Faculty of Health

Frequently Asked Questions

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging)

How can I apply?

High school leavers: All applications must be made through UAC.

http://www.uac.edu.au/

Others: Applications can be made via the UC web site

http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now

All applicants will be required to participate in an interview process. This will be conducted late November or early December

What marks are needed to get into the course?

Entry into the course will be based on the interview. You will be asked questions on your understanding of the profession and what is involved in being a diagnostic radiographer.

It is expected that students with an ATAR less than 75 will struggle with the study requirements of the course.

What subjects should I take at school?

There is an assumed knowledge for entry of HSC equivalent of biology, physics and mathematics.

How long is the course?

The Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging) course is equivalent to a four (4) year degree course that is required to meet entry into the profession. The course however is condensed and can be completed in 3.5 years. Graduates will enter the job market mid-year, rather than at the end of the year like graduates from other medical imaging degree programs.

What requirements are needed to undertake clinical placements?

Clinical placements commence in the second year of study and are undertaken in a range of locations and settings including the ACT, regions in NSW and interstate. Placements are in hospitals and private radiology practices. Clinical placements will be over several week blocks. Students are responsible for travel and accommodation arrangements to and from clinical placements.

To be able to undertake clinical placements students will be asked to provide:
• A National Criminal Record Check;
• A first aid certificate;
• An adult vaccination card; and
• A Working with Children Check

Can I work overseas after graduating?

The Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging) course will undergo accreditation from the Medical Radiations Practice Board of Australia (MRPBA). On receiving accreditation graduates will be able to gain registration to practice as Diagnostic Radiographers in Australia. Graduates will also be able to apply for a Validated Statement of Accreditation (VSoA) and be eligible for membership of the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR). Graduates will be able to apply to work in any country through applying to the registration authorities in that country. There is often an exam you must take.

What other things must be considered before undertaking the course and working as a Diagnostic Radiographer?

Inherent Requirements:
Clinical practice as a Diagnostic Radiographer and undertaking clinical laboratories as a student during the medical imaging course will require you to:
• Be involved in encounters where you must physically interact with patients and / or other students coming from a range of ethnic, age, gender and disability backgrounds;
• Be involved in patient encounters where patients may be severely injured or be at the end stage of terminal illnesses;
• Work in environments which may be highly stressful;
• Be physically capable to independently lift and move patients and equipment;
• Have vision able to visualise detail within medical images.