



Dates and Instructions

Dear Radiography Student,

Thank you for your interest in Radiography. Applicants to the Radiography program at Elgin Community College are required to take the PSB Health Occupations Exam. The completed PSB Testing Fee Form with receipt and/or examinations fee must be returned to the Testing Manager at least 2 weeks before the date of the test. No one will be allowed to test who has not registered, paid, and turned in the appropriate receipts to the Testing Manager. The non-refundable fee of \$20 is payable to Elgin Community College (ECC). Personal checks, certified checks, money orders, or credit cards are accepted. You can pay the non-refundable \$20 fee at Student Accounts (847-214-7380) by check, cash, or credit card by using the PSB Testing Fee Form.

You will receive a confirmation notice by mail or from the testing manager when you hand in your receipt. Please make sure you include your address, phone, and choice of test date, when you hand in your PSB Testing Fee Form.

The sign in process will start at least a half hour before the time stated for the test. On test day, please bring a supply of No. 2 pencils with erasers, a photo-ID and a clear head after a good night's sleep. This is a 2 and half hour exam with a short break after the first hour. No other aids may be used on the test. Please do not bring any children. Please call Victoria Roush, 847-214-7219, if you have questions about your test date.

The PSB Health Occupations test consists of 5 parts – Academic aptitude, spelling (15 minutes for 60 questions), reading comprehension (35 minutes for 50 questions), natural sciences (30 minutes for 90 questions) and vocational aptitude (15 minutes for 90 questions). The Academic aptitude (45 minutes for 90 questions) portion is divided into Verbal, Arithmetic and Nonverbal which is a spatial analogy.

Acceptance to or rejection from a health profession program is based upon many factors. Test results are only one of these factors. If, however, you meet all other criteria and have good test results, you can have confidence that you possess the potential for satisfactorily completing the program . . . provided you have the interest, motivation, and willingness to work hard. The testing is in your best interests as it will enhance your understanding of your abilities and aid in bringing to your attention areas of strength and areas of needed improvement.

To qualify for admissions to the ECC Radiography Program you must score a **minimum** of 25 percentile in each of the categories (except Spelling). Admission to the Radiography Program is competitive, so the higher your scores, the better your chance to be accepted. You can only take the exam **twice**, so it is important that you feel well-prepared to take the exam. I recommend that you access the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) website at <http://www.psbtests.com>. Click on "Health Occupations Aptitude Test" and then "Resources" and then under "Sample Questions for PSB Examinations, click "Health Occupations Aptitude Exam" and also "Test Taking Tips". If you feel you need more preparation for the exam, students have recommended the following website: www.mo-media.com/psb. It does cost \$40 and you can either download it to a computer, or you

can have an actual book mailed to you. This website is not necessarily endorsed by PSB or the College. Other websites are: <http://www.cfcc.edu/learninglab/PSB/PSB.htm> or www.testprepreview.com or www.studyguidezone.com.

Shortly after you take the exam, your results will be mailed to you. Your scores will also be forwarded to the Radiography Program Director. If you scored less than 25% on any section OR you would like to attempt to improve your scores you may register to take the test ONE more time by contacting the Testing Manager, Victoria Roush, at 847-214-7219, vroush@elgin.edu.

If you were unsuccessful in one or more sections of your first attempt, you must wait 30 days before taking the test a second time. You may re-take the whole test to try to better your scores **OR** you may re-take only the section(s) which you scored less than 25 per cent during the first testing session. The testing fee remains at \$20 regardless of whether you re-take the entire test or just one section.

If you have any questions you can contact the Radiography Program Director Deb Letizio at (847)-214-7691, room HBT198A, or by email at dletizio@elgin.edu.

Please remember that you have until December 31 to submit PSB HOA test scores for consideration of Radiography program admission for the class beginning May 2010

RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM

PSB HOA TESTING SESSIONS

Tuesday	May 19, 2009	10 a.m.	HBT 183
Tuesday	July 14, 2009	10 a.m.	HBT 183
Thursday	September 24, 2009	10 a.m.	HBT 183
Thursday	November 19, 2009	10 a.m.	HBT 183
Thursday	December 3, 2009	10 a.m.	HBT183

Note: Dates are subject to change.