

The Virginia Podiatric Medical Association provides the Virginia Rad Tech Course for the certification of individuals in Radiologic Technology, limited to podiatry. Courses are offered twice each year, typically in August and November.

The objective of this course is to certify individuals to complete X-rays in a safe and effective manner. The process includes course attendance, a written examination, and documentation of completion of 20 foot and 20 ankle X-rays assisted by the practitioner. Upon completion, individuals are instructed to seek licensure with the Virginia Board of Medicine as a Radiologic Technologist-limited.

The course curriculum includes, but is not limited to:

- Basic Terminology
- Osseous Anatomy
- Radiology Physics and Terminology
- X-Ray Production
- Radiation Effects on Living Tissue, including mutations, somatic and genetic changes, and cell sensitivity
- Image Production
- Cassettes and Intensifying Screens
- Film Construction, Storage, and Handling
- Film Processor and Processor Principles
- Radiology Safety
- Infection Control and Universal Precautions
- Standard Foot and Ankle Positions

At the conclusion of the eight-hour course, an exam is administered. A score of 70% or greater is required to pass.

The Virginia Board of Medicine requires 12-hours of continuing education prior to license renewal. Twelve hours of continuing education is available to podiatric medical assistants and office managers during the Annual Scientific Seminar. This is the only continuing education activity offered by the Virginia Podiatric Medical Association for non-physicians.