

**College of Medicine and Health - Medical Imaging (Diagnostic Radiography)**

**Admissions Process Policy**

**2023 entry**

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## 1. Governance and Entrance Requirements

A specific Admissions Selection and Advisory Group (ASAG) will operate in relation to admissions to the MI programme, and reports from the Panel will be made available to the Admissions Policy Group (APG). The MI Admissions Selection and Advisory Group will be chaired by the Admissions Dean for the College of Medicine and Health with representation from relevant academic leads, central admissions and College Professional Services staff.

**Applicants who have previously been withdrawn from any institution as a result of academic failure, professionalism or fitness to practise reasons will not be eligible to apply to the BSc Medical Imaging Programme nor the Degree Apprenticeship Diagnostic Radiographer programmes.**

**Students must be 18 years of age by 2<sup>nd</sup> January (whichever year group they join) in order to meet the ionising radiation legislation.**

**Applicants for the Degree Apprenticeship Diagnostic Radiographer programmes should refer to the University of Exeter Undergraduate Admissions website for information relating to terms and conditions: <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/termsandpolicies/>**

### Typical offer

A-level: BBB, IB: 30

### Required subjects

GCE A' level science grade B, IB science HL5 or equivalent and GCSE Maths and English grade C/4 or equivalent

GCE A' level acceptable science subjects include: Biology/Human Biology\*; Chemistry; Computing; Design and Technology; Electronics; Environmental Studies; Geography; Geology; Life and Health Sciences, Maths/Pure Maths/Further Maths\*; Physical Education; Physics; Psychology; Science (applied); Statistics.

\*If more than one of these is taken they would only count as one 'science' but could count as two A-levels towards our general requirements.

BTEC: DDM

The BTEC Extended Diploma in Health Sciences will be accepted without the need for an additional A' Level science subject. All other applicants will be required to have grade B in an acceptable A' Level Science subject.

ACCESS: 24 Level 3 credits at Distinction Grade and 21 Level 3 credits at Merit Grade including 12 Level 3 credits at Merit Grade in a relevant subject area.

The Access to Health Science or Science will be accepted without the need for an additional A' Level science subject. All other applicants will be required to have grade B in an acceptable A' Level Science subject.

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**NB:** All offers will also be conditional on a satisfactory DBS check and occupational health assessment. Applicants who have declared previous offences or whose DBS check has outlined an undeclared offence will be assessed according to the University's Admissions Policy: [www.exeter.ac.uk/dbs/offence](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/dbs/offence).

### International/ Overseas students

All applications from international students are considered in line with our standard entrance requirements. Candidates must have the proficiency in English language necessary to succeed on the chosen programme of study and meet the UKVI minimum requirements to obtain a Tier 4 visa.

Minimum levels and approved tests for English Language proficiency are detailed below:

IELTS: 7.5 overall with no less than 6.5 in any element and at least 7.0 in each of the Speaking and Listening sections.

## 2. Admissions selection process

Process:

1. Submit UCAS application form by 15 January. Applications submitted after this date will be considered where places are still available.
2. Assessment of academic credentials (achieved or predicted) are made by Admissions staff on the basis of information contained within the UCAS application form. Personal statement and reference are read for evidence of mitigating circumstances and may be used to identify relevant mitigating circumstances in borderline cases.
3. Applicants who meet the published entry requirements<sup>1</sup> are then ranked according to their best three A-level (or equivalent) prediction or achievement as shown in the table below.

Rank	Grades Achieved or Predicted	Standard Offer	Contextualised Offer	International offer
Tier 1	A*A*A*	BBB	BCC	BBB- BCC
Tier 2	A*A*A	BBB	BCC	BBB-BCC
Tier 3	A*AA	BBB	BCC	BBB-BCC
Tier 4	AAA	BBB	BCC	BBB-BCC
Tier 5	AAB	BBB	BCC	BBB-BCC
Tier 6	ABB	BBB	BCC	BBB-BCC
Tier 7	BBB	BBB	BCC	BBB-BCC
Tier 8	BBC	BBB	BCC	BBC-BCC

<sup>1</sup> All subject/extra conditions must also be met (see <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/medical-imaging/imaging/additionalentryrequirements/>)

4. Applicants who meet the standard entrance requirements but have completed their studies more than 3 years ago will be referred to the College for assessment.
5. A defined number of applicants will be invited to interview (based on historic conversion rates to achieve target entrants) from the top-ranked students downwards. Decisions on when each Tier of applicants will be invited to interview will be determined by the overall application position.
6. At interview, all candidates will be assessed according to the same non-academic criteria. Panellists will follow the same marking schema. Comments and scores will be recorded on the day of interview. This process is managed at College level.
7. A defined number of offers will be made to those applicants who are deemed suitable following interview.
8. All offers will be made in line with the programme entrance requirements, offers will also include non-academic conditions which are required for this programme. See section 1

### 3. Widening Participation

In order to help the institution make progress towards its agreed Widening Participation targets with the Office for Fair Access, and to ensure appropriate diversity within the MI programme, different processes will be in place for students from widening participation backgrounds.

#### a. Contextualised Offers

1. Outreach scheme participator and/or care leaver will be offered 2 grade below bottom of published range following successful interview.
2. Students identified as from a WP background according to University of Exeter definitions will be offered 2 grade below bottom of published range following successful interview.

#### b. Care leavers

1. Submit UCAS application form by 15 January.
2. Applicants assessed against eligibility criteria for Care leaver process<sup>2</sup>
3. Assessment of academic credentials (achieved or predicted) are made by Admissions Staff on the basis of information contained in the UCAS application form. Personal statement and reference are read for evidence of mitigating circumstances only.
4. Those applicants which have achieved/or could go on to achieve BBB or better (or equivalent)<sup>3</sup>, are invited to interview, therefore will be placed within Tier 1.
5. Applicants interviewed will be assessed in the same way as all other applicants.
6. Conditional offers made at 2 grade below bottom of published range following successful interview.

### 4. Interviews /offers

The purpose of the interview is to assess a wide range of skills appropriate to radiography and being a motivated and committed student at the University of Exeter.

The interview will question candidate's insight in to the following areas:

- Motivation and commitment for Radiography
- Professional Values
- Insight in to self
- Study in Exeter

The selection process enables a range of attributes to be assessed to determine a candidate's suitability for the course.

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<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfunding/fundingforcareleavers/>

<sup>3</sup> Applicants would still have to meet all subject requirements .

The selection panel will normally consist of:

- Academic members of staff & or support staff
- Clinical radiographers

Each candidate will be offered the opportunity, via the interview invitation letter, to request additional support due to a (known) disability. Any request will be assessed and, where possible, alternative arrangements will be made.