POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY/COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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WHAT IS PET/CT?

Positron emission tomography / computed tomography (better known by its acronym, PET/CT) is a medical imaging modality which combines in a single gantry system both Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and X-ray Computed Tomography (CT), so that images acquired can be done so sequentially, in the same session, and combined into a single co-registered image. Thus, functional imaging obtained by PET, which depicts the spatial distribution of metabolic or biochemical activity in the body can be more precisely aligned or correlated with anatomic imaging obtained with CT scanning. This field of imaging is also referred to as hybrid or fusion molecular imaging.

WHO IS A PET/CT TECHNOLOGIST?

A PET/CT technologist is an extremely high trained individual who has a solid background in mathematics and the physical, chemical, and biological sciences. Under the supervision of a physician, the PET/CT technologist is responsible for the preparation and quality control of radiopharmaceuticals, the performance of in vivo imaging procedures, instrumentation quality control, and the computer analysis of data used by the physician for initial diagnosis and follow-up treatment. The PET/CT technologist works closely with other professionals within the medical community to provide quality patient care. In most states, a PET/CT technologist must be certified in nuclear medicine technology in order to work with radiopharmaceuticals. Therefore, applicants of this program must first be certified as a nuclear medicine technologist.

LOCATION/FACILITIES:

The PET/CT program is administered by The University of Findlay (UF) and is governed by the University’s Board of Trustees. It is an online, asynchronous program, consisting of one semester of didactic study and two semesters of clinical training in PET and diagnostic CT. The PET/CT offices are located in the Diagnostic Services Building located at 401 Trenton Avenue in Findlay, Ohio (on the southwest corner of Morey and Trenton) and is part of the UF campus.

University facilities that may be of interest to PET/CT students include The Ralph and Gladys Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex (indoor track; basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts; cardio center; exercise and weight equipment; rock climbing wall; a Student Recreation Center including pool tables, a handball court, and lounge; Derrick’s—smoothies, protein shakes, fruit/veggie cups, etc.), the Croy Physical Education Center (gymnasium, swimming pool, and basketball court), the Gardner Fitness Center (exercise and weight rooms), Shafer Library, the Alumni Memorial Union (Oiler Mart, the Cave—several food options and Jazzman’s coffee bar), the Bucher Center (enrollment services, counseling services), and the Cosiano Health Center.
ACCREDITATION:
By virtue of the Higher Learning Commission and The Ohio Board of Regents, The University of Findlay is able to offer the PET/CT program. Graduates of the program are eligible to test for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) for PET and CT, and also for the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) board for CT. Please note: there may be individual state regulations that govern what a PET/CT technologist is permitted to do. The completion of this program does not guarantee that a graduate will be able to perform PET, diagnostic CT, and/or PET/CT in all of the fifty United States and/or its territories.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:
Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to apply for the national certification examinations in both PET and CT, as mentioned above. In some states, certification by both of these two national organizations is needed to apply for licensure so that the individual may legally do PET/CT within the confines of that state. Applicants, students and graduates are strongly encouraged to investigate the requirements of their particular state or the states or territories that they plan on or may someday work in.

Applicants to and students enrolled in the PET/CT training program should be aware of the eligibility requirements of the national certification boards in regards to prior conviction, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is either a misdemeanor or felony. Students may file a pre-application with one of the boards in order to obtain a ruling of the impact on their eligibility for examination. A student should contact the individual examination boards directly.

In addition, students and applicants should also be aware that the two boards have different eligibility requirements. These requirements will be explained throughout the program. However, all applicants should review the current requirements, which can be found at https://www.arrt.org and https://www.nmtcb.org.

CURRICULUM:
A conjoint advisory committee, with a representative from each clinical affiliate, provides guidance for curriculum development and help in assessing the program’s current and future needs. The program consists of one semester of asynchronous, online, didactic PET/CT-specific academic instruction followed by two semesters of clinical training (one semester/approx. 18 weeks in PET/CT and one semester/approx. 16 weeks in CT) and a week of review concluding with the final, cumulative program exam. The academic instruction, review, and final exam take place online via the UF Learning Management System. Clinical training takes place at one or more of the PET/CT program’s clinical affiliates.
During the semester of academic instruction, you are expected to diligently complete several hours of asynchronous online instruction per week. All assignments must be completed within the first semester and a satisfactory grade of at least a “C” must be earned in each academic course to begin clinical training.

Clinical training requires a time commitment of approximately 40 hours per week. During this time, the student must document successful completion of a specified number of terminal educational objectives and clinical training hours, as well as successfully complete assigned clinical projects. These requirements must be completed on both a diagnostic CT and a PET/CT unit. During clinical instruction, students must document 700 hours in PET/CT, and diagnostic procedure completions must be made on a diagnostic CT.

Student rights and responsibilities can be found at: 

CALENDAR:

The program begins each Fall Semester:

- Didactic Session: August – December
- Clinical Training I: December – April
- Clinical Training II: May – August

The review week, final exam, and graduation all take place in August.

The University of Findlay and the PET/CT program honor the following legal holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Labor Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Memorial Day
- Christmas Day
- Independence Day

During the academic session, Thanksgiving Recess, Spring Break, Fall Break, and Easter Break are scheduled as appropriate. During clinical training, the training facility will determine the holiday schedule.

The PET/CT program recognizes any State/Legal holiday observed by the individual training sites for the students enrolled in clinical training at that site.

The University of Findlay and the PET/CT program reserve the right to adjust this calendar when necessary.
ADMISSION AND TIMELINE:

Applications for the PET/CT program are available from the PET/CT administration offices and online at: https://www.findlay.edu/online-degrees/positron-emission-tomographycomputer-tomography-petct/how-do-i-get-in.

Applicants are encouraged to apply at least six (6) months prior to the start of coursework since enrollment in the program is limited and clinical placement is competitive. Applications may be sent to the PET/CT program far in advance of the desired start date, as applications are accepted throughout the calendar year. Please note that applications received after the deadline will be only be considered if time and space permits.

A NON-REFUNDABLE $50 application fee must accompany each application form. Forms received without this fee are not processed.

Prospective applicants should have all requirements completed and submitted at least six (6) months prior to the desired beginning class date.

PET/CT Course Application timeline:

6 months prior to semester Application and fee must be submitted. High school and post-secondary transcripts should be submitted. Proof of board certification for Nuclear Medicine Technology required, if not currently completing a nuclear medicine program at the time of enrollment.

4 months prior to semester A Conditional Letter of Acceptance and correspondence concerning available clinical affiliates or a letter informing the applicant of his/her status will be sent to the applicant.

3 months prior to semester Student must return the list of available clinical affiliates with his or her choices indicated.

2 months prior to semester Student should receive a letter from the PET/CT program indicating additional requirements.

Prior to completion of semester Student should have the clinical interview completed. The student must be accepted by a clinical training site and all official documentation completed.

Official transcripts of high school, college, and technical training must be obtained and submitted prior to acceptance into the PET/CT Program.
Acceptance into the program is competitive, based on the number of qualified applicants and acceptance of the applicant by an affiliate hospital for clinical training.

**Additional PET/CT program requirements include the following:**

1. Acceptance by a PET/CT program clinical affiliate for clinical training, as coordinated by the PET/CT program and an interview with the clinical affiliate.
2. Documentation of good medical health which satisfies the requirements specified by the PET/CT program and the student’s clinical training site.
3. Completion and acceptance of a student background check that will be coordinated with the student by the PET/CT program, before the student starts the program and must have been done within six months of starting clinical training.
4. Applicants to the PET/CT program must provide or obtain, prior to clinical training, documentation as an *actively certified nuclear medicine technologist* from either the NMTCB and/or the ARRT (N).

**CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS PET/CT TRAINING:**

Due to the specific nature of the PET/CT program, previous secondary and postsecondary educational experiences are not considered to fulfill the requirements of individual courses within the PET/CT professional curriculum. However, a student presently or previously enrolled in another program may apply for application of credit from courses and/or clinical training toward an AA or BS degree through The University of Findlay.

Students interested in obtaining a degree from UF should follow the normal application process for PET/CT plus complete an application to UF, including submission of an official transcript showing courses taken (plus course descriptions or syllabi), clinical training, and grades earned. Questions regarding transfer of previous post-secondary coursework toward a UF degree should be directed to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (419) 434-4732 or admissions@findlay.edu.

Note: A student under academic/disciplinary suspension, or who has been dismissed from another college/university/accredited nuclear medicine technology program, may not be considered for enrollment until eligible to return to his/her former college/university/program.
INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

Applicants previously receiving their post-secondary education outside the United States must have their credentials evaluated by an acceptable credentials evaluation service or UF to show U.S. equivalency. Official transcripts or mark sheets and degree completion certificates, in English and attested to by a school official, may be sent to the PET/CT program and The University of Findlay will evaluate them.

In addition, an official TOEFL score taken in the past two years must be sent to the PET/CT program. If the TOEFL score is below 600 or if no score is provided, then applicant will need to successfully complete the Intensive English Language Program prior to entering the PET/CT program. The TOEFL-iBT score must be an 89 total and 26 speaking, 24 writing, 21 reading and 18 listening or the applicant will need to successfully complete the Intensive English Language Program prior to entering the PET/CT program.

Examples of acceptable credentials evaluation services are:

The International Education Research Foundation
Credentials Evaluation Service
P.O. Box 66940
Los Angeles, CA 90066
(310) 390-6276

World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10113-0745
(212) 966-6311

This evaluation must be completed and submitted prior to being admitted to the PET/CT program by an acceptable credentials evaluation service.

The PET/CT program does not pay fees associated with transcript evaluation.
TUITION/FEES:

The cost of the 2018-2019 the PET/CT program is as follows (this may be changed at the discretion of The University of Findlay without prior notice):

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*Tuition will be billed at the rate of $495 per credit hour over the course of all three semesters.

Payment in full or an official UF Payment Agreement is due one week before classes begin.

**How to Pay Your Tuition Bill:**
Student account payments are accepted by the following methods:

- **Pay by Electronic Check - Recommended**
  Log on to [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu). On the *Quick Find* menu choose *Payments Online* and follow the prompts.

- **Mail a check** to: University of Findlay, 1000 North Main St, Findlay OH 45840. Make checks payable to “University of Findlay” and be certain to provide the student’s UF ID# number and full name.

- **Pay In-Person**
  Pay by cash or check at the Business Office which is located in Old Main. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8am – 4:30pm. Payments received after 3:30pm are applied to the next business day.

- **Pay after Hours**
  Deposit checks in a sealed envelope in the 24-hour drop box around the corner from the Business Office window. Be sure to include the student’s ID number and full name.

- **Pay online by Credit Card**
  Web pay with American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa credit cards. Log onto [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu). On the *Quick Find* menu choose *Payments Online* and follow the prompts. There is a service charge for the convenience of making online credit card payments. The fee will be displayed for your review and acceptance before the payment is processed.

**UF Payment Agreement:**
Students who choose to defer payment must complete an official UF Payment Agreement to make four equal monthly payments throughout the semester. Please contact the UF Business Office at 419-434-4690 for further information. As a reminder, payment in full or an official UF Payment Agreement for all fees is due one week before classes begin.
REGISTRATION FOR CLINICAL TRAINING

In order for a student to register for clinical training, his/her financial obligation to the University must be current. Following are the guidelines for registration:

- Students who deferred payments by signing a Payment Agreement must be current in their payments in order to register for the next semester.
- Students who owe $500 or more may not be allowed to register.

Questions concerning payment of these fees, the reimbursement policy, or the optional insurance plan should be directed to The University of Findlay's Business Office (419-434-4690).

*Degree-seeking students at UF need to be aware that any institutional merit- or need-based scholarship or grant will not renew for the clinical portion of the program. Questions about financial aid may be directed to the Financial Aid office located in Old Main across from the Business Office. The phone number is 419-434-4791; email is finaid@findlay.edu.

The University reserves the right to change the fee structure (and/or reimbursement policy, found below) as necessary.

Reimbursement Policy:

The Reimbursement Policy follows the current policy at The University of Findlay. Contact the Business Office at 419-434-4690 for dates and refund percentages.

*It is the student's responsibility to contact his/her advisor or the Office of the Registrar and officially drop the classes before the start of the session in order to receive a refund. Refunds are based on the day the course is officially dropped, not the last day the course was attended. If a student attends a class session, he or she is considered officially enrolled. Failure to drop a course could cause the student to receive an "F" grade and full charge for the class.*

Financial Aid Refund Policy:

When a student withdraws from all classes after the beginning of a term, the University's charges for tuition and fees may be adjusted. In that event, adjustments to financial aid are likely as well. For the federal programs (e.g., Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant [SEOG], Federal Perkins Loan, Ford Federal Direct Loan, Federal PLUS Loan), adjustments will be made in line with federal regulatory policy, which allows the student to keep the federal aid that has been earned. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 419-434-4791 for further information.
OTHER EXPENSES

An estimated cost of textbooks/e-texts is $300-400.

Each student must undergo a physical exam required by the clinical training site and/or the PET/CT program. Physical forms will be provided to the student. Some hospitals require an extensive background check, drug testing or screening, and vaccination against many communicable diseases, including Hepatitis B and Rubella. All costs for any physical exam and/or medical testing, screening, vaccinations and background check are the responsibility of the student.

The student will also incur expenses during the clinical training session which may include (but are not limited to) room and board, transportation, uniforms, and other miscellaneous expenses such as application fees for the national certification exams. Actual costs will depend on the geographical area to which the student is assigned.

GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Although specific technical requirements may vary by online course or program, the following general technical requirements are required for all online courses:

- Active Email Account
- Current Operating System: Windows or Macintosh
- Internet Connection: DSL/Cable (recommended)
  Note: A wireless or satellite connection should not be used for taking exams and/or quizzes (due to losing connection) and is not recommended for any "Live" Web classes.
- Current Internet Browser: Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, or Google Chrome
- Word Processing Software: Microsoft Word (recommended)
- Additional Free Software Downloads (as necessary)

IMPORTANT! For more specific information about technical requirements, refer to the UF Technology Help Desk at (419)-434-4357, your course syllabus (available approximately one week prior to your course start date), or contact your instructor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information available at the time this brochure was prepared, the University and the PET/CT program reserves the right to make changes at any time without prior notice.

The University of Findlay and the PET/CT program is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment. No student shall be subject to discrimination in violation of State or Federal Law.
Any student admitted to The University of Findlay and the PET/CT program that has documentation identifying a learning disability has the right to request and receive modifications in accordance with Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Any student who displays characteristics typical of a learning disability may request accommodations.

Information pertaining to the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act is available upon request from the University’s Office of Admissions and the Office of Student Services.

PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Additional information regarding the PET/CT program, policies, and procedures will be available on the PET/CT Orientation Module. A PET/CT Student Handbook outlining program policies and procedures is available online for enrolled students.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the PET/CT program at The University of Findlay. If you have any specific questions that have not been addressed, please feel free to contact us directly.

What is PET/CT?

Positron emission tomography (PET) and computed tomography (CT) are combined into a hybrid imaging technique that shows both anatomic and metabolic imaging in one session. These two technologies are state-of-the-art imaging tools that allow physicians to pinpoint the location of diseases within the body before making treatment and follow-up treatment recommendations. The highly sensitive PET scan images the biology of disorders at the molecular level, while the CT scan provides a detailed picture of the body's internal anatomy. The PET/CT scan combines the strengths of these two comprehensive imaging modalities into a single fusion scan for both anatomy and physiology of the patient.

What does a PET/CT Technologist do?

The PET/CT technologist is a highly trained professional who has a strong background in mathematics and the physical, chemical, and biological sciences. The PET/CT professional is responsible for radiation safety, quality control, administering radiopharmaceuticals, performing highly specialized imaging procedures, preparing patients for interventional procedures, and preparing data for interpretation by a physician. The PET/CT technologist works closely with other health professionals within the medical community to provide quality patient care.

Do I need prior medical experience to apply to the PET/CT program?

Yes—applicants to the PET/CT program must provide or obtain, prior to clinical training, documentation as an actively certified nuclear medicine technologist from either the NMTCB and/or the ARRT (N).

I have my college/university degree from another country. Can these courses be used to meet the PET/CT program entrance requirements?

Applicants receiving their post-secondary education outside the United States must have their credentials evaluated by an acceptable credentials evaluation service, such as the World Education Service, Inc. or The International Education Research Foundation, or University to show U.S. equivalency. All applicants must document successful completion of the prerequisite courses regardless of the degree(s) acquired.
Do I need a four-year degree to work as a PET/CT technologist?

At this time, a four-year college degree is not mandated, but it is encouraged. The University of Findlay offers both an Associate of Arts (2 years) and Baccalaureate of Science (4 years) degree in PET/CT. Effective January 1, 2015, The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) requires that candidates applying for primary certification must have earned an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree in any major. Currently, the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) has not specified that a degree is required to apply for the NMTCB national certification exam in positron emission tomography.

How do I obtain national certification as a positron emission tomography and computerized tomography technologist?

Upon completing the appropriate number of procedures or hours as mandated by the certification boards, you can apply and take the national certification exams in these modalities. Completing the PET/CT program will prepare you for these difficult boards while also achieving the requirements to apply for the exam. The NMTCB offers board certifications in both PET and CT, requiring 700 hours of PET and 500 hours of CT respectively. The ARRT requires documentation of specific procedures to apply for their CT national board certification. The requirements for these exams can be found at https://www.nmtcb.org/certification-exams.php and https://www.arrt.org.

What if I was convicted of a crime? What is the policy regarding drug testing?

Child abuse clearance and student background checks are required. A particular site can refuse to accept a student if a criminal record exists or a positive drug test is noted. The clinical training sites also have the right to ask for random drug testing. Inability to gain clinical training results in an inability to meet program objectives and outcomes.

Students must comply with the ethical behavior expected of a healthcare professional. Additional information regarding ethical and professional behavior may be found at http://www.nmtcb.org and/or http://www.arrt.org.

How many students does the PET/CT program accept?

The PET/CT program at The University of Findlay accepts approximately 20 students per class.

What courses will I take at The University of Findlay?

The PET/CT curriculum contains the professional courses in PET/CT technology. Specifically, you will take courses in patient care, radiation protection, computers, image quality analysis, instrumentation, processing, cross sectional anatomy, radiopharmacy, and pharmaceuticals. Course descriptions are available on The University of Findlay's PET/CT website.
How much vacation time and sick time do I have during the program?

The PET/CT program runs for 52 consecutive weeks. During the academic session, the PET/CT program follows The University of Findlay’s semester schedule. University-recognized holidays and vacation breaks will appear on your daily schedule of classes. Clinical training begins immediately after the academic session. Once in clinical training, the PET/CT program recognizes seven legal holidays (New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day). During the clinical training session, it is recommended to take no more than 40 hours of vacation/sick/personal time as arranged with your Clinical Supervisor(s). You must complete all required hours, procedures, and assignments within the allotted 52 weeks to graduate from the PET/CT program.

When do I need to apply to the PET/CT program?

The application process is suggested to begin one year prior to your anticipated start date. The completed application along with the application fee will start the process. Current certified nuclear medicine technologist credentials, application fee, official high school and college transcripts must be received prior to the start of courses to be considered.

What happens to my application when it is received in the PET/CT administration offices?

A file is created for you and placed in the applicant files for the specific class to which you have applied. You will receive an acknowledgement of your application, application fee, and any other pertinent documentation that may have already been received.

Once I have sent my application and the application fee to the PET/CT program, what should I do next?

Make arrangements for your official high school and any postsecondary training transcripts to be sent directly to the PET/CT program administration offices (not to any other office at The University of Findlay). Submission to any other office most likely will delay or deny your admittance into the program. If transcripts are not received at the time of review by the Admissions Committee, your file will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for admission into the program for the class requested. You may want to contact the PET/CT program prior to the application deadline to determine what documents have been received and which documents are outstanding.

What happens if I don’t meet the application deadline for the class that I want to attend?

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline, you may not be considered for that specific class depending on class capacity and clinical site availability. Your application and file may automatically be placed in the next available class.
What happens to my application if the fee or transcripts are not received by the documentation submission date?

All documents must be received by the documentation submission date in order for the application to move on to the next step, which is to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. If there are official transcripts missing (including the high school transcript), then your application is considered to be incomplete and the Admissions Committee will not review or consider your application for the class desired. Your application and file may be placed in the next available class.

If I apply and all of my documentation is received and course work completed by the deadlines, will I automatically be accepted into the program?

No. An application is just that. It is an application for consideration for acceptance. Acceptance is competitive based on the number of applications.

I received a “D” in one of my previous degree-seeking courses. Can I still attend the program?

No. All degree-seeking courses must have a grade of “C-” and/or “70%” or higher grade. Any degree completion course with a grade below “C-” must be repeated to meet the academic admission requirements of UF. As well, all major requirements must have grade of “C” and/or “73%” or higher grade to receive a degree. Major requirements for the program can be found at:


Even if the low grade is acceptable by the college/university that you are attending, it does not meet the UF degree completion requirements, and therefore the class will need to be repeated at another institution prior to entering the program or at the conclusion of the PET/CT program may be taken at The University of Findlay.

I received a letter of conditional acceptance for the program. What does this mean?

A conditional acceptance letter means that you can proceed to the next step of the admission process while completing any missing degree seeking courses. This next step involves working with the PET/CT Program in obtaining a clinical training site. You will receive a letter from the PET/CT Program outlining the process for choosing an appropriate clinical site. You must understand that a PET site as well as an appropriate diagnostic CT clinical site will be necessary. It is vitally important that you follow the steps indicated and meet any deadlines given.
I received a letter indicating that I am an alternate for the class. What does this mean?

The PET/CT program receives many applications from qualified individuals applying to the program. Only a limited number of these applicants can be accommodated in any class. As an alternate, you would be considered for any opening in the class that may become available if any of the conditionally accepted students withdraw. The Admissions Committee will consider all alternates when an opening becomes available and the best possible candidate will be chosen.

If I am an alternate for a class and there are no openings available, will I automatically be accepted into the next class?

No, acceptance is not automatic. You can be considered for the next class, but your application goes through the same Admissions process that any new application goes through.

I received a letter indicating that my file was incomplete. What does that mean? Do I need to reapply for a future class?

The Admissions Committee could not review your application because the supporting documents were not on file by the published deadline. You will receive a form to indicate whether or not you want to reapply or want your file to be closed. This form needs to be submitted by the deadline or your file is automatically closed and destroyed.

I received a letter stating that admission was denied. Why?

Based on the documentation in your file, the Admissions Committee determined that you did not meet the criteria for admission into the program. Your file is automatically closed and destroyed; you must reapply after meeting the admissions criteria.

Will I need a physical exam?

The PET/CT program and the clinical training sites requires documentation that a student enrolled in the program be free from communicable diseases and is able to physically and mentally handle the requirements of the program. A physical health form developed by The University of Findlay will need to be completed and returned to the PET/CT program prior to the start of classes. In addition, each clinical affiliate may require specific medical testing be completed before the start of clinical training. You will be sent a copy of the UF Health Form and a list of the specific medical requirements that are site specific. All medical requirements must be met prior to the start of the PET/CT academic session and/or clinical training. The cost of all medical tests is the responsibility of the student.
When do classes start at The University of Findlay’s PET/CT program?

Semester start dates may be found on The University of Findlay’s calendar. The PECT program is offered as an online, asynchronous environment beginning each fall semester.

What are the class times?

Coursework may be completed as appropriate to meet your schedule and submitted electronically any time prior to the deadlines stated in each course syllabus.

When is clinical training done?

Your clinical training will begin immediately following the academic session. Clinical training lasts approximately 34 weeks and includes projects that must be completed during the assigned semester. You are committed to approximately 40 hours of training for each of these 34 weeks in order to complete all required hours for the national certification board exams. Depending on the facility, this may typically be five 8-hour days or four 10-hour days. Typically no weekend training, on-call training, or holiday coverage is required of students.

How do I choose a clinical site for training?

Once you have been conditionally accepted into the program you will receive a letter detailing the procedure for selecting an existing clinical training site or setting up your facility as a training site. The PET/CT Program will then notify you and your site choice so an interview can be arranged. All students must interview with the designated Clinical Supervisor at the site chosen. It is the Clinical Supervisor who will decide if you will be placed in that facility for training. Should your first choice of sites not be available, additional interviews will be needed. A student cannot start the PET/CT program without first being accepted by an affiliate hospital(s) for clinical training.

How many students can a clinical training site take?

The number of students for training at each clinical training site is set by the PET/CT program and the facility. Most facilities offer training to only one student at a time.

What is the dress code for clinical training?

Appropriate attire is defined by each of the clinical sites. Once you have been conditionally accepted into the program and accepted by a clinical affiliate for training, you can determine the dress code for that site. Examples of proper attire include hospital scrubs of a specific color, hospital uniforms (white), or dress shirt/tie/slacks for men and blouse/slacks for women. Hospital or duty shoes are encouraged, and usually no tennis shoes or open-toe shoes are permitted. A white lab coat may also be required. Jeans are not permitted. Excessive jewelry, makeup, cologne/aftershave are not to be worn. Long hair may need to be pulled back or worn pinned up. Artificial nails may not be allowed depending on the facility.
What costs are involved in the program?

The University of Findlay sets the tuition for the PET/CT program. In addition to tuition, an activity fee, technology fee, and general service fee are assessed. Health/Accident Insurance is automatically billed unless you sign a waiver by the deadline. The University reserves the right to change the fee structure and/or reimbursement policy as necessary. You should check the UF website for the latest updates on these fees. Required textbooks are estimated at $300 - $400. During clinical training your personal living expenses (including uniforms, food, shelter, transportation, etc.) are your responsibility and are not included in the tuition.

Can I work while I am enrolled in the program?

Any outside employment must not interfere with course assignments or clinical training hours. The PET/CT program strongly recommends that limited outside employment be attempted during the program. Assignment deadlines or clinical training hours will not be adjusted to meet personal or employer needs.

Is financial aid available?

All types of financial aid are available to University of Findlay students. The types and amounts of financial aid available depend on the student’s needs and educational goals. The Financial Aid Office at The University of Findlay can provide additional information.

What is the starting salary and job outlook for a certified nuclear medicine PET/CT technologist?

Please refer to the US Department of Labor website http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ for additional information on the field of computed tomography and positron emission tomography. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review this material and to perform additional research on the field before making their final decision on their career path.


I have additional questions about the PET/CT program. Who do I contact?

Contact the PET/CT program at (419) 434-4708 or e-mail us at petct@findlay.edu.