Badges (entire program)	\$80.00
<b>Total Cost (approximate total cost)</b>	<b>\$1643</b>

## MAMMOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGIST PATHWAY

### SENIOR RT STUDENT (LACC)

#### EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST HAVE 16 HRS OF STRUCTURED EDUCATION (ARRT)  
FOR ARRT STRUCTURED EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: [https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/406ac8c6-58e8-00b3-c3c1-0c312965deb2/376bad02-f597-4407-ba79-723e513617bf/Mammography\\_Structured\\_Education\\_Requirements\\_2020.pdf](https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/406ac8c6-58e8-00b3-c3c1-0c312965deb2/376bad02-f597-4407-ba79-723e513617bf/Mammography_Structured_Education_Requirements_2020.pdf)

- MUST HAVE 40 HRS OF CEU IN MAMMOGRAPHY (CA STATE)  
FOR CA STATE REQUIREMENTS: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH/Document\\_Library/ControlledForms/cdph8200m.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH/Document_Library/ControlledForms/cdph8200m.pdf)

#### CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 25 SUPERVISED MAMMOGRAPHY PT (MQSA)
- 75 MAMMOGRAPHY PT, QA/QC & ETC. (AS REQUIRED BY ARRT)
- (RECOMMENDED 200 TOTAL)

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- **CLINICAL TRAINING CAN ONLY BE THEN PROVIDED BY RADNET WOMENS CENTER TO FULFILL ARRT REQUIREMENTS.**

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- ENTER ALL INFORMATIONS REGARDING PERFORMED MAMMOGRAMS
- PAY AND SCHEULE FOR ARRT MAMMOGRAPHY EXAM.
- ONCE YOU PASS.
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## MAMMOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGIST PATHWAY

### REGISTERED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST



#### EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST HAVE 40 HRS OF CEU IN MAMMOGRAPHY ONLY. (MQSA)
- APPLY AND PAY FOR STATE MAMMOGRAPHY CERTIFICATION.  
APPLICATION FORM: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH/DocumentLibrary/ControlledForms/cdph8200m.pdf>
- ONCE YOU GET MAMMOGRAPHY CERTIFICATION. CONTACT LACC FOR SCHEDULING CLINICAL TRAINING TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MAMMOGRAPHY ARRT CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS)



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