

### 7 Points to Ponder Before Enrolling in a Radiologic Science Program

1. You're going to have to touch people, including strangers.
2. Radiologic technology isn't just a job, it's a profession. Professionalism is a lifelong commitment to lifelong learning. That kind of commitment isn't for everybody.
3. School needs to be a priority. Studying to be an R.T. is a demanding, full-time job. In addition to hours in the classroom and at the clinical site, you will need time for studying. Make sure you can give it the time it's going to take and ask your family and friends for help and support. (Take a look at the schedule of the Radiology student below and tell me when you will fit in studying, working, eating, sleeping and any other responsibilities you might have?)
4. Your friends think you'd be great at it, but your heart really isn't in it. Patients deserve high-quality care from professionals who choose to focus on Radiology. Give yourself permission to change your plans if you've realized that Radiology just isn't for you!
5. Don't settle for this because the program you really wanted was full. If your career choice doesn't ignite a passion in you, you're likely to be unhappy.
6. Don't set yourself up for failure, thinking the program is too hard or you won't fit in. It's going to be challenging, but if you've been accepted, you've got what it takes to succeed. Stay focused and study hard and ask for help when you need it.
7. It's not going to be a breeze either. Ask current students and instructors what the program is really like. Students often say they had no idea how much time it was going to take to be successful in the program. Everything you are learning is NEW!