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

**Admissions Process Policy**

**2020 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.

Typical offer

A-level: BBB, IB: 30

Required subjects

GCE AL science grade B; IB science HL5; GCSE Maths and English grade C/4

(or equivalents)

GCE AL science includes: 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; Sociology.

\*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: 25 Level 3 credits at Distinction Grade and 20 Level 3 credits at Merit Grade including 13 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.

**NB:** All offers (conditional/unconditional) 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/](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.
2. 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 circumstance experience and research relevant to radiography in borderline cases.
3. Applicants who meet the published entry requirements[[1]](#footnote-1) are then ranked according to their best three A-level (or equivalent) prediction of achievement as shown in the table below.

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| Rank | Grades Achieved or Predicted | Standard  Offer | Contextualised Offer | International offer |
| Tier 1 | A\*A\*A\* | ABB | BBB | ABB |
| Tier 2 | A\*A\*A | ABB | BBB | ABB |
| Tier 3 | A\*AA | ABB | BBB | ABB |
| Tier 4 | AAA | ABB | BBB | ABB |
| Tier 5 | AAB | ABB | BBB | ABB |
| Tier 6 | ABB | ABB | BBB | ABB |
| Tier 7 | BBB | BBB | BBB | BBB |
| Tier 8 | BBC | BBB | BBB | BBB |
| Cannot meet requirements-reject | BCC |  |  |  |

1. Applicants who have completed their studies more than 3 year ago will be referred to the College for assessment.
2. A defined number of applicants then invited to interview (based on historic conversion rates to achieve target entrants) from the top-ranked students downwards. Decisions on how when each Tier of applicants invited to selection event will be determine by the overall application position.
3. Selection event and judgements recorded. This is managed at College level. See section 5 regarding the selection event process.
4. A defined number of offers made to those who have been deemed suitable by the selection event.
5. Conditional offers made at ABB (if predicted ABB or higher). Those with already achieved grades must have achieved at this level. Contextual offers will be made at BBB to include a B in a Science subject.
6. Those candidates who have 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.

# 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.

1. **Contextualised Offers**
2. Outreach scheme participator and/or care leaver will be offered 1 grade below bottom of published range.
3. Students identified as from a WP background according to University of Exeter definitions will be considered separately

### Students participating in the Realising Opportunities (RO) or Exeter Progression (formerly Sutton Trust Academic Routes (STAR)) schemes:

1. Submit UCAS application form by 15 January.
2. Continue with the RO or Exeter Progression scheme.
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 read for evidence of mitigating circumstances only.
4. Those applicants which have achieved/or could go on to achieve ABB or better (or equivalent)[[2]](#footnote-2), 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 BBB or equivalent, including successful completion of the RO/EP programme.

### Care leavers

1. Submit UCAS application form by 15 January.
2. Applicants assessed against eligibility criteria for Care leaver process[[3]](#footnote-3)
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 ABB or better (or equivalent)[[4]](#footnote-4), 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 BBB or equivalent.

### Exeter Link Partner Schools/Key Partners

1. Submit UCAS application form by 15 January.
2. Applicants assessed as attending an Exeter Link Partner School or a Key Partner.
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 who have achieved/or could go on to achieve of ABB or better (or equivalent)[[5]](#footnote-5) are then invited to interview, therefore will be placed within Tier 1.
5. Defined number of offers made to those who are judged suitable to be made an offer, using the same process as for the Direct School Leaver Group.
6. Conditional offers made at ABB or equivalent for Exeter Link Partner applicants and applicants who are studying with a Key Partners will receive a standard offer.

**4. Selection event /offers**

The purpose of the selection event is to assess a wide range of skills appropriate to radiography. There are four components:

The selection process is a half day event lasting 3½ hours and consists of four component parts

1) Multi mini Interviews (3 stations)

2) Group task

3) Image interpretation

4) Problem solving task

The event will begin with a welcome presentation and provide a course overview. Candidates are then divided into groups and rotate through the series of events. A question and answer session with the admissions tutor will then conclude the process. The selection process enables a range of attributes to be assessed to determine a candidate's suitability for the course and the profession. Candidate performance will be scored individually for each task, creating a ‘total event score’.

The selection panel will normally consist of:

• Academic members of staff & or support staff

• Clinical radiographers

• Student radiographer

• Service users

Each candidate will be invited to bring up to two guests to the selection event

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.

Interviewers will assess each candidate and allocate a tick in the boxes Yes, Maybe or No, to indicate their opinion of the candidates suitability for the course.

A tick in ‘Yes’ means this is a high quality student who is suitable for the programme

Candidates with an indication of yes will be ranked according to total selection event score until sufficient offers have been made to fulfil the commissioned numbers.

Candidates with an indication of maybe will be made an offer according to available places.

Any candidate with a tick in the ‘No’ box will **NOT** be made an offer.

1. All subject/extra conditions must also be met (see <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/medical-imaging/imaging/additionalentryrequirements/>) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Applicants would still have to meet all subject requirements . [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfunding/fundingforcareleavers/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Applicants would still have to meet all subject requirements . [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Applicants would still have to meet all subject requirements . [↑](#footnote-ref-5)