

# Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program

## Naval Medical Center Portsmouth



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## About the Program

Our mission is to train competent, knowledgeable radiologists who are prepared to succeed in a diverse range of military settings and independent practice.

The program was founded in 2003 and we remain accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education](#) (ACGME). In recent years, there have been 3-5 residents per class, including both Navy and Air Force officers. Our program is proud to have achieved a **100% board pass rate for the past 6 years and counting among first-time test takers**.



[Naval Medical Center Portsmouth](#) (NMCP) is the Navy's oldest continuously running hospital and is located in Portsmouth, Virginia. It serves the greater Hampton Roads region (population 1.7 million) and is homeport to the majority of the Atlantic fleet ships, aircraft, and personnel. NMCP is also the central teleradiology hub for various eastern Naval facilities and several overseas sites to include Guam, Okinawa, and Yokosuka. **Over 230,000 radiology exams** are completed yearly, so there are plenty of learning opportunities.

There are over 30 board certified staff radiologists (to include fellowship trained faculty in each subspecialty section) who provide formal lectures and workstation training. The clinical workload (in combination with faculty expertise) offers an excellent balance of volume and education.

The radiology department at NMCP is [American College of Radiology](#) (ACR) accredited in ultrasound, CT, mammography, lung cancer screening, and colon cancer screening.



# Education

The radiology residency is 4 years in length, and each year is structured into 13 four-week blocks of various rotations with required training to master general radiology and the [American Board of Radiology](#) (ABR) Core Exam. Residents graduate eligible to practice general radiology in accordance with ACGME requirements. Training is provided for independent interpretation of breast imaging (including screening and diagnostic evaluations and procedures), nuclear medicine (including eligibility for authorized user status for the administration of oral Iodine-131), and for those interested in specialized cardiac exams (including level II certification for coronary artery CTA).

Residents are assessed each block with ACR examinations and faculty evaluations. In addition to the formal lectures and clinical workstation training, residents are strongly encouraged to dedicate ample self-study time to be successful both academically and in practice. A full spectrum of electronic and printed resources are available on resident-managed centralized databases. There are two morale days every year for complimentary social events and wellness activities.

## Rotations

Rotations include Body (abdomen), Cardiac, Chest, Fluoroscopy, Interventional Radiology, Mammography, Musculoskeletal (MSK), Neuroradiology, Nuclear Medicine, Pediatrics, Trauma, and Ultrasound. During year three, residents will participate in research, complete the AIRP course, and take the Core Exam. Multiple electives are incorporated into the schedule to accommodate areas of interests. Fourth year residents also complete a trauma rotation at [Sentara Norfolk General Hospital](#).

## Didactics

Residents attend daily noon conference directed by board certified staff radiologists. Weekly physics lectures are delivered from the Medical Imaging Physics program faculty and trainees, which is also the only physics program in the Navy. Upper-level residents also provide weekly review sessions and call-prep for first years.

## Research

Research is a nationwide ACGME requirement, and dedicated research time is provided during year three. There are abundant opportunities for clinical or scientific research involvement, and residents can self-direct projects to meet goals limitless of complexity or size. Residents are encouraged to participate in research up to the national conference level, and residents will be excused to attend or present at conferences. Clinical research coordinators are readily available to assist with research logistics every step of the way.

## On-Call

First year residents start weekly evening “buddy call” in the Fall of their first year in preparation for independent call beginning second year. Starting second year, residents are intermittently assigned to the night float system to cover off-hour emergent exams and procedures.



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## Medical Student Information

Medical students can complete a 2- or 4-week radiology rotation. If a rotating student is interested in applying to the program, they are encouraged to set up an interview during their rotation if the rotation overlaps interview season. Students will work directly with the residents, who can share radiology tips and interesting cases throughout the work day. Each “reading room” focuses on different anatomic systems and/or image modalities, and students are encouraged to visit multiple reading rooms during their rotation. There are frequently research opportunities available for motivated students, so please ask for more information. Students will be evaluated by the residents and staff they work with. At the end of the rotation, students are expected to give a short presentation about an interesting case.

**To set up a rotation with us** please go to our GME site below for a rotation request and follow the instructions under “Request for Clerkship/Interview”

<https://portsmouth.tricare.mil/Research-Education/Graduate-Medical-Education-Dental-Programs>



# NMCP Radiology Residency Applications

Depending on the availability of training positions (as defined by the branch of military service selection board), applicants may be categorical or preliminary selected trainees who will have completed a qualifying internship prior to the start of residency. Additionally, General Medical Officers and other eligible field officer candidates are encouraged to apply. Qualified active-duty candidates must submit their application through a centralized process and selection is made through a joint-service selection board (links below).



[Navy GME](#)



[Air Force GME](#)

**Interested in an interview for the NMCP Radiology Residency program in the current Joint GME Selection Board application cycle?**

Click the link below or use the QR code to schedule:

<https://calendly.com/nmcpradres/interviews>



## About Hampton Roads

The Hampton Roads metropolitan region offers a diverse range of attractive living options whether you want to stay by the ocean in Virginia Beach, walk to work in Portsmouth, reside downtown in Norfolk, or snuggle into Chesapeake and Suffolk suburbia. There is a relatively low cost of living and minimal traffic, but also easy access to big cities (Richmond, DC, etc).

Excellent schools are available in several districts in close proximity to the hospital, and the majority of residents have families with children. There are plenty of fun water sports, museums, hiking trails, and local events to spend free time.

