Saint Louis University  
Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapeutics  
Radiation Therapy Program  
Second Baccalaureate Degree Option

This 12 month program is identical to the senior year of the degree option. Successful completion leads to a second baccalaureate degree in Radiation Therapy. This option is designed as an alternative for the student who already possesses a bachelor’s degree and who is motivated to become a practicing Radiation Therapist in 12 months. It is also for the non-traditional student who may be working in another field, perhaps related to health care, who wishes to change careers.

To be considered for the second baccalaureate degree, the applicant must have satisfactorily completed a baccalaureate degree, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale), including the following prerequisite courses:

- Pre-Calculus: 3
- Principles of Chemistry I & II: 8
- General Physics I & II: 8
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II: 8
- Medical Ethics: 3
- Basic Human Nutrition: 2
- Oral & Written Communication elective: 3
- Theology: 3

*Students pursuing a second baccalaureate degree must also complete a three-hour theology course either prior to or as part of the 12 month curriculum.

The applicant must show evidence of shadowing, observation, or documented work experience in the field of radiation therapy.

The applicant must complete the application for the professional year and submit official transcripts of prior college work through the SLU admissions website at www.slu.edu. Application deadline for the second degree option is August 1st.

The applicant must show satisfactory evidence of good character and physical ability to perform functions of the Radiation Therapist’s role. All applicants must meet the professional performance and technical standards required by the profession. Students must also successfully complete a drug screen and criminal background check prior to the start of the professional year.

Application to the 12-month option is via a competitive application process with admission granted on a space-available basis. The selection process includes a personal interview for qualified applicants.

Selection Factors

Among the parameters considered by the Selection Committee are:
- Applicant’s academic potential as evidenced by previous performance in college.
- Specific motivation toward pursuit of a health care profession.
- Evidence of sound judgment.
- Interpersonal and communication skills.
- Humanistic qualities.