

CAREER

● X-Ray Technologist

What would it be like to . . .

- help physicians determine the cause of a patient's symptoms?
- use high-tech equipment and work with people of all ages?

These are just a few of the opportunities open to people who work as X-ray technologists.

X-Ray Technologists: What Do They Do?

X-ray technologists operate X-ray equipment. They are often called on to prepare and administer special formulas that make certain body parts more visible on the X ray. If, for example, an X ray is to be taken of the stomach, the technologist gives the patient a drink that highlights the contents of the patient's stomach. An X-ray technologist may also operate medical imaging equipment, such as a CAT scan or an MRI.

A person who wants to become an X-ray technologist can receive training in college or at a hospital or technical school.

To Find Out More

1. Visit your school counselor and library to find out which schools in your area offer programs for becoming an X-ray technologist. Review the prerequisites and course requirements.
2. Make a poster showing the types of jobs that X-ray technologists do.