

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (CERT_MRIC)

Flanagan Campus, Lincoln only

Magnetic resonance imaging is a dynamic technology used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. This two-semester program, which combines classroom instruction with supervised clinical practice, focuses on understanding the basic principles of magnetic resonance imaging and the care of patients requiring diagnosis or treatment. The goal of this program is to prepare students who can competently and safely perform magnetic resonance procedures, display the personal qualities of integrity, responsibility, and reliability and who function as active members of the healthcare team.

Graduates receive a certificate in magnetic resonance imaging and are prepared to sit for the national credentialing examination offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. They are eligible for employment in hospitals, clinics, physician's offices and mobile MRI facilities.

Note: Many courses require prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. [See course descriptions for details.](#)

GENERAL POLICIES

See important general policies in the beginning of this section on the performance-based Health Sciences application process, academic progress, advanced placement, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms, and equipment.

Minimum requirements to apply to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging certificate program

1. **CCRI application** – Complete and submit a CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be the first choice; MRIC should be the second choice.
2. **High school transcript** – An official copy of a high school or GED® transcript, including date of graduation, must be provided. If the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, the high school transcript may be waived; a college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
3. **ARRT Certificate** – Current certification as a radiologic technologist through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. (ARDMS, American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and NMTCB, Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board certifications are acceptable substitutes.)
4. **Placement testing** – Complete a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling. Students may NOT retake the ACCUPLACER test before completing the remedial course/ courses. **Note:** For application purposes, ACCUPLACER testing can be waived for students who provide documentation of a bachelor's degree or higher. Students are advised that individual departments may still require ACCUPLACER testing as a prerequisite for their courses.
 - a. **Reading comprehension test** must show competency of 80 or above or students must complete ENGL 0890 - Critical Reading with a grade of B- or better.
 - b. **English (writing) test** must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition I or students must complete ENGL 1005 - College Writing with a grade of C or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
5. **GPA** – A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.
6. **Health Sciences application** – Complete and submit a performance-based Health Sciences application including a preadmission degree evaluation during the open enrollment period.
 - a. **IMPORTANT:** Submission of a performance-based Health Sciences application does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Acceptance is based on points earned as listed in the program acceptance criteria point system. (See www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs.) At the time of admission, students must meet the current admission requirements. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a performance-based Health Sciences application and meet the current admission requirements. Once accepted, students must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Allied Health Department.
7. **Background check** – Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services.

Program Requirements

- The major requirements of this program must be taken in sequence. They are open only to students who are formally accepted into the program.
- No grade less than a C is acceptable in any of the technical courses (MRIC).
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater.
- Program faculty reserve the right to require withdrawal of any student from the program or to refuse reinstatement based on the student's academic, clinical or professional performance.
- ENGL 1300 may not be substituted for ENGL 1010.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

- First semester: MRIC 2260, 2270; ENGL 1010; PSYC 2010
- Second semester: MRIC 2280, 2290; COMI 1100; General Education Elective

Certificate Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NOTES	CREDITS
MRIC 2260	Introduction to MRI		6
MRIC 2270	MRI Physics and Instrumentation		3
ENGL 1010	Composition I		3
PSYC 2010	General Psychology		4
MRIC 2280	Procedures and Methods for MRI Imaging		6
MRIC 2290	MRI Safety and Quality Assurance		3
COMI 1100	Introduction to Computers		3
General Education Elective		See this page for a complete list of courses that meet this requirement.	3
Total Certificate Requirements Credits			31
Total Program Credits			31