

Neil Huber of Pulse Radiology Education Debunks 5 Common Myths About Advancing in Radiology

Neil Huber, Founder of Pulse Radiology Education in New York, addresses the misconceptions that prevent working technologists from moving forward.



New York City, New York Mar 12, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - As demand for advanced imaging continues to grow, so do misconceptions about what it takes to advance in radiology. Neil Huber, Founder of Pulse Radiology Education (PRE), says many capable technologists delay career progression because of persistent myths about certification, clinical training, and exam preparation.

“Most technologists aren’t held back by ability,” Huber says. “They’re held back by misinformation.”

Below, Pulse Radiology Education outlines five of the most common myths in the field—why they persist, what the facts actually say, and what professionals can do immediately to move forward.

Myth #1: “You Have to Quit Your Job to Advance”

Why people believe it:

Traditional education models often require rigid schedules, relocation, or extended time away from work. Many technologists assume that pursuing MRI, CT, or Mammography credentials means pausing income.

The reality:

Advanced ARRT credentials require structured education and documented clinical experience—but they do not require leaving full-time employment. Hybrid training models now allow technologists to complete didactic coursework online while completing clinical requirements locally.

“Education shouldn’t force people to step away from healthcare in order to stay in healthcare,” Huber says.

Practical tip:

Review ARRT certification requirements directly. Make a checklist of required education and clinical components. Seeing the exact criteria often reveals that advancement is more manageable than

assumed.

Myth #2: “Clinical Placement Is Something You Have to Figure Out Alone”

Why people believe it:

Historically, many programs required students to secure their own clinical sites, leading to confusion and stalled progress.

The reality:

Clinical training is required for postprimary credentials, but structured support exists. Pulse Radiology Education has built a network of more than 1,300 clinical affiliates across the United States.

“Clinical placement shouldn’t be a guessing game,” Huber says. “If it’s required, it should be supported.”

Practical tip:

Before enrolling in any program, ask directly: *Do you provide clinical placement support, and how is case verification handled?* If the answer is unclear, keep looking.

Myth #3: “Registry Exams Are Mostly About Test-Taking Tricks”

Why people believe it:

Online forums and anecdotal advice often emphasize shortcuts or memorization strategies over structured preparation.

The reality:

Advanced ARRT exams are blueprint-driven and competency-based. Effective preparation aligns directly with the exam outline and includes repeated exposure to registry-style questions. Pulse integrates over 1,000 registry-style questions per modality into its preparation system.

“Passing shouldn’t feel like guesswork,” Huber says. “When education and exam standards are aligned, confidence follows.”

Practical tip:

Download the official ARRT exam content specifications and compare them to your current study materials. If topics don’t match clearly, adjust your preparation plan.

Myth #4: “Advanced Credentials Are Only for Large Hospitals”

Why people believe it:

Technologists working in smaller facilities may assume that MRI or CT credentials are primarily needed in major health systems.

The reality:

Imaging demand is rising across care settings. Healthcare organizations increasingly rely on multimodality technologists to manage higher patient volumes and operational flexibility.

“Education has become a workforce strategy,” Huber says. “When technologists grow, teams become more resilient.”

Practical tip:

Have a conversation with your supervisor about long-term department needs. Ask where cross-training or additional credentials could create value.

Myth #5: “Flexibility Means Lower Standards”

Why people believe it:

There is a perception that programs offering flexible scheduling must compromise academic rigor.

The reality:

Flexibility in scheduling does not mean flexibility in standards. ARRT-approved structured education still requires verified clinical experience and competency benchmarks.

“Flexibility should exist in scheduling—not in standards,” Huber says.

Practical tip:

When evaluating a program, look for clear documentation of alignment with certification standards. Transparency is a sign of rigor.

If You Only Remember One Thing

Advancing in radiology is less about finding time you don’t have—and more about finding structure that works. Clear standards, aligned preparation, and supported clinical access make progress realistic.

“Most barriers aren’t about talent,” Huber says. “They’re about clarity.”

Call to Action

Pulse Radiology Education encourages technologists to challenge outdated assumptions about advancement. Share this myth list with a colleague who may be delaying their next step—and choose one practical tip to apply today.

Progress often starts with a single, informed decision.

About Pulse Radiology Education

Pulse Radiology Education (PRE) is a national provider of hybrid radiology training designed for working technologists pursuing advanced credentials in MRI, CT, and Mammography. Founded in 2015 in New York, PRE offers ARRT-approved structured education paired with clinical placement support through a network of more than 1,300 affiliated training sites across the United States. Pulse is committed to building clear, practical pathways that help technologists advance without stepping away from their careers, while supporting healthcare organizations in developing skilled, resilient imaging teams.

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