

**WORKING TO BE A****Radiological Technician****What type of education is needed to be a radiological technician?**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Complete a state-approved radiography training program
- Formal programs are from one to four years and lead to a certificate, Associate's degree, or Bachelor's degree

**What licenses or certifications are needed to be a radiological technician?**

- Licensing by the state is required

**What is the work environment like for a radiological technician?**

- Many work in hospitals; others work in doctor's offices, laboratories, and outpatient care centers
- Work at diagnostic machines but may also do some procedures from the patient's bedside
- Radiation hazards exist but are lowered by correct use of equipment and precautions
- Most work 40 hour weeks that may include evening and weekends, part time is also available

**What does a radiological technician do?**

- Produce x-rays of parts of the human body to help diagnose problems with patients
- Set up the exam room and take patient histories
- May prepare and give chemical mixtures used to make internal organs more visible
- Position equipment at the right angle and height over the correct area to get the right image
- Monitor the patient's condition and report information to the doctor
- Adjust and maintain equipment
- Take precautions to lower the amount of exposure they get from the radiation

**What is the normal pay range for a radiological technician?**

- \$15.77—\$26.56 per hour

**What Source partners offer training to be a radiological technician?**

- Owens Community College

**How can a radiological technician grow in their field?**

- Radiological technologist
- Radiological supervisor
- Chief Radiological Technologist
- Radiation Therapist

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