



at a glance

# Diagnostic Assistant

Department: Allied Health

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Summer

Length: 2 years

- A **fully accredited** technical program with an outstanding **national certification** exam pass rate and **post-graduation employment** statistics.
- **Clinical experiences** occur in the Radiology departments of **Mercy Medical Center** or **St. Luke's Hospital-UnityPoint Health** — both award-winning health care facilities.
- Students learn in a fast-paced, **competency-based educational environment**.
- The program is a mix of **classroom education, laboratory simulation,** and extensive **clinical education**.
- **Small class sizes** provide a low instructor-to-student ratio to optimize learning.
- **Compassionate faculty** deliver a comprehensive education, which turns into excellent patient care opportunities.

## Program Description

The Diagnostic Assistant degree is a two-year program designed for Radiologic Technology students in partnership with the Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology in Cedar Rapids. Students can complete prerequisite courses at Kirkwood to become eligible to apply for the partnering medical facility program.

Upon completion of the degree, a graduate will be able to perform various imaging techniques while providing quality patient care.

## Career Opportunities

Hospitals  
Outpatient clinics  
Physicians' offices  
Mobile imaging companies

## Sample Classes

Microcomputer Literacy  
Human Anatomy and Physiology  
Composition  
Medical Terminology  
Intermediate Algebra  
Introduction to Psychology  
Fundamentals of Oral Communication  
Mercy/St. Luke's Technical Courses

## Mercy/St. Luke's credit hours

After completing the Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology program, 29 technical credits can be transferred to Kirkwood Community College toward the Diagnostic Assistant Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

Mercy/St. Luke's School  
of Radiologic Technology  
319-369-7097

## Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit [www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships](http://www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships).

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