Admissions Criteria

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program has limited enrollment capacity and rigorous academic standards. This program of study requires special procedures for admission, initial enrollment and continuation in the program.

The following terms are used in defining criteria for program admission:

**Program admission** means the formal acceptance by the college of an applicant into one of the health sciences clinical programs.

**Relevant college courses** means one or more credit-bearing courses, which, with respect to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program, (1) is a required course for program completion, or (2) is a prerequisite for a required course in a program, or (3) is a course that satisfies the general education requirements.

**Satisfactorily complete** means to earn credit in a given course with a final grade of "C" or above, or complete a developmental course with a final grade that permits progression to the next course level. Students may repeat each course only once.

**Technical standards** for admission means that the student must demonstrate through physician evaluation that he/she is able to fulfill the customary physical and mental requirements of his/her chosen profession in order to enroll in the selected program.

Students interested in petitioning for admission to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program must first meet with an academic advisor to review program curriculum and discuss prerequisite coursework requirements. Actual petitioning to the program may not be completed until all criteria have been met and the student is enrolled in the last prerequisite course. Advisors are available in Bladen Hall, Room 145 or by phoning (301) 322-0151.

Each health science program of Prince George's Community College requires that students satisfactorily complete the prerequisite courses prior to petitioning with a "C" or better. Student may repeat each course only once to achieve the desired goal. A qualifying GPA of 2.5 or higher is required for admission to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program.

Students who are currently registered radiographers, nurses, medical lab technologists, or possess current registry in another allied health discipline may be eligible for the NUM certificate program, provided they (1) provide documentation of current licensure, and (2) have successfully completed the following:

- Two semesters of Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Math at the college algebra/pre-calculus level
- Chemistry (general chemistry, with lab)
- Physics (Introductory or General, with lab)
- Medical Terminology

The certificate program runs concurrent with the AAS degree program. College and program admission and petitioning processes are identical to those for the degree program.
Non-academic Standards for Program Admission

Prior to the first Clinical Education Course, students must submit a completed Health Assessment Form to the College's Health Education Center. All students are required to be certified in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross to participate in clinical education classes. The student must demonstrate through physician evaluation that he/she is able to fulfill the customary physical and mental requirements of the profession in order to enroll in the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program. Once admitted to the program, individuals must continue to meet the physical and mental requirements. Individuals must be able to:

- Work 8-10 hours per day performing physical tasks such as sitting, lifting, bending, turning, carrying, and moving around the physical environment.
- Perform fine motor movements needed to manipulate instruments and equipment.
- Communicate effectively, both verbally and written, with peers, patients, and physicians.
- Monitor and assess patient’s needs using auditory and visual skills.
- Monitor radiation exposures by the visual and auditory mode.
- Work safely with patients who are susceptible or are in the contagious stage(s) of communicable diseases.
- Establish and work toward goals in a responsible manner.
- Work as a member of the health care team to care for patients while delivering ionizing radiation and maintaining high standards of professionalism.

A criminal background check is required of all students admitted to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program. Continued participation in the program is contingent upon a satisfactory response on the background check. All information on the background check remains confidential and is only shared with the requesting clinical agencies. If a clinical agency denies clinical placement for a student because of the background check, that student may not be able to complete the clinical program.

Students accepted into the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program are also required to submit evidence of a drug screen urine panel as outlined on the individual program's Screening Form. Information about results of the drug screen urine panel is only shared with requesting clinical agencies. If a clinical agency denies clinical placement for a student because of the drug screen urine panel, that student may not be able to complete the clinical program. Students, at their own expense, may be required to submit to random urine drug testing at clinical sites. Results of random urine drug testing may result in the student not being able to complete the clinical program.

All accepted students must show proof of personal health insurance.
Individuals who have been involved in a criminal proceeding, or who have been charged with or convicted of a crime, are encouraged to contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT – www.arrt.org) and/or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB – www.nmtcb.org) in order to obtain a ruling on the impact of the situation on their eligibility for certification and registration.