

## **Program Acceptance -- Ethical Questions**

Student accepted into the RADT Program must be aware that the Radiologic Technology career carries with it High Ethical Standards.

1. Please recognize that any past, unethical conduct may result in your inability to sit for the ARRT Examination once completing the RADT Program.
2. Also, said past unethical conduct may result in a graduate's inability to secure a job in the Radiologic Technology profession.
3. Any future, unethical conduct may result in a graduate's ability to maintain a job.

**ETHICS** -- Taken directly from the ARRT application handbook regarding the past, current, and future Ethical Practices of the ARRT applicant (Students in the CNM RADT Program). As part of the ARRT Application process, applicants must document any past, unprofessional conduct and show documentation that said conduct has been remedied – Court documents, Probation Completion documents, etc. All ADULT unethical conduct must have verifiable completion documentation and that documentation, along with a letter of explanation, must accompany the ARRT application.

Three questions are asked on the ARRT Application. Applicants who mark “yes” to any of these questions must provide the verifiable completion documentation. **To not document any past Ethics violation results in non-acceptance to sit for the ARRT examination.**

It is possible to provide all documentation/letter to the ARRT well in advance of the ARRT Application. If more than 90 days prior to Program Completion, said documentation/letter can accompany a Pre-Application, application and have the ARRT's Ethics Committee review the applicant's documentation. In this manner, the ARRT Application process can go forward without difficulty.

Please contact the RADT Program Director for more information regarding the ETHICS requirements.

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### **ETHICS**

Our pledge to promote high standards of patient care includes enforcing high standards of ethics among Registered Technologists — and among candidates for certification. All candidates must comply with the Rules of Ethics contained in the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* (Appendix I).

The Rules of Ethics are standards of minimally acceptable professional conduct for all Registered Technologists and candidates. The Rules are intended to promote the protection, safety and comfort of patients. Registered Technologists and candidates engaging in any of the conduct or activities noted in the Rules of Ethics, or who permit the occurrence of such conduct or activities, have violated the Rules of Ethics and are subject to sanctions.

## QUESTION ONE

One issue addressed by the Rules of Ethics is conviction of a crime — which includes misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony, the only exceptions being speeding and parking violations. All alcohol and/or drug related violations must be reported.

“Conviction,” as used in this provision, includes a criminal proceeding where a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned, but

- the adjudication of guilt is either withheld, deferred or not entered, or
- the sentence is suspended or stayed, or
- a criminal proceeding where the individual enters a plea of guilty or no contest (*nolo contendere*), or
- there is a pre-trial diversion

You aren’t required to report offenses that were committed as a juvenile *and* were adjudicated through the juvenile court system.

The Application for Certification asks: “Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or a similar offense in a military court-martial?” If your answer is “No,” you move on to the next question. If you answer “Yes,” you must provide a detailed explanation and official court documentation of the charges. Court documentation must verify the nature of the conviction, the sentence imposed by the courts and the current status of the sentence. If you have a court-martial, you must provide a detailed personal explanation, documentation verifying the reasons for the court-martial and the conditions of and status of the sentence.

## QUESTION TWO

A second question asks whether you have had any professional license, registration or certification subjected to discipline by a regulatory authority or certification board. *This refers to licenses such as a nursing license, EMT license, etc. This does not refer to a driver’s license.*

## QUESTION THREE

A third question asks whether you ever been suspended, dismissed, or expelled from an educational program that you attended in order to meet ARRT certification requirements. *This does not consider withdrawing from such a program.*

## FERPA Question

The certification application also asks you to respond to a question about violations or sanctions related to the honor code. All candidates must sign a written consent under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This consent allows ARRT to communicate freely and openly with program directors and to obtain specific parts of your educational records concerning violations of an honor code.

NOTE:

Remember, the ARRT has the right to perform a background check on anyone at anytime. Please do not hold back any past ethics violations from the ARRT. Be forthright in your stating any past ethics violations.

Again, please see the RADT Program Director with any questions.