

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award¹	FHEQ Level 7
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Society and College of Radiographers
Credit Structure²	60 Credits at level 7
Mode of Attendance	Part-time
Standard Length of Course³	1 year part-time
Intended Award	PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen
Named Exit Awards	None
Entry Requirements⁴	<p>Holder of a BSc (Hons) Degree in Diagnostic Radiography/ Diploma of the College of Radiographers (Diagnostic Radiography) or be able to evidence the ability to study at level 7</p> <p>Current registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)</p> <p>Currently working in the field of diagnostic radiography with experience in image interpretation or reporting of clinical radiographs and access to a reporting workload and clinical mentor</p> <p>IELTS minimum band score 7 with reference to the HCPC guidance</p>
Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 7 in the 2023-24 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

The Postgraduate Certificate in Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen aims to provide a theoretical underpinning knowledge which will develop and evidence competence

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#) and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the [University's DBS webpage](#).

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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in formulating clinical reports of the viscera (chest and abdomen) of the adult and support service improvement and outcomes within an imaging department. The design of the course will also help to evidence radiographers achieving this qualification as an advanced clinical practitioner in relation to Health Education England's framework for Advanced Clinical Practice (2017).

Course Aims

This course will provide students with:

1. Knowledge and competence to achieve the level of expertise associated with the role of advanced practitioner in radiographic reporting.
2. Intellectual and practical skills to develop an analytical, evaluative and reflexive approach associated with radiographic reporting practice.
3. Knowledge, skills and understanding to lead, teach, develop and motivate others in their area of expertise.
4. An experience which is interesting, relevant and stimulating and which keeps abreast of developments in the field of radiological reporting.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 7 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

1. Apply the skills required in the construction of clear and concise radiographic reports of the abdomen and chest.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the disease processes which affect the abdomen and chest.
3. Interpret patient clinical histories and reflect on the diagnostic utility and limitations of radiographic images of the abdomen and chest.
4. Critically evaluate their own performance to ensure that best practice is achieved at all times.
5. Recognise limitations of own skills and knowledge.
6. Demonstrate effective use of technology in their role.
7. Reflect on legislative and professional body documentation in the context of their scope of practice.
8. Evidence critical engagement with relevant current literature and reference to the appropriate standard.

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks / Professional Standards / Competency Frameworks:

- RCR Standards for Interpretation and Reporting of Imaging Investigations (2018);
- CQC Radiology Review: A National Review of Radiology Reporting within the NHS in England (2018);
- The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC); HCPC Standards of Proficiency for Radiographers (2013);
- HCPC Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (2016);
- HCPC Standards of Education and Training (2014);
- Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) Scope of Practice (2013);
- Society and College of Radiographers Career Framework (SCoR, 2016);
- The Framework for Higher Education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (2014);
- QAA Characteristics Statement for Master's Degrees (2015);
- QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2014).

Course Structure

The PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen comprises modules at level 7.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 7			
	Radiographic reporting of the Abdomen	30	M
	Radiographic reporting of the Chest	30	M

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at the East of England Imaging Academy. Students studying on PgC Radiographic Reporting of the Chest and Abdomen are likely to have approximately 40 tutor structured learning hours. Tutor structured learning will be a mix of lecture, seminar, computer based guided learning and students will also be required to participate in approximately 70 days of work placement. Students will be expected to find their own placement. Students will normally be expected to undertake approximately 11 hours of independent study in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards](#)

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assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be approximately 25% coursework (including essays, reports and reflective learning journals), 25% examinations, and 50% practical assessments.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute and are registered with the appropriate professional body (i.e. NMC or HCPC).

Course Costs

This course is funded by the Department of Health.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).