CLINICAL RADIATION SCIENCES, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

The department offers a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Radiation Sciences with the following areas of concentration: radiography, nuclear medicine technology and radiation therapy. Upon meeting prerequisites and gaining admission to the program, students complete a three-year, full-time program that includes general education and professional course work. Graduates of each of the programs are eligible for national certification examinations in their respective area of concentration.

Upon completion of one of the concentrations, the graduate is eligible for the relevant national certification examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Graduates of the nuclear medicine technology program also are eligible for the certification examination administered by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board.

Learning outcomes
Upon completing this program, students will know and know how to do the following:

• Attain clinical competence in entry level nuclear medicine procedures
• Communicate effectively with patients, staff and physicians in the Nuclear Medicine department
• Demonstrate effective written communication
• Demonstrate critical thinking skills during their nuclear medicine clinical experience
• Demonstrate critical thinking skills in developing a research project
• Demonstrate professionalism during their nuclear medicine clinical experience

Special requirements
Entry-level program prerequisites
To be eligible for admission into any of the entry-level concentrations students must have completed the following prerequisites:

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Degree requirements for Clinical Radiation Sciences, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a concentration in nuclear medicine technology

Admission requirements for program
Pre-radiation sciences advising track 27-32 credits

Collateral requirements

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STAT 210         Basic Practice of Statistics  3
Total Hours       15

Major requirements

CLRS 203         Pathophysiology I  3
CLRS 204         Pathophysiology I and II  3
CLRS 205         Exploring Radiation Sciences  1
CLRS 206         Cross-sectional Anatomy  2
CLRS 208         Foundations of Patient Care  4
CLRS 232         Radiation Safety  2
CLRS 303         Orientation to Nuclear Medicine  2
CLRS 317         Nuclear Medicine Procedures I  3
CLRS 318         Nuclear Medicine Procedures II  2
CLRS 319         Nuclear Medicine Procedures III  3
CLRS 321         Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation I  3
& CLRZ 321       and Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation Laboratory I  3
CLRS 322         Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation II  4
& CLRZ 322       and Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation Laboratory II  4
CLRS 341         Radiation Physics  2
CLRS 390         Research Methods in the Radiation Sciences (writing and academic research)  2
CLRS 393         Clinical Education I  2
CLRS 394         Clinical Education II  2
CLRS 395         Clinical Education III  3
CLRS 398         Introduction to Research (writing and academic research)  1
CLRS 407         Introduction to PET/CT  2
CLRS 408         Introduction to Computed Tomography (CT)  2
CLRS 417         Nuclear Medicine Procedures IV  3
CLRS 430         Radiobiology  2
CLRS 453         Quality Management in Nuclear Medicine  2
CLRS 461         Radiopharmaceutical: Preparation and Quality Control and Radiopharmacy Laboratory  3
& CLRZ 461       3
CLRS 488         Senior Seminar  3
CLRS 493         Clinical Education IV  3
CLRS 494         Clinical Education V  3
CLRS 498         Senior Project  2
Total Hours       69

These courses have variable credits. The credits indicated are the most commonly used in the entry-level curriculum.

Open electives

Select nine open elective credits

Total minimum requirement 120 credits

What follows is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements within a four-year course of study at VCU. Please contact your adviser before beginning course work toward a degree.

Admission requirements for program 27-32 credits

Sophomore year

Fall semester

CHEM 101         General Chemistry  4
& CHEZ 101       and General Chemistry Laboratory I  4
CLRS 203         Pathophysiology I  3
CLRS 205         Exploring Radiation Sciences  1
CLRS 208         Foundations of Patient Care  4
HCMG 300         Health Care Organization and Services  3
HPEX 250         Medical Terminology  1

Term Hours:  16

Spring semester

CHEM 102         General Chemistry  4
& CHEZ 102       and General Chemistry Laboratory II  4
CLRS 204         Pathophysiology I and II  3
CLRS 232         Radiation Safety  2
STAT 210         Basic Practice of Statistics  3
Elective  3

Term Hours:  15

Summer semester

CLRS 303         Orientation to Nuclear Medicine  2

Term Hours:  2

Junior year

Fall semester

CLRS 206         Cross-sectional Anatomy  2
CLRS 317         Nuclear Medicine Procedures I  3
CLRS 321         Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation I  3
& CLRZ 321       and Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation Laboratory I  3
CLRS 341         Radiation Physics  2
CLRS 390         Research Methods in the Radiation Sciences  2
CLRS 393         Clinical Education I  2

Term Hours:  14

Spring semester

CLRS 318         Nuclear Medicine Procedures II  2
CLRS 322         Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation II  4
& CLRZ 322       and Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation Laboratory II  4
CLRS 394         Clinical Education II  2
CLRS 398         Introduction to Research  1
Electives  5

Term Hours:  14

Summer semester

CLRS 319         Nuclear Medicine Procedures III  3
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CLRS 395 Clinical Education III 3

Senior year

Fall semester

CLRS 408 Introduction to Computed Tomography (CT) 2
CLRS 417 Nuclear Medicine Procedures IV 3
CLRS 461 Radiopharmaceutical Preparation and Quality Control and Radiopharmacy Laboratory 3
CLRS 493 Clinical Education IV 3
CLRS 498 Senior Project 2

Spring semester

CLRS 407 Introduction to PET/CT 2
CLRS 430 Radiobiology 2
CLRS 453 Quality Management in Nuclear Medicine 2
CLRS 488 Senior Seminar 3
CLRS 494 Clinical Education V 3
Elective 1

Term Hours: 13

Total Hours: 93

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- Clinical radiation laboratory (p. 7)

Clinical radiation sciences

CLRS 101. Introduction to Clinical Radiation Sciences. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 1 lecture hour. 1 credit. Open to students on the Academic Campus who are interested in clinical radiation sciences as a career. Presentation and discussion of the art and science of medical imaging. The use of ionizing radiation will be explored from its discovery to its current application in therapy and medical diagnosis. Radiography, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy will be discussed in terms of career specialties within the profession.

CLRS 201. Radiographic Imaging and Exposure I. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 205. Corequisite: CLRS 201. Introduction to radiographic equipment and the imaging process. Covers topics including equipment operation and manipulating radiation exposure to produce quality radiographs. Presents information that prepares students for clinical practice. Emphasizes clinical problem-solving as it relates to patient variables, pathology and technical exposure factors.

CLRS 203. Pathophysiology I. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Presentation of the principles of disease and an introduction to various conditions of illness involving body systems.

CLRS 204. Pathophysiology I and II. 3 Hours.
Continuous courses; 3-3 lecture hours. 3-3 credits. Prerequisites: BIOL 205, PHIS 206 and PHIZ 206. Completion of CLRS 203 to enroll in CLRS 204. Presentation of the principles of disease and an introduction to various conditions of illness involving body systems.

CLRS 205. Exploring Radiation Sciences. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 1 lecture hour. 1 credit. A general overview of the wide variety of imaging and treatment modalities in radiation sciences will be presented. Emphasis will be on understanding how these modalities are utilized in today's complex health care environment, as well as the role of the technologist/therapist.

CLRS 206. Cross-sectional Anatomy. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 4 laboratory hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. A general overview of cross-sectional anatomy at representative levels will be presented. Emphasis will be on identifying major muscles, organs, bones and vessels on diagrams, photographs and images.

CLRS 208. Foundations of Patient Care. 4 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture and 2 laboratory hours. 4 credits. Legal, ethical and technical foundations of patient care will be explored with emphasis on the application of these principles to common radiologic situations.

CLRS 211. Radiographic Procedures I. 4 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture and 3 laboratory hours. 4 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 208 with a minimum grade of C. Combines the study of anatomy and physiology and positioning for diagnostic radiographic examinations of the upper extremity, thorax, abdomen, lower extremity, spine and pelvis. Requires demonstration of competence in radiographic procedures, including positioning of simulated patients, manipulation of radiographic equipment and evaluation of radiographs.

CLRS 212. Radiographic Procedures II. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 1 lecture and 2 laboratory hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 211 with a minimum grade of C. Continuation of CLRS 211 with emphasis on anatomy and physiology and positioning for diagnostic radiographic examinations of routine contrast studies and basic headwork. Requires students to demonstrate competence in radiographic procedures, including positioning of simulated patients, manipulation of radiographic equipment and evaluation of radiographs.

CLRS 232. Radiation Safety. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Provides an overview of radiation protection as it applies to the radiation sciences. Emphasizes radiation sources, detection and regulations. Discusses radiation protection responsibilities of the radiologic technologist for patients, personnel and the public.

CLRS 294. Introduction to Clinical Education I. 0.5 Hours.
Semester course; 60 clinical hours. 0.5 credit. Prerequisite: CLRS 208 with a minimum grade of C. Introduction to clinical experience supervised by clinical faculty and affiliate facility staff. Introduces students to the clinical process and equipment, and provides practical experience in routine, basic procedures.

CLRS 295. Introduction to Clinical Education II. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 120 clinical hours. 1 credit. Prerequisites: CLRS 201, 211, 232 and 294 with a minimum grade of C in all. Continued introduction to clinical experience supervised by clinical faculty and affiliate facility staff. Provides additional practical experience in routine, basic procedures.

CLRS 303. Orientation to Nuclear Medicine. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 1 lecture and 2 clinical hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 208 and CLRS 232 both with a minimum grade of C. Designed to acquaint the student with the field of nuclear medicine in general and the Program in Nuclear Medicine Technology in particular. It also provides an introduction to clinical practice.
CLRS 305. Orientation to Radiation Therapy. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 1 lecture and 2 laboratory hours. 2 credits.
Prerequisites: CLRS 208 and CLRS 232, both with a minimum grade of C. Introduces the clinical process, equipment and history of radiation therapy. Information will be presented that prepares the student to begin clinical practice. Clinical rotations and lab exercises are designed to expose the student to various aspects of radiation therapy.

CLRS 309. Oncologic Patient Care. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 208 with a minimum grade of C. Covers the basic concepts of patient care specific to radiation therapy, including consideration of physical and psychological conditions. Patient interactions, patient examinations, asepsis, local and systemic reactions, nutrition and medications are discussed. Factors influencing patient health and following a course of radiation will be identified.

CLRS 312. Radiographic Procedures III. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 212 with a minimum grade of C. Continuation of CLRS 211 and 212 to cover additional and alternative positions for routine radiographic examinations as well as special studies of circulatory, reproductive, urinary, skeletal and central nervous systems. Discusses equipment, procedures and strategies for performing pediatric, trauma, mobile and operating room radiographic exams. Includes small group simulation opportunities.

CLRS 314. Pathology and Treatment Principles I. 4 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture and 2 laboratory hours. 4 credits.
Prerequisites: CLRS 309 and CLRS 323 with a minimum grade of C in both. Presents the fundamentals of the disease processes for cancer of the following: skin, thorax, genitourinary, gynecological, head and neck, central nervous system, and breast. Discusses malignant condition, etiology and epidemiology, patient workup, and methods of treatment. Attention to patient prognosis, treatment results and the effects of combined therapies. Requires demonstration of competence in selected radiotherapeutic procedures, including positioning of simulated patients and the manipulation of equipment.

CLRS 317. Nuclear Medicine Procedures I. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: two semesters of general chemistry. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 303. Covers the techniques employed in the performance of routine nuclear medicine procedures. Topics include anatomy and physiology, pathology, patient preparation, contraindications, radiopharmaceuticals, dose route of administration, biodistribution, imaging protocols, equipment setup, and common findings.

CLRS 318. Nuclear Medicine Procedures II. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 317 with a minimum grade of C. Presents the techniques employed in the performance of routine nuclear medicine procedures. Topics include anatomy and physiology, pathology, patient preparation, contraindications, radiopharmaceuticals, dose route of administration, biodistribution, imaging protocols, equipment setup, and common findings.

CLRS 319. Nuclear Medicine Procedures III. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 318 with a minimum grade of C. Presents the techniques employed in the performance of routine nuclear medicine procedures. Topics include anatomy and physiology, pathology, patient preparation, contraindications, radiopharmaceuticals, dose route of administration, biodistribution, imaging protocols, equipment setup, and common findings.

CLRS 320. Radiographic Imaging and Exposure II. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 201 and CLRS 203 both with a minimum grade of C. Emphasizes federal regulations and monitoring of the imaging system components that may affect radiographic quality through improper functioning. Provides in-depth exploration of digital imaging.

CLRS 321. Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation I. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 303. Corequisite: CLRS 321. Presents the physical principles of atomic structure, electromagnetic spectrum, units of measurement, radioactive decay and attenuation in matter. Operation of radiation equipment will include statistical applications and quality control procedures.

CLRS 322. Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation II. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 317, CLRS 321 and CLRS 321 with a minimum grade of C in all. Corequisite: CLRS 322. Presents advanced applications in physics and the operating principles of nuclear medicine imaging devices and related quality control procedures.

CLRS 323. Radiation Therapy, Techniques and Applications. 4 Hours.
Semester course; 4 lecture hours. 4 credits. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 305. Presents the basic concepts of dosimetry and treatment planning. Various external beam techniques and applications, depth dose data and summation of isodose curves are discussed. Modalities of treatment, patient setup, dose measurement and verification also are included.

CLRS 324. Radiation Physics. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: any introductory physics course. Provides introduction to the study of radiographic physics through reading and observation of film interpretation. Emphasizes recognition of common disease processes as demonstrated radiographically and, via advanced imaging modalities; where appropriate, understanding how to vary positioning and techniques to produce optimally diagnostic images; and the role of different imaging modalities in the evaluation of disease.

CLRS 341. Radiation Physics. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: PHYS 101, PHYS 101 or PHYS 201 and CLRS 232 with a minimum grade of C. Discusses fundamentals of the atom, electricity and magnetism. Emphasizes the production of X- and gamma rays, and the interaction of radiation with matter.

CLRS 342. Physics for Radiation Therapy. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 323 and CLRS 341 with a minimum grade of C in both. Includes a discussion of the properties of electromagnetic and particulate radiation. Details of production, interactions, treatment units, measurement of radiation, radioactivity and brachytherapy are presented.
CLRS 390. Research Methods in the Radiation Sciences. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Pre- or corequisites:
STAT 210 and junior standing or permission of instructor. The
fundamentals of the research process will be presented for analysis
and discussion. Elements of research appropriate to the radiation
sciences will be reviewed. Emphasis will be on the ability to critically
review research studies along with the selection and design of a research
project.

CLRS 393. Clinical Education I. 2-5 Hours.
Semester course; variable clinical hours (120 hours per credit). 2-5
credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 208 and CLRS 232 with a minimum grade
of C in both and CLRS 201 with a minimum grade of C or CLRS 303
or CLRS 305. Clinical experience supervised by clinical faculty and
affiliate facility staff. Students gain practical experience in routine, basic
procedures and observe more advanced procedures.

CLRS 394. Clinical Education II. 2-4 Hours.
Semester course; variable clinical hours (120 hours per credit). 2-4
credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 393 with a minimum grade of C. Clinical
experience supervised by clinical faculty and affiliate faculty staff.
Students gain practical experience in routine, basic procedures and
observe more advanced procedures.

CLRS 395. Clinical Education III. 2-6 Hours.
Semester course; variable clinical hours (120 hours per credit). 2-6
credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 394 with a minimum grade of C. Clinical
experience supervised by clinical faculty and affiliate faculty staff.
Students gain additional practical experience in routine as well as
advanced procedures.

CLRS 398. Introduction to Research. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 1 credit. Prerequisite: CLRS 390. Provides students
the opportunity to explore and investigate a topic of special interest
in their area of concentration under the supervision of a faculty adviser.
Emphasizes the application of research concepts to writing a research
project proposal.

CLRS 403. Advanced Patient Care for the Imaging Professional. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 208
with a minimum grade of C and junior standing or permission of
instructor. Explores advanced patient care techniques and age-specific
considerations in the radiation sciences. Emphasizes the application of
advanced patient care principles.

CLRS 405. Principles of Mammography. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 201
and CLRS 320 with a minimum grade of C in both and senior standing
or permission of instructor. Presentations and discussions designed to
provide an overview of the principles of mammography. Topics include
history, anatomy, physiology and pathology of the breast; exposure
techniques; and quality control. Focuses on routine and specialized
positioning of the breast and image evaluation to prepare students for
practical experience in mammography.

CLRS 406. Introduction to MRI. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 341 with
a minimum grade of C or permission of instructor. An introduction to the
elements of magnetic resonance imaging, including instrumentation,
physical principles, image production and quality, MR safety, magnetic
resonance angiography and imaging applications.

CLRS 407. Introduction to PET/CT. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 408.
Overview of PET and PET/CT focusing on instrumentation,
radiopharmaceuticals and its diagnostic application in neurology,
oncology and cardiology.

CLRS 408. Introduction to Computed Tomography (CT). 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 341 with
a minimum grade of C or permission of instructor. Provides the student
with an overview of computed tomography. Topics include computed
tomography physical principles, data acquisition/image reconstruction,
equipment and terminology. Patient care issues (i.e., preparation,
monitoring) and basic quality control will be introduced.

CLRS 410. Routine Computed Tomography Procedures. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 1 lecture hour. 1 credit. Prerequisites: CLRS 206 and
408, or permission of instructor. Presents routine procedures used in
computed tomography imaging. Reviews examinations and protocols
involving the head, chest, abdomen and extremities.

CLRS 412. Radiation Therapy Treatment Planning. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture and 2 laboratory hours. 3 credits.
Prerequisites: CLRS 323 and CLRS 342 with a minimum grade of C in
both or permission of instructor. An introduction to routine 2-D and 3-
D treatment planning for the most common forms of cancer including
prostate, rectum, lung, breast, and head and neck regions. Simulated lab
training using a treatment planning system will be included. Emphasis
will be on the rationale and process of treatment planning for patients
undergoing radiation therapy.

CLRS 415. Pathology and Treatment Principles II. 4 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture and 2 laboratory hours. 4 credits. Prerequisite:
CLRS 314 with a minimum grade of C. A continuation of CLRS 314.
Presents the fundamentals of the disease process for the following
cancers: gastrointestinal, lymphomas and hematological malignancies,
bone tumors, childhood tumors, and eye and orbital tumors. Discusses
patient workup and prognosis, treatment results, and the effects of
combined therapies. Radiotherapeutic emergencies, palliation and
combined modality treatment also will be discussed. Emphasis will be
placed on traditional and advanced technology and its applications
in treatment delivery in radiation oncology. Requires demonstration of
competence in selected radiotherapeutic procedures, including
positioning of simulated patients and the manipulation of equipment.

CLRS 417. Nuclear Medicine Procedures IV. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 319
with a minimum grade of C. Presents the techniques employed in
the performance of advanced nuclear medicine procedures. Topics
include anatomy and physiology, pathology, patient preparation,
contraindications, radiopharmaceuticals, dose route of administration,
biodistribution, imaging protocols, equipment setup, and common
findings.

CLRS 420. Introduction to Vascular-Interventional Radiology. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: departmental
approval. Introduction to the basic techniques of vascular and
interventional radiologic procedures with emphasis on the anatomy
demonstrated, equipment, contrast agents, and the role and
responsibilities of the technologist.
CLRS 421. Vascular-Interventional Radiology Procedures. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CLRS 420.
Enrollment restricted to clinical radiation science majors or by permission of department chair. Presents an overview of common vascular-interventional radiology procedures to include arteriography (abdominal, peripheral, pulmonary, cardiac and carotid/cerebral) as well as vascular and nonvascular interventions (filter placement, embolization, venous access and management of fluid collection, urinary disease and biliary disease). Emphasis is placed on instrumental, technique and imaging parameters.

CLRS 430. Radiobiology. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 232 with a minimum grade of C and senior standing or permission of instructor. Presents the principles of biologic responses to radiation, including factors influencing radiation effects, tissue sensitivity and tolerance. Clinical application in radiography, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy are reviewed.

CLRS 453. Quality Management in Nuclear Medicine. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 322 and CLRZ 322 with a minimum grade of C in both. Explores the quality assurance parameters in a nuclear medicine department. Emphasis is given to the performance of tests to assess survey meters, spectrometers, dose calibrators, gamma cameras and SPECT imaging systems. Additionally, quality assurance is discussed in terms of radiopharmaceuticals, radioimmunoassay laboratories and patient management.

CLRS 455. Quality Management in Radiation Therapy. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 323 and CLRS 342 both with a minimum grade of C. Designed to provide the student with knowledge of the concepts and principles of quality assurance. The performance of various tests including purpose, sources of malfunction and action guidelines will be discussed.

CLRS 461. Radiopharmaceutical: Preparation and Quality Control. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 lecture hours. 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 319, CLRS 322 and CLRZ 322, all with a minimum grade of C. Provides the technical knowledge necessary for the preparation and quality control of radiopharmaceutical agents for in-vivo and in-vitro nuclear medicine studies.

CLRS 471. Radiology Imaging Procedures for Radiologist Assistants I and II. 3 Hours.
Continuous courses; 3-3 lecture hours. 3-3 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 332, CLRS 403, CLRZ 403 and permission of instructor. Completion of CLRS 471 to enroll in CLRS 472. Establishes a framework for radiologist assistants’ participation in patient examinations for diagnostic inspection and/or therapeutic treatment. Emphasizes establishment of fundamental radiology procedures that follow American College of Radiology Standards for principles and practices producing high-quality radiographic care. Includes basic radiology procedures in genitourinary, gastrointestinal, pediatric, thoracic, musculoskeletal selections and vascular/interventional specialties. Addresses legal, ethical and professional issues concerning radiologist assistants.

CLRS 472. Radiology Imaging Procedures for Radiologist Assistants I and II. 3 Hours.
Continuous courses; 3-3 lecture hours. 3-3 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 332, CLRS 403, CLRZ 403 and permission of instructor. Completion of CLRS 471 to enroll in CLRS 472. Establishes a framework for radiologist assistants’ participation in patient examinations for diagnostic inspection and/or therapeutic treatment. Emphasizes establishment of fundamental radiology procedures that follow American College of Radiology Standards for principles and practices producing high-quality radiographic care. Includes basic radiology procedures in genitourinary, gastrointestinal, pediatric, thoracic, musculoskeletal selections and vascular/interventional specialties. Addresses legal, ethical and professional issues concerning radiologist assistants.
CLRS 498. Senior Project. 2 Hours.
Semester course; 2 credits. Prerequisites: CLRS 390, 398 and senior standing in department. Provides students the opportunity to investigate a topic of special interest in their area of concentration. Emphasizes the application of research concepts in the design, implementation and presentation of a project under the supervision of a faculty adviser.

Clinical radiation laboratory

CLRZ 201. Radiographic Imaging and Exposure I Laboratory. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 2 laboratory hours. 1 credit. Prerequisite: CLRS 205. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 201. Designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of radiographic image production. Requires performance of laboratory exercises to become familiar with equipment operation and manipulate radiation exposure variables to produce quality images.

CLRZ 321. Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation Laboratory I. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 2 laboratory hours. 1 credit. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 303. Corequisite: CLRS 321. Presentation of the applications and techniques employed in the operation of nuclear medicine non-imaging devices. Labs will emphasize the use of survey meters, dose calibrator and scintillation counting device.

CLRZ 322. Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation Laboratory II. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 2 laboratory hours. 1 credit. Prerequisites: CLRS 321 and CLRZ 321 with a minimum grade of C in both. Corequisite: CLRS 322. Evaluation of applications of different imaging techniques and computer processing utilized in nuclear medicine. Emphasizes the use of single and multiple channel analyzers, planar and SPECT acquisition, and image processing.

CLRZ 403. Advanced Patient Care for the Imaging Professional. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 2 laboratory hours. 1 credit. Prerequisite: CLRS 208 or permission of instructor. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 403. This course provides simulated experience in performing advanced patient care techniques related to the radiation sciences. Topics include cardiac rhythm interpretation, advanced cardiac life support, urinary catheterization, tracheostomy care, basic laboratory skills, basic respiratory therapy skills, pulse oximetry, IV therapy and pharmacology, and conscious sedation.

CLRZ 405. Principles of Mammography Lab. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 2 laboratory hours. 1 credit. Prerequisites: CLRS 201 and CLRS 320, or permission of instructor. Pre- or corequisite: CLRS 405. Provides simulated experience in performing positioning of the breast. Students will be expected to demonstrate competence in positioning the breast phantom for a variety of routine and specialized projections. In addition, quality control procedures specific to mammography will be performed.

CLRZ 461. Radiopharmacy Laboratory. 1 Hour.
Semester course; 2 laboratory hours. 1 credit. Prerequisites: CLRS 319, CLRS 322 and CLRZ 322, all with a minimum grade of C. A simulated radiopharmacy laboratory will focus on operation of laboratory equipment in the compounding of radiopharmaceuticals.