

Radiology		
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Frequently Asked Questions		
Which clerkships are required for students to match in Radiology?		
<p>Applicants to Diagnostic Radiology (DR): Radiology 695, "Radiology Elective Clerkship," 4 weeks in DR in Seattle.</p> <p>Applicants to Interventional Radiology (IR): Radiology 695, "Radiology Elective Clerkship," 4 weeks in IR, plus Radiology 694 "Advanced Radiology Clerkship," 2 weeks in DR. The IR rotation must be arranged well in advance.</p>		
Do you recommend that students take an elective in Radiology at another institution?		
<p>DR: Only if you specifically want to go to a particular program and if you are a competitive applicant for that program. Only 5-10% of DR applicants do away electives.</p> <p>IR: Yes, 4 weeks. Choose a program at which you would be a competitive applicant. Please seek advice about a program that is appropriate for you and arrange the elective as soon as you can.</p>		
Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Radiology?		
No.		

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

DR applicants: It is best to take the radiology clerkship in Summer B, but Summer C is acceptable. We will write a departmental letter of recommendation for you, and you can ask specific faculty members to contribute to the letter. You will need at least two letters from clinical clerkships, preferably including one from medicine or surgery. A letter from a research mentor is acceptable as a fourth letter.

IR applicants: Take the IR clerkship no later than Summer B and DR no later than Summer C. You must obtain a letter of recommendation from an IR faculty member at UW. A DR letter and a surgery letter are strongly recommended, and your application will be hurt if you don't have these letters. You should obtain a fourth letter from a clinical clerkship. You should dual apply in IR and DR, as IR is extremely competitive (in 2016-17, 400 U.S. seniors applied for 120 positions).

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

DR:

Obtaining all or most letters of recommendation from radiologists.

Not applying to enough programs or applying to programs for which you are not competitive.

Not completing the application by September 15.

In the personal statement, discussing "solving puzzles" or neglecting to mention your goals.

Not studying for Step 2. The Step 2 score is not required for the DR application, but if you take it, you don't want the score to be substantially lower than Step 1.

Not reaching out to your career advisor multiple times during the application, interview, and ranking process.

IR:

Taking only 2 weeks of IR clerkship.

Applying only to IR rather than dual applying to IR and DR.

Obtaining all or most letters of recommendation from interventional or diagnostic radiologists.

Not showing enthusiasm and interest during both the IR and DR clerkships.

Not applying to enough programs or applying to programs for which you are not competitive.

Not completing the application by September 15.

In the personal statement, discussing "solving puzzles" or neglecting to mention your goals.

Overemphasizing your sole interest in IR (at the expense of DR) during your interviews. The IR residency includes three years of DR, and you will have DR interviewers who want to make sure that you will be engaged during those three years.

Not studying for Step 2. The Step 2 score is not required for the IR application, but if you take it, you don't want the score to be substantially lower than Step 1.

Not reaching out to your career advisor multiple times during the application, interview, and ranking process.

If a student is strongly interested in Radiology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match.

	5 Highly Important	4	3	2	1 Less Important
Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations	●				
Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation	●				
Doing a preceptorship in this specialty					●
Doing a sub-I in this specialty					●
Doing an away rotation in this specialty			●		
Doing a summer research project in this specialty		●			
1 letter of reference from someone in this specialty	●				
1 letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty					●
3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty					●
Express a strong interest in academic medicine			●		
Having a published abstract or poster presentation		●			
Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal		●			
Having a Step I USMLE score above 235		●			
Election to AOA		●			
Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH)				●	
Being bilingual				●	
GHIP or other international experience				●	
Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved community				●	
Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community				●	
Election to Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS)		●			
Participating in community service	●				

National Characteristics of Entering Radiology Residents

Length of Residency Training	Categorical vs. Advanced Program	Median Salary
5 years	Advanced	396,000
Competitiveness of Specialty	Mean USMLE Step 1 Score	Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score
Medium	240	247
Mean # of Programs Applied to in this Specialty	# of U.S. M.D. Applicants in this Specialty	# of Positions Available
34.8	1573	151

For more information, please visit the AAMC's [Careers in Medicine: Radiology-Diagnostic website](#).

Residency Application Process - Frequently Asked Questions

How many programs should a student apply to in order to be successful in matching in Radiology?

40-50

Recognizing that it can vary from year to year, nationally, when is the typical interview season for Radiology?

There is a wide range, from October to January. You might want to take time off in late October/early November and then again in January. Few interviews are held during the week of Thanksgiving and the week immediately after (RSNA week), and none are held during the winter holiday break.

Programs in the Midwest and New England tend to interview earlier, before winter weather sets in.

Most programs (other than UW) on the West Coast schedule the majority of their interviews in December and January.

At what point in the interview season should a student become concerned about their application to Radiology residency programs?

Most students receive at least one interview offer by November 1. Students with Step 1 scores under 230 might not receive offers right away, so don't panic, but contact Dr. Reddy at any time if you have questions.

If a student is concerned about their application status, what should they do?

Contact Dr. Reddy to discuss the desirability of applying to more programs and/or contacting residency program coordinators by email.

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