ARRT certifies and registers more than a quarter-of-a-million radiologic technologists in a range of modalities

**Primary Eligibility Pathway**
- Radiography
- Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Radiation Therapy
- Sonography
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging

**Post-Primary Eligibility Pathway**
- Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiography
  *(test replaced 1/03 with CI and VI)*
- Mammography
- Computed Tomography
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Quality Management
- Sonography
- Bone Densitometry
- Vascular Sonography
- Cardiac-Interventional Radiography
- Vascular-Interventional Radiography
- Breast Sonography
- Radiologist Assistant

**ARRT’s Equation for Excellence**

*Promoting high standards of patient care by recognizing qualified individuals in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy*
Radiologic technologists are the third largest category of healthcare professionals, surpassed in number only by physicians and nurses. And like other healthcare providers, their qualifications are vital to quality patient care.

That’s where we come in.

We’re the ARRT: The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

To promote quality patient care, we test, certify, and annually register more than a quarter-of-a-million radiologic technologists.

We award the “Registered Technologist,” or “R.T.,” designation to individuals who have completed the prescribed education, met the ethics requirements, and passed the appropriate exam.

Education + Ethics + Examination =

The ARRT Equation for Excellence

**Education**

Education is a two-phase process for R.T.s: first is the preparatory education they must complete prior to taking an exam; then, they need to satisfy ongoing continuing education requirements to keep the credential in effect.

Eligibility for ARRT’s primary certification requires completion of an educational program accredited by an acceptable mechanism. ARRT currently recognizes the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT), the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS), and the divisions of the six regional accrediting agencies that evaluate degree-granting institutions; plus, outside the U.S., the Conjoint Accreditation Service of the Canadian Medical Association, and the Australian Institute of Radiography.

Eligibility for the post-primary pathway to ARRT certification requires satisfaction of clinical experience requirements. In addition, ARRT requires compliance with continuing education requirements for ongoing registration.

**Ethics**

ARRT requires that certification candidates and renewing registrants be of good moral character and agree to comply with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *Standards of Ethics*.

The rules and regulations detail qualifications, procedures, and requirements for initial certification and annual registration.

Ethics standards impose both a general code of ethics and specific rules of ethics. The code presents a model of professional conduct to which R.T.s may aspire. The rules, on the other hand, are very specific in addressing the reporting and repercussions of any R.T. engaging in fraud, deceit, falsification, and misrepresentation; conviction of a crime; and failure to practice and communicate with reasonable skill and safety.

ARRT is rigorous and systematic in reviewing violations and imposing sanctions up to and including revocation of certification.

**Examination**

ARRT has developed and administers 14 exams: radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy, sonography, magnetic resonance imaging, mammography, computed tomography, quality management, bone densitometry, vascular sonography, cardiac-interventional radiography, vascular-interventional radiography, breast sonography, and Radiologist Assistant.

ARRT exams are built on sound psychometric principles and updated regularly. Practice analysis, which identifies the tasks required in a given modality, defines the content of each exam. Exam questions are written by panels of consultants who are experts in the field.