

Important information and additional costs to take into account when choosing your programme

BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology) Including foundation year entry

BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging) Including foundation year entry

When students are considering applying for the BSc Radiography courses they should be aware of the following:

During practical classes students will be expected to engage in practicing skills, patient positioning and practical activities with other students in their year group as subjects, and to act as a subject for other students. These are mixed gender groups.

You are expected to practice practical manual handling and positioning skills on each other and to do this effectively you will be expected to dress appropriately (*e.g. shorts and t-shirt*).

- Students may purchase a treatment gown to wear, if they are uncomfortable wearing only their underwear/ shorts.
- Students should discuss any concerns about this with us before making an application for the course or accepting an offer of a place. If the concerns relate to issues covered by the Equality Act 2010 (such as religion, disability, gender reassignment) we will be pleased to discuss with the student how reasonable adjustments can be made to enable them to study on the course; however the Health Sciences University can only make adjustments where this will not interfere with the student's ability to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes for the course, and meet the requirements of relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs). Please contact admissions@aecc.ac.uk
- Students are required to declare any criminal records and changes in their criminal record as soon as they occur, i.e. if they have been cautioned, reprimanded, warned, charged or convicted in relation to **any** criminal activity.
- Academic teaching normally occurs between the hours of 9am and 6pm. The radiography courses also involve placements at NHS hospital sites. The hours of these placements fall within normal NHS working patterns/hours.
- Students will be expected to dress appropriately for placements and when representing the Health Sciences University in the local community.
- Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all tutorials and practical skill teaching sessions. We take registers of attendance at these classes and collate the results regularly.
- There are a number of items which students will be required or are recommended to purchase in order to get the maximum benefit from the course; see below under 'additional costs'.
- Students are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements while enrolled at the Health Sciences University. The Student Services team can offer advice and assistance in finding private rented accommodation in the area.
- We expect students on this professionally-based course to maintain professional standards of behaviour at all time, and to act in accordance with the Health and Care

Professions Council (HCPC) Guidance for Conduct and Ethics for Students: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/guidance/guidance-on-conduct-and-ethics-for-students.pdf> and to demonstrate the skills, attitudes and behaviours that will enable them to comply with Standards of Conduct Performance and Ethics for Diagnostic Radiographers upon graduation: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/standards/standards-of-conduct-performance-and-ethics.pdf>

- Students are also required to comply with the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) Code of Professional Conduct. <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library/code-professional-conduct>

Additional Costs.

Additional costs are mandatory costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their programme. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

- All units on the BSc Radiography courses are core units and all units in a year must be passed before students can progress to the following year. There is no opportunity to trial failed units.
- For the BSc Radiography courses the pass mark is 40%

Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Criminal Record Check

- You must undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) criminal record check once you have accepted the offer of a place on the course and prior to enrolment week (we will guide through this process). Further information will be sent to those who accept our offer. Applicants must meet the cost of this check (£45 in 2023). Applicants who do not enrol at Health Sciences University will not be eligible for a reimbursement of this cost.
- If you have lived outside of the UK for more than six consecutive months in the last five years you must provide an overseas criminal record check (National Police Check).
- Where your DBS Enhanced Disclosure certificate contains any recorded information that you must present this to the Admissions & Enrolments Manager via admissions@aecc.ac.uk.

Occupational Health Screening

You must undertake occupational health screening to determine your suitability to undertake the course.

We take the safety of our community seriously and advise all students to attend university fully vaccinated (or have demonstrated immunity) against the following diseases:

- Meningitis
- Measles
- Mumps

- Rubella
- Chickenpox
- Tuberculosis

Health Sciences University has unique multidisciplinary clinics which attract a variety of clinicians and patients, and we actively seek new opportunities for students off campus within the NHS and private sector to enrich their clinical learning. It is necessary for clinical staff, students, and public protection that everyone is protected in accordance with the UK Health Security Agency guidance. If you do not have any of the vaccinations listed above, you must contact your General Practitioner or family doctor to arrange for these as soon as possible. If you have had these vaccinations, you will be required to provide evidence of them or have blood tests to assess your immunity. Your General Practitioner or family doctor are normally able to provide a printout from your medical records.

At Health Sciences University, offers are subject to satisfactory screening in terms of your health and welfare before the start of your course.

This is to ensure that you are physically and mentally suited to a career in health. If you have any concerns about your medical suitability, you are advised to discuss this with your General Practitioner (GP) or local healthcare provider.

- Students undertaking NHS placements will require extra vaccinations e.g. Hepatitis B (3 dose course), you can view more information on [our website](#).

Placements:

- The locality of placements can take students across Dorset and neighbouring counties. This will incur additional costs and students need to plan for this in their annual budget. Typically, these costs are for travel and, if necessary, accommodation to access placement. The amount of money involved will depend on the site of the placement, distance from home, and the type and length of placement. Costs of several hundred pounds can be expected, and exceptionally over £1000 per year. UK students may claim placement travel expenses, and costs towards any additional accommodation that may be required in order to access placements from the NHS support fund but these costs are reimbursed to a threshold. More information about this can be found at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund-lsf>
- All applicants are required to undergo an Occupational Health Check, this is to ensure that you are physically and mentally suited to a career in health. If you have any concerns about your medical suitability, you are advised to discuss this with your GP. The link to the questionnaire from our OH provider will be sent out in June/July, this forms the basis of the health screening so it is vital that all questions are answered as fully and honestly as possible. The questionnaire covers the issue of vaccinations, and it is important that students are aware that they will need to provide evidence of the vaccinations, immunity or have the full range of immunisations before they start in any clinic environment. Applicants must meet the costs of this check (**approx. £28.50**) and any subsequent costs, related to the pre-

clearance stage. Any missed appointments will be charged to the student at the full price.

More information can be found on [our website](#).

- It is important to note that students are responsible for funding their own transport costs to and from placement sites and any accommodation that is required for their placement.
 - **Depending on where the placement is, you may be able to enquire about accommodation or may require transport. This can be discussed with the course leader as soon as you are aware of your needs. Additional support may also be available from NHS Business Services Authority, Learning Support Fund.** <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund>
- Purchase of a placement uniform (approximate cost £25) (usually a minimum of two is advised). These are not required to be purchased before joining the course.
- Some assignments require the submission of a printed paper copy. The cost of this is the students' responsibility and will vary depending on the length of the assignment. There are no photocopying or printing credits provided.
- Should a student fail any assessments and be offered an opportunity to repeat a unit or units there will be a fee payable as set out below (fees quoted at 2023-2024 prices): *
 - Home students: £1,540 per unit (20 credits)
 - Overseas students / self-funded students: £2,500 per unit (20 credits)

* Fees If a student is only sitting elements of unit due to exceptional personal circumstances, accepted by the Assessment Board, this is not considered a Repeat Unit and fees do not apply. This may impact maintenance loans from the Student Loan Company and students are advised to contact the Student Finance team on studentfinance@aecc.ac.uk for further information.

Recommended

- It is recommended that students purchase a tablet or computer/laptop for their personal use, as this will enhance their learning by giving them immediate access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Optional

- Teaching materials are made available in electronic format on the Virtual Learning Environment. If students wish to have a printed copy they may print these materials at their own cost.
- Core texts are available in the library but there are limited numbers and most students buy some but not necessarily all text books.

- We are unable to offer any storage facilities for personal belongings of students except for a limited number of lockers. Students can rent a locker from the Health Sciences University Students' Union (ASU) on payment of a single fee of £10.
- There may be other costs for activities that will enhance students' time here but are not directly related to their programme. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £70) to join our gym (gym membership is a requirement to join some ASU/Health Sciences University sports societies). Some ASU-organised social events and activities through ASU Societies will be at an additional cost.
- On successful completion of the course students have the option to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2023 the hire cost was £38. There are no other charges to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable and you will be advised of the price when you are invited to graduation.
- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents there will be a fee payable as set out below:
 - Transcript (per academic year): £10
 - Degree Certificate: £40
 - Diploma Supplement: £10

Where 2023-24 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2024-25.