Obtaining a TN X-Ray License

Do you have to have a TN state license to produce x-rays in a doctor's office?
Yes, you must either have a TN Limited License or a TN Full License (RT's with ARRT) to produce x-rays in a medical or osteopathic office. You must have a chiropractic x-ray license for a chiropractic office, and a podiatry x-ray license for a podiatry office.

Can I transfer my x-ray limited license from another state?
If your state requirements are equal to or greater than TN requirements, then it might be transferable. Call the Tennessee Medical Board of Examiners.

What's involved in obtaining a TN Medical or Osteopathic Limited x-ray license?
First, you must be 18 years of age or older, and possess a high school or GED diploma.
You must satisfactorily complete a Board-approved course, obtain the appropriate number of hours of supervised clinical practice for each body category, pass the state-required ARRT Limited Scope Exam in Radiography, and then apply for your limited x-ray license.

Do you have to be working in the medical field or have a medical background to take these courses?
Technically no, but most of our students do. You need to have access to a facility with an x-ray room and technologist to learn from. This is how you obtain your clinical hours and also complete some homework for class.

Who offers the limited x-ray program in Tennessee?
Radiology Education Seminars (RES) has one of the most successful limited x-ray programs in the state of Tennessee. You can go to www.radiologyeducationseminars.com for more details on this program.

Are the RES courses accredited and do you offer federal aid?
RES is not a higher education accredited program, so we cannot offer federal aid. Our curriculum is approved by the Tennessee Medical Board of Examiners. Also, the *Back to Work* program, such as offered by the state Career Centers, has sent students thru our limited x-ray program.

Does RES offer job placement?
95% of our students are sent by their doctors to be cross-trained in limited radiography, so we do not offer job placement or referrals. But often, unemployed students do find job opportunities with other students in the class.
We also offer a Bulletin Board in X-Ray News and on our website that is free to techs and doctors to list their employment needs.

What is the cost for the RES courses?
You can view the schedule and cost of our courses at https://radiologyeducationseminars.com/students/ , look under RES Forms ->Enrollment Form - with fees. It's a low cost, quick-track training program. After you complete your course and

clinical hours, pass the ARRT Limited x-ray exam, and obtain your state license, you can practice limited radiography in TN.

Where do you find a clinical site if you're not already working in a doctor's office?
The few students, who take our courses on their own, haven't had any problems in finding clinical sites. You can usually rely on a friend who already works in an office or maybe even your personal physician. Often, clinical sites are arranged with other students in the class.

Do I have to take Core to get a medical or osteopathic limited x-ray license?
Yes, the Core course covers the basics. Many subjects are covered in Core, including radiobiology, radiation protection, and image production. This is a very important section and is required to obtain an x-ray license.

How many body parts do I need to take to get a limited x-ray license?
You can get a license by taking Core and 1 body category. The courses you choose to take usually depend on what radiographic exams are required by your doctor. If you want to do chest and extremities x-rays, then you will need to take Core plus those 2 body categories. The State of Tennessee can issue a license that allows one to take x-rays of the following regions of the body: Chest, Extremities, Skull/Sinus, and Spine.

Do I need to take Core to obtain the Bone Densitometry limited license?
No, Bone Densitometry (BD) is a license that has different requirements than the body categories. To obtain this license you must be 18 yrs. of age and have a high school diploma or GED, you must satisfactorily complete a Board-approved 24-hr BD course, receive machine training from the manufacturer or a BD licensee trained by the manufacturer, pass the ARRT Limited Scope BD exam, and then apply for your license.