

**Graduate Council Resolution in support of a New Unit of Instruction in
the College of Applied Science and Arts for a
Masters of Science in Radiologic Science**

RATIONALE

Whereas, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts proposes the addition of a Masters of Science in Radiologic Science (MSRS); and

Whereas, the mission of the MS in Radiologic Science is to prepare a radiologic professional, a member of a health care team who has knowledge of the characteristics and clinical relevance of radiographic imaging, to practice as a radiologic sciences educator or manager; and

Whereas, a shortage of qualified applicants was noted as a serious problem by 35% of respondent hospitals in a 2008 workforce survey conducted by Illinois Hospital Association; and

Whereas, there are currently only two comparable programs in the Country and waiting lists for current MS programs is approximately 2 years; and

Whereas, students will be nationally licensed and will possess a baccalaureate degree in an associated field, will be admitted through SIUC's graduate school, will be able to complete the program in 2 to 2.5 years, and enrollment is estimated to reach 40+ by the 5th year of the program; and

Whereas, no additional State resources will be needed to support the MSRS program, which will be housed in School of Allied Health and will follow the new Distance Education funding model, and for which current faculty that teach for the School of Allied Health will teach in the MSRS program on an overload assignment; and

Whereas, the curriculum in the MSRS will require the completion of 30 didactic credit hours plus 6 credit-hours of either research culminating in a piece of final scholarly work or internship in either education or management, and is designed in such a way that many of the required courses will be cross-listed with courses required by the existing Masters of Science in Medical Dosimetry leading to adequate enrollment and cost-sharing across programs; and

Whereas, no other educational units, curricula or degrees will be affected by the MSRS

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed NUI for a **Masters of Science in Radiologic Science** in the College of Applied Science and Arts.