

***Dental Radiology Program
Frequently Asked Questions***

How long is the Dental Radiology Program? The dental radiology program is offered in two formats: a daytime program which runs for 10 weeks and an evening course which runs for 12 weeks. The program totals 45 hours.

What type of commitment is required to complete this course? The student MUST attend all classes as well as successfully complete all laboratory and clinical competencies. Students will be tested on a weekly basis. Students will be required to study and prepare for each weeks class to successfully pass the course. Students MUST be prepared to commit to many hours of studying each week.

Can I miss any classes? No, you cannot miss any classes. Students MUST attend all classes. If a student misses a class due to an emergency, it is their responsibility to contact their instructor and schedule a make-up session. The course will be considered incomplete if the student does not complete 45 hours of instruction. There may be additional fees charged for make-up sessions.

Is the course accredited? Yes, our course is accredited by the New Jersey Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.

English is my 2nd language, will I have difficulty in the course? It is strongly recommended that students are well versed in the English language. The text book, lectures and exams are in English. Hand held translators of any kind are not permitted during examinations. Students are NOT permitted to record or video any lecture.

What are the admission requirements? Students must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, be of good moral character and have experience working in a dental office. When sending in your application, you must include a copy of our driver's license or birth certificate and a copy of your high school diploma.

How do I apply for the program? You must download the application, fill out in its entirety and either mail or fax the application with payment to NJHPDI. You also must include your admission requirements which include a copy of your driver's license or birth certificate and a copy of your high school diploma.

What if I graduated high school from another country? You must have your diploma evaluated for US equivalency. This must be done prior to the start of the course. We provide this service for our students or you may take care of it on our own. An additional fee for this service is charged.

When can I start taking x-rays? Students are not permitted to expose radiographs until they have successfully passed the Radiation Health and Safety exam and have received their NJ State Dental Radiology license. (Students are permitted to expose radiographs during the clinical portion of the course as directed by NJHPDI and only during the allotted time frame determined by NJHPDI.)

Where will I go for my clinical experience? Most students are employed by a dental office in NJ and will complete their clinical experience there. If you are currently unemployed, or work outside of NJ, special arrangements can be made. Please speak to us about this before you send in your application. Specific clinical requirements set forth by the NJ Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners and NJHPDI must be successfully completed by the students in a dental office located in the state of New Jersey. The dental office must be approved by the board and all laboratory and didactic requirements must be successfully completed prior to starting any clinical work in the approved dental office.

Can a foreign trained dentist audit the program? No. The State of NJ requires that all students successfully complete this course before they are eligible to apply for the licensure exam and a NJ State Dental Radiology license.

Is there an online component to this program? No. The course must be completed in a classroom and laboratory (hands-on) setting.

What should I bring on the first day of class? You will receive your textbook as well as a workbook on the first day of class. Please bring a pen, note pad and highlighter with you. You are also welcome to bring anything that you would like to eat or drink, as we will have scheduled breaks during each class.

When can I take my licensure exam? You can schedule your Radiation Health and Safety exam after you have successfully completed the didactic, laboratory and clinical components of the course. NJHPDI will inform you when you can apply for your licensure exam.

Why do I need dental experience to take this course? Students should to be well versed in basic dental terminology and dental anatomy to successfully complete this course. Students who do not have dental experience have a much more difficult time understanding lecture material and completing laboratory assignments.