

BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy



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 B822 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	
Contact	T: +44 (0)121 331 5500 F: +44 (0)121 331 7986 E: Health.Admissions@bcu.ac.uk W: www.bcu.ac.uk/radiotherapy	
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/radiotherapy.

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

The course is taught at the region's only centre for radiotherapy education, with a well-established history of producing successful graduates. We have strong links with hospital radiotherapy departments, enhancing your practical and clinical skills, along with state-of-the-art radiotherapy treatment planning facilities and a virtual radiotherapy treatment machine on campus. In 2006 the department was commended by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

Radiotherapy involves the use of high-energy radiation to treat and relieve the symptoms of disease and tissue defects and is one of the main methods in the treatment of cancer. Therapy radiographers explain the treatment process, possible side effects and the care that will be required during treatment. By precise application of the correct dose of radiation the symptoms of disease and tissue defects can be treated or relieved.

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

COURSE CONTENT

As radiotherapy is one of the main methods used in the treatment of cancer, this course will develop your knowledge and understanding of oncology, radiotherapy technology, professional practice and the psychosocial issues surrounding healthcare.

Once developed, these skills will enable you to use specialist technology to relieve and/or cure the symptoms for patients as well as supporting and developing relationships with them during their treatment.

You will spend half of your time on placement ensuring you are fully equipped with the required practical and clinical skills and knowledge.

Upon successful completion you will graduate with a BSc (Hons) in Radiotherapy and be eligible to apply

for Registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and professional membership of the Society of Radiographers.

For module details please check the website www.bcu.ac.uk/radiotherapy.

Height statement Most patients are treated at a height of 120-130cm above the ground. You should be able to comfortably and safely manipulate a patient lying at this height.

If not, please contact the Radiotherapy Programme Director prior to the commencement so the team can ensure that the necessary risk assessments and adjustments can be in place in a timely manner, thus ensuring your safe practice. Any disclosure will not prejudice your application.

ASSESSMENT

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

FURTHER STUDY

Radiotherapy provides the opportunity for life-long learning.

A portfolio of post-registration courses called Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is available.

Visit www.bcu.ac.uk/healthcpd. Many are taught as part-time flexible modules to fit around your work and domestic commitments and allow for academic and/or clinical development.

EMPLOYMENT

With the rising incidence of cancer the demand for radiotherapy treatment is set to rise.

Once registered with the HCPC, you can practice in the UK and overseas. The course has a successful track record of high employment for radiotherapy graduates applying for posts in the NHS.

You may choose to specialise in fields such as treatment planning, delivery or review, patient support or palliative care. Other options are teaching, management, research and quality assurance.

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 while 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.

