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2025 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Advising Guide

Application Deadline: February 1 | Admission for Summer 2025

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GENERAL PROGRAM INFO

The MRI program is offered through a partnership with other Community Colleges as part of the **Michigan Educational Program in Collaboration (Mi-EPiC) consortium**. The consortium offers two options for completing the MRI Program: the Traditional Associate Degree Track and the Fast-Track, which results in a certificate. The Associate Degree program is designed for those with no healthcare experience. Those already ARRT certified, qualify for the certificate track. While the degree/certificate is awarded by LCC, the program is run by the [Michigan Workforce Training and Education Collaborative \(MWTEC\) \(www.mwtec.org/\)](http://www.mwtec.org/). For more information on this curriculum and career, visit the [consortium program's website \(https://mwtec.org/mri-tech-program\)](https://mwtec.org/mri-tech-program).

Admission into this program is competitive. Program-specific entrance requirements must be completed to be eligible to apply. The program admits once a year and in May. Admission is determined using a point system; those with the highest total points will be selected for the available seats.

Application Deadline	Number of Students Admitted Annually	Program Duration (once admitted)	Program Format
February 1	Approximately 5 from LCC	16 months (4 semesters)	Online Lectures with in-person labs & clinical

APPLICATION PROCESS

Follow the steps below to apply to Lansing Community College's MRI Program. Admission into the college does not guarantee entrance into a Selective Admissions program. For questions about the application process, email selective_admissions@star.lcc.edu.

1. **APPLY TO LCC:**

If you are not currently and have never been an LCC student, [apply to the college \(www.lcc.edu/get-started/\)](http://www.lcc.edu/get-started/). It's FREE!

2. ***TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Have **ALL** of your previous colleges send official transcripts directly to LCC's Registrars Office by **January 5th**. Courses must transfer into LCC as the exact class to satisfy an admission requirement.

a. Find out where to send your transcripts and how your classes will transfer to LCC using our [equivalency site \(www.lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/\)](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/). Students submitting non-US transcripts for credit transfer evaluation should request a credit evaluation report to be sent directly to LCC Registrars Office. The report must be prepared by a member organization of the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. \(NACES\) \(www.naces.org/\)](http://www.naces.org/). Contact one of the NACES member organizations listed at naces.org to obtain a credit evaluation request form.

b. *****Your transfer school's grading system will be used to convert letter grades to numerical. Grading scales vary by school. For most Colleges (not all), a 2.5 grade is equivalent to a B.*****

3. **MEET WITH AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR FOR COURSE PLANNING:**

Schedule an appointment with an [academic advisor \(www.lcc.edu/advising/\)](http://www.lcc.edu/advising/).

The lead health careers advisors are Eric Bennett, Matt Boeve, and Angela Kuhlman.

**To get the most out of your appointment transfer transcripts should be on record with LCC prior to meeting with an advisor.*

4. **COMPLETE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** The following pages include admission requirements for both the Traditional Associate Degree track and the Fast-track Certificate. Requirements must be completed by December 31st to be eligible.

**Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee admission into this program.*

5. **SUBMIT MRI APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 1:**

Once you have completed the steps above and the admission requirements are either complete or you are on track to finish them by December 31st, submit the online Selective Admission Application located on the [Advising Guide site \(www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html). Applications open in September.

*****Fast-track applicants must provide a copy of their current AART certification to be considered.*****

**International students on an F-1 Visa are not eligible for this program since the majority of course content is delivered online.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The consortium offers two options for completing the MRI Program: the traditional associate degree track and the fast-track certificate. The Associate Degree program is designed for those with no healthcare experience. Those already ARRT certified, qualify for the certificate track. Admission requirements vary by track.

Traditional Track/Associate Degree:

Applicants must complete ALL of the following to be eligible for admission. **Coursework must be successfully completed by December 31st to be considered.** **Transcripts from other institutions are due January 5th.** Spring semester classes are considered only in the event there are not enough applicants to fill seats. Only courses listed on your LCC record, which includes transfer credit, can be used to satisfy an admission requirement. Completion of the requirements does not guarantee admission into this program as seats are limited.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	SEE NOTE	MINIMUM GRADE
BIOL 201: Human Anatomy	1	2.5 / *B
BIOL 202: Human Physiology	1	2.5 / *B
COMM 110, 120, 130, or 240 <i>*Other Communication courses cannot be substituted</i>	2	2.5 / *B
ENGL 121, 122, 131, or 132 <i>*Other English/Writing courses cannot be substituted</i>	2	2.5 / *B
MATHEMATICS APPLIED DEGREES GENERAL EDUCATION: MATH 120, STAT 170, STAT 215, or any course from the College Algebra section on the Applied Degrees General Education list (www.lcc.edu/academics/catalog/general-education/index.html)		2.5 / *B
PHYS 120 or PHYS 200		2.5 / *B
SOCIAL SCIENCES APPLIED DEGREES GENERAL EDUCATION: SOCL 120, PSYC 200, or any course from the Humanities & Fine Arts or Social Sciences sections on the Applied Degrees General Education list (www.lcc.edu/academics/catalog/general-education/index.html)	2	2.5 / *B

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT NOTES:

1. Anatomy & Physiology must be completed within 8 years of the application deadline.
2. The general education requirement for English, Communication, and/or Social Sciences will be waived ONLY IF the student has an Associate's or higher degree AND there are no classes completing the requirement(s) on the student's academic record. Official

transcripts on record with LCC's Registrars office must show proof of degree.

***TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Your transfer school's grading system will be used to convert letter grades to numerical. Grading scales vary by school; a **2.5 is typically equivalent to a B.** Official transcripts from **ALL** transferring colleges must be on file with LCC's Registrars office by January 5th to be considered. **Points will be deducted if transcripts are not received for all colleges attended** – except international schools.

Fast-Track/Certificate:

Individuals interested in the certificate program must have ALL of the following completed at the time of application to be eligible for admission. Completion of the requirements does not guarantee admission into this program as seats are limited.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	SEE NOTE
Current ARRT certification <u>and</u> graduate of an accredited College in one of the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radiography• Radiation Therapy• Nuclear Medicine (<i>registration through NMTCB is acceptable</i>)• Sonography (<i>registration through ARMDS is acceptable</i>)	1 & 2

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT NOTES:

1. Proof of current ARRT certification must be submitted with the MRI application to be considered for this track. Applications are available in the MRI section on the [HHS Advising Guide site \(www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).
2. Applicants must show proof of program completion via an official transcript sent to LCC's [Registrars office \(www.lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/\)](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/) by the transcript deadline outlined on page 2.



POINT SYSTEM

Admission into this program is competitive. Eligible applicants will be ranked using the following point system. Those with the highest total points will be selected for the available seats.

Admission decisions are made in March.

POINT CRITERIA	SEE NOTE	YOUR POINTS		
4 points awarded for applicants who complete a job shadow in a Radiology or MRI department.	1 & 2			
The following points are awarded based on GPA: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Traditional Track GPA of admission requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 points: 3.75-4.00 25 points: 3.50-3.74 20 points: 3.25-3.49 15 points: 3.00-3.24 10 points: 2.75-2.99 5 points: 2.60-2.74 </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> Fast-Track GPA in ARRT program courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 points: 3.75-4.00 25 points: 3.50-3.74 20 points: 3.25-3.49 15 points: 3.00-3.24 10 points: 2.75-2.99 5 points: 2.60-2.74 </td> </tr> </table>	Traditional Track GPA of admission requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 points: 3.75-4.00 25 points: 3.50-3.74 20 points: 3.25-3.49 15 points: 3.00-3.24 10 points: 2.75-2.99 5 points: 2.60-2.74 	Fast-Track GPA in ARRT program courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 points: 3.75-4.00 25 points: 3.50-3.74 20 points: 3.25-3.49 15 points: 3.00-3.24 10 points: 2.75-2.99 5 points: 2.60-2.74 		
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Traditional Track ONLY 2 points awarded for <u>each</u> of the following courses completed with a minimum grade of 2.5 in one attempt; this includes withdraws (W) and attempts at other colleges. Only attempts within the last 5-years are considered. <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIOL 201 BIOL 202 COMM requirement ENGL requirement </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH/STAT requirement PHYS requirement SOCIAL SCIENCE requirement </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIOL 201 BIOL 202 COMM requirement ENGL requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH/STAT requirement PHYS requirement SOCIAL SCIENCE requirement 	3	
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Fast-Track ONLY The following points are awarded for <u>ONE</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 points: Certificate 16 points: Associate's Degree 18 points: Bachelor's Degree 20 points: Master's or higher Degree 	1 & 4			
YOUR TOTAL POINTS:				

POINT SYSTEM NOTES:

- 1.** This point criteria is optional. Only applicants who meet the criteria will earn points in this category.
- 2.** Proof of job shadow must be documented by an official representative of the facility on business letterhead and include facility name, date shadowed, contact information and

signature of the Radiographer or MRI Technologist you shadowed. To earn points, documentation must be attached to your application (*preferred*) or emailed to **selective_admissions@star.lcc.edu** by the application deadline.

- 3. Maximum points will be deducted if transfer transcripts are not received for all colleges attended. This does not include international schools.**
- 4.** Applicants must show proof of degree via an official transcript sent to LCC's [Registrars office \(www.lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/\)](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/) by January 5th to earn points.

In the case of a tie in total points, the application submitted first is given preference.

PROGRAM LAYOUT

Admitted applicants are required to attend a mandatory program orientation that typically occurs mid-April. Candidates are advised to plan accordingly.

The MRI consortium program is run by the [Michigan Workforce Training and Education Collaborative \(MWTEC\) \(mwtec.org/\)](http://mwtec.org/) as part of the Michigan Educational Program in Collaboration (Mi-EPiC) consortium. Since this is a collaborative program with other Michigan Colleges, the schedule will not follow LCC's Academic Calendar.

The program layout is the same for both tracks. Those admitted start the program in May. MRI is 16 consecutive months long. Lecture content is entirely online. The first semester of the program contains 1-2 in-person labs that occur at Mid-Michigan College (or another partnering school's campus).

Clinical rotations start during the 2nd semester (Fall) and run through the remainder of the program. Sites are within a 200-mile radius of LCC's main campus. Students may be placed at any clinical site, regardless of distance. Students are responsible for their own transportation and any cost associated with it. Clinicals occur 3-4 times per a week and may start as early as 5:00am. Some sites require evening rotations that could run as late as 10:00pm. Participants are encouraged to reduce their work hours as much as possible while in the program.

Upon program completion, traditional track students earn a **Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technology Associate of Applied Science degree**; Fast-Track students earn a **Certificate of Achievement in Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technology**. Both are awarded by LCC. Graduates qualify for examination by the ARRT in Magnetic Resonance Imaging. A passing score allows them to practice as a registered MRI Technologist (R.T. (MR)).

A complete MRI program pathway, including course layout and course sequence, is available on the college's [Degree & Certificate site \(www.lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/\)](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/).

Please be advised that all verbal, written, and patient care are delivered in English.

PROGRAM COST

Once admitted, tuition for all MRI courses is established by the [Michigan Workforce Training and Education Collaborative \(MWTEC\)](http://www.mwtec.org/) (www.mwtec.org/) and [Michigan Colleges Online \(MCO\)](http://www.micollegesonline.org) (www.micollegesonline.org). There are 13 MRIT courses that are part of the consortium totaling 37 credits. Tuition rates for these courses are set by MCO; not LCC. The approximate cost for a student receiving in-district MCO tuition rates during the 2024-25 academic year is \$18,785. The approximate cost for a student receiving out-of-state MCO tuition rates during the 2024-25 academic year is \$23,725.86. These prices include textbooks and other out-of-pocket expenses estimated by MWTEC. Contact [MWTEC \(www.mwtec.org/\)](http://www.mwtec.org/) for details.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

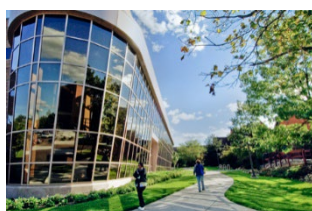
In order for this program to be in compliance with Michigan Public Act 26 of 2006, a **Criminal Background investigation is required for all students**. Directions for completing a Background Check, which may include fingerprinting and drug testing, will be given at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made. Please note digital fingerprinting may be required by the State of Michigan at the time of application for career certification. To comply with State and Federal statutes, admission to this program will be denied for any of the following:

- Any felony conviction within 15 years + three years' probation prior to application.
- Any misdemeanor within ten years prior to application that involved or is similar to the following:
 - Abuse, neglect, assault, battery
 - Criminal sexual conduct
 - Fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult (as defined by the Michigan penal code)

It is the student's responsibility – prior to pursuing the program – to know whether they are prohibited from providing clinical services.

The [Michigan Workforce Background Check Program \(www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf\)](http://www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf) provides detailed information regarding the types of crimes and their implications to employment suitability in health care facilities and agencies.

Any student who has been charged with a felony or a misdemeanor crime after admission to the program must contact the Program Director within 72 hours of the charge. Students convicted of certain crime(s) may become ineligible for clinical/externship privileges and/or professional certification/licensure, and therefore, may be dismissed from the Program.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS-STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

Applicants must be aware students in this program and profession will be exposed to blood, body tissues, and fluids. There is the potential of exposure to electrical hazards, hazardous waste materials, radiation, poisonous substances, chemicals, loud or unpleasant noises and high stress emergency situations. Students enrolled in this program and career path are at risk for exposure to blood and body fluids and transmission of blood-borne and other infectious diseases, including HIV. The Americans with Disabilities Act forbids discrimination against patients with infectious diseases; therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned, regardless of the disease-state of the patient. Standard precautions must be followed when treating each patient.

IMMUNIZATION & CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants admitted to this program are required to present evidence from a licensed healthcare provider that they have completed ALL of the following immunizations. Exemptions are not accepted.

- COVID**
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza (flu)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- Tdap
- Varicella

** Immunization exemptions may be accepted by the third-party healthcare facilities with whom we partner. Should a student request an exemption at a third-party healthcare facility, it is their responsibility to secure that exemption from the facility. They will be required to request the exemption for every clinical rotation site during their time in the MRI Program. Students must be aware that if there is a change in the immunization requirements at healthcare facilities it is the responsibility of the student to ensure they meet all requirements. If not, it may impact their ability to complete the Imaging Program.

Admitted applicants must also provide the following documentation:

- TB test results showing they are free from infection
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certification
- A physical from a licensed healthcare provider
- Negative results of a 10-Panel Drug screen
- Results of a Background Check (*see the [Criminal Background Check section](#) of this guide*)

These requirements are in accordance with professional standards and third-party clinical site requirements. Students are responsible for the cost associated with obtaining immunizations, physicals, BLS certification, and any other items relating to clinical eligibility. Clinical hours must be completed in-full in order to successfully complete this program as mandated by the program's accrediting body and/or professional licensure/certification governances. Students who have not met all of the required clinical requirements, including vaccinations, are not eligible to participate in this program.

Applicants should be aware some vaccinations require a series of injections. In these instances, the entire series must be complete to participate in clinical activities. Titer results showing immunity are accepted for some of the vaccinations in lieu of proof of immunization.

For most students the easiest way to verify your current vaccination status is to visit the [Michigan Immunization Portal \(mcir.org/public/\)](http://mcir.org/public/) and access your State of Michigan immunization record from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). **Students are encouraged to consult with their healthcare provider before starting the program to ensure they can meet these immunization and physical requirements.**

More information about these requirements and how to submit them will be provided at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made; do not submit these documents prior to being instructed to do so by program administration. Contact the Program Director for questions regarding clinical requirements.

ALLERGIES:

Latex sensitivity and allergy has grown as a health care concern in recent years. Beginning one's professional life with a latex allergy presents unique problems because of the increased need to don gloves in both medical and non-medical settings, and unavoidable direct contact with products containing latex rubber (gloves, syringes, tubing, etc.), or by inhaling powder from latex gloves. Applicants with latex sensitivity and allergy are therefore encouraged to consult with their primary care physician to ensure their health and safety while participating in the program.

INSURANCE:

Be aware Lansing Community College does not provide accident and health insurance coverage for students. The College provides liability insurance coverage for students in practicum for injuries and damages they cause to others. It does not cover injuries students sustain as a result of their own actions. Students must use personal funds or personal medical insurance as a primary medical coverage payment if accident or injury occurs or if emergency treatment is required.

CHOSEN/PREFERRED NAME

LCC has adopted a policy providing all members of the campus community the opportunity to use their chosen or preferred name in records and communications across the campus. A chosen/preferred name refers to a first name which is different than the legal first name. Students may request this option via their LCC profile. The student's Chosen/Preferred Name may be used in many contexts, including class rosters, ID Cards (by request), Desire to Learn (D2L) course sites, and more. However, **LCC is legally required to use a student's Legal Name for some things. This includes at all clinical and externship sites, on immunization and medical records, official transcripts, diplomas, financial aid records, and more.** More information is available on LCC's [Chosen Name and Pronoun Initiative site \(www.lcc.edu/diversity/chosen-name.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/diversity/chosen-name.html).

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

LCC provides equal opportunity for all persons and prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, creed, ancestry, height, weight, sexual

orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, familial status, marital status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, military status, veteran's status, or other status as protected by law, or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position or participate in educational programs, courses, services or activities offered by the College.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Employee Title IX Coordinator, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730; HR Director of Total Compensation & Employment, 504/ADA, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875; Associate Dean, Center for Student Support, 504/ADA, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1885; Director of Student Compliance, Student Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-9632, Director of Athletics, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1622, U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

The nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures can be located at [LCC's Board Policies \(www.lcc.edu/about/board-of-trustees/policies.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/about/board-of-trustees/policies.html) website. To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to [Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Resources \(www.lcc.edu/consumer-information/sexual-misconduct.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/consumer-information/sexual-misconduct.html) website.

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Check out all of the Health Career [Advising Guides \(www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html)