

RADIATION THERAPY

Objectives

Lewis University partners with Northwestern Memorial Hospital in a 3+1 program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy. The Bachelor of Science program in Radiation Therapy offers a course of study that will prepare students for careers as Radiation Therapists. Majors will gain a strong background in the concepts of modern biology with a particular concentration in anatomy and physiology, biochemistry, and immunology. This background is further strengthened by courses in chemistry, physics, computer science, and mathematics. Students choose one of three options according to their academic goals.

Students may elect to follow the four-year paradigm for the **B.S. in Radiation Therapy** awarded by Lewis University in which the first three years of classes would be at Lewis University and the final semesters of clinical classes would be at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH). Admission to the clinical part of the program is based upon successful application to the program at NMH after the second semester of the junior year. Student applicants are considered and evaluated solely by the faculty/staff at NMH. Student admission to the program at NMH is not guaranteed.

Another option is for students to complete the four-year **B.S. in Biology** and then apply for admission to NMH for a one-year **certificate program in Radiation Therapy**. Students must obtain/maintain health insurance and submit to a criminal background check as a requirement of the program.

Students may also **double major in Biology and Radiation Therapy**. This would take four years with the first three years spent taking classes at Lewis University and the last year at NMH. Students would apply for the Radiation Therapy program in the spring of their third year with the understanding that NMH determines acceptance into this program.

Transfer students must have a minimum cumulative and biology GPA of 3.0 to be accepted. Students currently attending Lewis University who wish to declare RT as a major must meet the same requirements as transfer students. Transfer students must complete a minimum of three semesters of the program before they can apply as an affiliated student for the RT program.

Programs

Partnership Program

- Radiation Therapy / Bachelor of Science 3 + 1 Program (<https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/aviation-science-technology/radiation-therapy/radiation-therapy-bachelor-science-3-1-program/>)