

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SELECTION OVERVIEW – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Diagnostic Imaging (DI) programs at SAIT consist of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), Medical Radiologic Technology (MRT) and the Nuclear Medicine Technology (NMT) programs.

Due to the high volume of applicants and the competitive nature of the selection process, these programs do not provide specific details regarding the process (to ensure fairness) and do not review application packages with unsuccessful applicants.

To help guide you through the selection process, we have answered the most common questions below.

I didn't receive a Diagnostic Imaging selection package

The DI programs receive more applications than seats, as shown in the following table.

2009	Quota	Total Applications	Qualified Applications
DMS	22	440	284
MRT	40	434	257
NMT	20	167	91

The quota is limited by the number of available clinical placements and available employment opportunities. A qualified applicant is an applicant who has completed all the pre-requisite courses with a mark of 60% or greater and ensured that all their relevant transcripts arrived at SAIT Student Services. Almost 40% of applicants do not meet the pre-requisite requirements to apply to the DI programs.

Please note that applicants cannot make personal arrangements for a clinical placement; and post secondary courses, credentials, and references are not considered in the selection process. In addition, selection packages are not sent out once the program has been filled.

I completed a Diagnostic Imaging selection package, but did not receive an interview

The second stage of selection is a review of each applicant's DI application. In this stage it is critical that applicants complete the package accurately and thoroughly. Many applicants do not specify the number of months/years in a position nor do they thoroughly outline the specific customer service duties that they performed in the position. Applicants are invited for interviews based on their customer service experience. If an applicant has limited customer service experience, they will likely not be invited for an interview. The applicant may also need to improve their written communication skills.

I attended an interview, but I am now on a waitlist

Once at the interview stage, you are being assessed on your critical thinking and communication skills. Post secondary and work experience will assist many applicants in this area as they can analyze the case more thoroughly and see multiple answers to the questions. If you attended an interview and are now on a waitlist, it means you did well at the interview, slightly below those applicants who have been offered a seat in their program. You can be offered a seat at any time, up until the second week of classes. Please ensure your contact information is kept up to date. If you remain on the waitlist, you can improve your chances for next year by carefully reviewing the interview question(s), identifying all the possible answers and thoroughly communicating the range of possibilities.

I attended an interview, but I am now declined

If you attended an interview and are now declined, it means your interview skills need to be improved significantly. Many applicants do not review the question to ensure they have answered it thoroughly and thoughtfully. They often focus on one idea and repeat their thoughts multiple times. Please note that the expectations for English language abilities as outlined in the Calendar are minimum expectations and applicants will need to demonstrate higher communication skills in order to be successful.

**Please note that the Diagnostic Imaging selection process is under review and the process is subject to change for 2011/12.*