The Radiologic Technology Program at the Community College of Denver (CCD) believes that a job shadow experience provides the best opportunity for initial preparation to become a radiologic technologist. A job shadowing experience exposes the potential applicant to the work of an x-ray technologist, especially when it occurs within a hospital setting. In this experience, you are surrounded by the sights, sounds, smells, and energy of a hospital environment.

The experience allows you to shadow a technologist as they perform their daily job tasks. Primarily this includes watching a technologist use various types of imaging equipment to acquire diagnostic images of patients. This allows you to feel the rhythm of the work within an imaging department and witness the interactions between technologist and patient, as well as the teamwork between co-workers, physicians, and other departmental staff members.

Due to the current pandemic circumstance and the difficulty presented with gaining shadowing experience, another option may be pursued. In lieu of the job shadow experience for fall 2021 applicants, the admissions committee of the Radiologic Technology program at CCD would like you to view several YouTube videos of x-ray technologists performing their work and talking about their job. This cannot possibly replace the experience of a job-shadow, but the videos demonstrate some of the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the technologist and includes interviews with technologists.

Here is a list of videos covering varying facets of the technologist role. As an applicant you are required to view each video. After viewing the videos, you will write an essay which will be scored. The essay will discuss your response to these questions:

a) Reflecting upon your personal experience and impressions after watching the videos, what did you see or experience regarding the actual work of an x-ray technologist that attracts you to this profession?

b) What skills or personality traits might you possess, relating your past experience and learned information from the videos, that speaks to how radiologic technology could be a future profession for you?

**This essay will replace the score of the 12 hours of job shadowing experience and subsequent essay portion (10 points).**

**Required Videos**

Profile of Radiologic Technologist: [https://youtu.be/TvIg5pl4njM](https://youtu.be/TvIg5pl4njM%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20)

(6.5 minutes)

Becoming a Radiologic Technologist: <https://youtu.be/oBsFm9ljgQs>

(32 minutes)

My Job as a Radiologic Technologist: <https://youtu.be/gGkgYrwq-KA>

(1.5 minutes)

The “Skinny” on the Job – Radiologic Technologist: <https://youtu.be/IyAc3dPKf1Q>

(5 minutes)

X-ray Technology. What You Need to Know: <https://youtu.be/VJmu_TrRGRY>

(5 minutes)

**For students who were able to complete all 12 hours of required job shadowing, please answer the following two essay questions. Disregard the videos and essay questions above.**

a) Reflecting upon your personal experience and impressions after job shadowing, what did you see or experience regarding the actual work of an x-ray technologist that attracts you to this profession?

b) What skills or personality traits do you possess, relating your past experience and learned information from your job shadow experience, that speaks to how Radiologic Technology, and specifically admittance into the program at the Community College of Denver, could be a future profession for you?