

Nuclear Medicine Technology, BS

Career Advancement

The majority of nuclear medicine technology graduates are employed upon graduation. Graduates typically work as nuclear medicine technologists, beginning as entry-level staff at hospitals or clinics. Most radiation sciences professionals with full-time jobs work 40 hours a week and may have holiday, weekend, evening, night, and on-call hours.

With experience, and sometimes additional education, they may find related jobs in management, sales, education, or as application specialists. Some students choose to continue their education in a master's, physician assistant, or other related medical program. Those pursuing government-related jobs might find positions as regulatory agency inspectors or radiation safety officers.

Students who complete Iowa's professional radiation sciences programs are eligible to apply for national certification exams administered by the appropriate agency in order to practice. Licensure laws for nuclear medicine technologists vary from state to state. Iowa is a licensing state, requiring nuclear medicine technologists to have a permit to practice. Passing the national exam is a criterion used to issue a permit to practice.

More information on radiation sciences careers and outcomes may be found on the Radiation Sciences Program website. The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find jobs.