

BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography



COURSE FACTS	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME
Tariff Score	300 UCAS points Please note: Non-European students are unable to be accepted onto this course due to NHS funding criteria	300 UCAS points
Faculty	Faculty of Health Education and Life Sciences	
Application	UCAS B821 www.ucas.ac.uk	Direct to Admissions. Birmingham City University Admissions, Feeney Building Perry Barr, B42 2SU T: +44 (0)121 331 5500 E: Health.Admissions@bcu.ac.uk
Duration	Three years (September intake)	Six years (September intake)
Location	City South Campus and clinical placements	
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Open Days	Please refer to our website for dates and registration www.bcu.ac.uk/opendays	



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE at grade C or above in five subjects, which must include English Language, Mathematics and **one** of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Science Double Award (GCSE equivalents are **not** accepted, e.g. Key Skills Level 2, Adult Numeracy, Adult Literacy).

All GCSEs must be achieved prior to application.

Plus a minimum of 300 UCAS points which may be obtained from a variety of qualifications including a

physical science. For further information visit:
www.bcu.ac.uk/diagnostic.

Places are also subject to a satisfactory Occupational Health Check, an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and registration with the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

A satisfactory clinical experience visit is mandatory.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Diagnostic radiography is a rewarding career that offers endless possibilities. This degree equips you to work in a wide range of settings, in the UK and overseas, and is the ideal foundation for further study.

The course combines equal elements of theory with clinical practice. The theory aspect develops knowledge and understanding of biological and radiation sciences, technology and the psycho-social issues of healthcare.

The course is taught at the region's largest and foremost centres for radiography education, with a well-established history of producing successful

graduates. We have strong and effective links with hospital imaging departments, enhancing your practical and clinical skills. In 2006 the department was commended by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

You will develop the professional, personal and practical skills required to practise as a registered diagnostic radiographer.

You can study full or part-time. Part-time study is completed with full-time students and follows the same pattern of university and clinical placement attendance.

COURSE CONTENT

Being a diagnostic radiographer takes a special kind of person - one who can combine skilled use of highly technical equipment with excellent interpersonal skills. A good radiographer makes the patient feel at ease whilst conducting technical procedures.

Radiographers provide essential services, dealing with patients of all ages, including those with special needs eg visual or hearing impairments, and producing high-quality images of organs, limbs and other body parts to allow a wide range of diseases to be diagnosed.

A diverse range of imaging methods are used including ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scanning. The role of a radiographer is vitally important to other members of a healthcare team - the diagnosis from their images can affect and determine a patient's treatment and care.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will graduate with a BSc (Hons) in Diagnostic Radiography and be eligible to apply for registration with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) and professional membership of the Society of Radiographers.

For module information please check the website www.bcu.ac.uk/diagnostic.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment evaluates both your practical skills and theoretical knowledge. Methods include written assignments, examinations, staged tests, workstation examinations and clinical assessments.

FURTHER STUDY

Diagnostic radiography provides the opportunity for lifelong learning. A comprehensive portfolio of post-registration courses, called Continuing Professional Development (CPD), is available within the Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences. Visit www.bcu.ac.uk/healthcpd for information. Many courses are taught as part-time flexible modules to fit around your work and domestic commitments and allow for academic and/or clinical development.

EMPLOYMENT

Once registered as a radiographer with the HCPC, you can practice in the UK and overseas.

Upon qualification you will be able to use X-rays to help diagnose a range of injuries and diseases.

You will also develop knowledge and skills in other imaging methods such as CT and MRI scanning.

MORE INFORMATION

Tuition fees are covered by the NHS. If you meet residency requirements* you are eligible to apply for a means-tested bursary calculated in relation to your personal circumstances.

If you are pregnant or considering starting a family whilst you are a student, you are advised to contact the Programme Director to discuss this.

*You must be a European national, or be granted indefinite leave to remain and have been resident in the UK for three years prior to submitting your application.

