

Medical Dosimetry Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry program will prepare students to become certified Medical Dosimetrists in radiation oncology clinics and hospitals through lecture and lab courses. This is a 38-credit hour program and can be completed in 12 months as a full-time student or 2 years as a part-time student. The most common and recommended major for students admitted to the program is radiation therapy. Students who have a different undergraduate degree are still eligible for the program, but must complete the prerequisites. A limited number of students are admitted without a RT background.

Employment in the Medical Dosimetry profession is expected to grow 14% by 2024 with an average salary of \$73,540 - \$127,884.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additional admission requirements for the Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry program include three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and healthcare work or shadowing experience. More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Medical Dosimetry website, www.gvsu.edu/grad/dosimetry/.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

GVSU's Masters in Medical Dosimetry program is a JRCERT accredited hybrid/online program that is comprised of didactic and clinical education. Students remain at one clinical location for the entire year, which are located across the US, and are required to come onsite to GVSU a total of 2 times during the year. The remainder of the courses are online.

Clinical sites are provided for admitted students and students may request clinical sites based on their geographical location. A prospective student can propose a new clinical site by contacting the program director. The program's part-time format allows students to continue to work as a radiation therapist while continuing their education.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Kristen Vu, at yukr@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.