

Specialty Advising: Radiology
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Advising Efforts

Students are encouraged to contact the Specialty Advisor for individualized attention.

Residency Planning Q & A

To be considered for this specialty, what is the Step 1 score range?	>225 We will consider a score lower than that in special circumstances.
Do students need to be at the top of the class to be competitive in this specialty?	Not necessarily, but it helps.
Is research a strong consideration for candidacy in this specialty?	Yes, if it's quality research and is something that truly interests the candidate. I would almost rather see no research at all than have someone who seemed to do it just to get something on the CV. Also, the project does not necessarily need to be in radiology. I just like to see some enthusiasm for an academic endeavor.
How important are away electives? Acting Internships?	Radiology does not have the traditional acting internships that are found in other specialties. Away electives are not essential. I just want to see good comments from the elective directors.
If students did well on Step 1, should they try to take Step 2 before Rank Order Lists are due?	I personally like to see the Step 2 scores, but it is not a "deal breaker" if they haven't taken it.
Should letters of recommendations all come from this specialty or should also have others?	I think at least 2 letters should be from radiologists, but they should have one from another specialist.
What do you want students to know about your program in particular	The radiology program at Upstate provides a structured but friendly working environment with excellent didactic and case conferences, a great variety of cases, and a variety of learning environments from the university setting to private practice. We have excellent and dedicated faculty in the clinical and basic science of radiology.
Does your specialty REQUIRE a Chair's letter?	We do not require one.