

Student Entry Agreement 2024 Entry

BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy and Oncology

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As a Therapeutic Radiography student you will study for a University degree that allows you to work as a **HCPC** registered Therapeutic Radiographer. During your student years much of your training will take place in one hospital site. It is therefore essential that you can fulfil the requirements based on Health Care Professional Council (HPC) standards of conduct, performance and ethics ([LINK](#)).

Please read the following statements and sign to confirm that you understand and accept them. We have provided explanatory text to some statements and an additional copy for you to keep for your reference. In the following the school refers to St George's University of London (SGUL)

1. I would like to study as a therapeutic radiographer and understand that this is a discipline specific career pathway. I understand the role of a therapeutic radiographer and the difference between diagnostic radiography and therapeutic radiography; and that the two career pathways are separate. I will not be able to work as a diagnostic radiographer once qualified.
2. I understand that I cannot select my training placement site. I am aware that I could be placed at either Maidstone and Canterbury, Guildford, RMH Sutton and *RMH Chelsea. The programme has no other placement sites in London. I understand that once placed, I will not be able to move to a different placement site. I understand I will have to make my own arrangements at my own cost to travel to the placement site. I will also be expected to organise and pay for my own accommodation if I choose to stay near the placement site (because of the commute).
3. I understand that I will be on my feet all day while on clinical placement. Radiotherapy departments are extremely busy. The job can be repetitive, treating up to 50 or more patients every day with radiotherapy treatment. Checking patient identification and overall wellbeing – positioning the patient on the treatment couch using various patient immobilisation equipment – checking that their position is accurate before leaving the room, imaging and starting their radiation treatment. Once finished, help the patient off the treatment couch, clean the couch and get it ready for the next patient. While doing all this you are expected to communicate with the patient, and the team. You will work as part of the team



during your training and be expected to carry out the tasks required from your team.

4. I understand that the course director can refer me to the academic registrar to terminate my registration due to poor engagement and attendance. This relates to my Fitness to Practice, the informal stage of this is supportive to help me improve using the Cause for Concern' process. I will therefore check and respond to emails, attend lectures, attend meetings and keep the course director and module leads informed of any changes to my engagement and attendance.
5. I understand that if I do not reach the 90% clinical attendance threshold each year, I will not be able to sit the related assessment nor progress to the following year.
6. I will listen to patients and respect their views, treat them politely and considerately, respect patients' privacy and dignity, and respect their right to refuse to take part in radiotherapy treatment.
7. I will not allow my personal views about a person's lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, social status, or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients, teachers, or colleagues.
8. I will be honest and not abuse the trust of a patient or other vulnerable person, and I will not enter into any improper relationships with patients or their relatives.
9. I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to cause offence to patients, academic or clinical teachers, or colleagues. The appearance of a student or practitioner should not be such as to potentially affect a patient's confidence in that person's judgement or standing.
10. I will adhere to the Centre of Allied Health and Radiotherapy and Oncology team uniform policy of 'bare below the elbows' and wear the appropriate uniform that consists of a tunic top with short sleeves and trousers. **There is no exception to the rule** (this means that you are not permitted to cover your arms or wear any clothing under your tunic that covers your arms. Our placement sites do not allow any alternatives. If a headscarf is worn, it must be black and tucked neatly inside the tunic (not over the tunic). Bare from the elbow down also precludes wearing items such as hand or wrist jewellery, wrist watches or false nails, or clothing worn under the tunic that covers any part of the arm.
11. To ensure adequate communication, students may not cover their faces on placement or when being taught in a classroom setting.



12. I will undertake radiotherapy treatment activities and treat patients of all genders (which includes touching, physical examination and procedures) irrespective of their gender identity, culture, beliefs, disability, or disease of the patient. In order to qualify as a therapeutic radiographer in the UK, it is required that the practitioner is willing to examine and treat any patient as fully as is clinically necessary. The Radiotherapy profession involves positioning patients in the correct treatment position. This involves touching patients' skin surface/body, lifting and handling. During treatment, patients will be partially or fully undressed. You will be expected to touch patients of all genders regardless of your beliefs.
13. Early in the course, students are expected to learn in a simulation education suite using and therapeutic radiography skills by practising on other students (fully clothed) and allowing others to practise on them. I will participate in practising clinical skills on other students and will be willing to allow other students to position me for the purpose of clinical simulation education skills.
14. I understand, accept and agree to be bound by the principle of confidentiality of patient records and patient data. I will therefore take all reasonable precautions to ensure that any personal data relating to patients, that I have learned by virtue of my position as a student, will be kept confidential. I will not discuss patients with other students or professionals outside the clinical setting, except anonymously. When recording data or discussing cases outside the clinical setting I will endeavour to ensure that patients cannot be identified by others. I will respect all hospital and practice patient records.
15. I will attend classes as required by the regulations of the course, and I will work diligently to complete my degree. Classes may be timetabled between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and regular attendance is expected of all students.
16. I will attend the practice placement allocated by the Radiotherapy and Oncology Team, as required by the regulations of the course and I will work diligently to complete the practice component of my degree. Practice placement may be timetabled between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 100% attendance is expected (minimum threshold of 90% clinical attendance is necessary to progress to Y2, and then to graduate at end of Y3).
17. I confirm that I have been truthful in my application to the school, and that I did not omit important information relevant to my application. If the Department discovers that an applicant has been untruthful in their application, it may withdraw the offer or terminate the course of study.



18. An applicant must disclose if they have been charged/convicted with a criminal offence at any time prior to or during the admissions process. We must also be informed of any allegations still under investigation which may be pending charges.
19. I will inform the Department if I am charged with or convicted of a criminal offence during my time as a student at St George's. Students are required to have a Criminal Record check before entering the course but must disclose if they are being investigated for or charged/convicted with a criminal offence once registered, especially if there is a possibility that this will affect fitness to practice as a clinical student or therapeutic radiographer.
20. I will inform the University if there is any significant change to my health that might affect my fitness to practise as a therapeutic radiographer.
21. I will comply with all appropriate Health and Safety regulations, practices and protocols and with special regard to radiation protection and ionising radiation regulations.
22. I understand that my admissions data, including details declared on UCAS, MMI scores and other relevant admissions test data be used for educational research purposes in conjunction with any future school performance data. This is on the understanding my information is anonymised and personal data will not be shared or identity disclosed.
23. I understand that a place on the programme is subject to successful completion of enrolment and clearance of occupational health and DBS. These must be cleared before my first clinical placement. All clinical placements are subject to clearance of OH and DBS.
24. I will NOT use my mobile phone in the clinical department. I will not use a device to take images or recordings of any part of clinical placement, or during teaching in classrooms. I will not share any imagery or recording with any social media application.

You are not permitted to record academic staff teaching in class, or any part of your clinical placement.

Please sign and complete in BLOCK CAPITALS to confirm that you have carefully read this information about the requirements of the course and that you understand our expectations.



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| Full Name | |
| UCAS ID (if applicable) | |
| SGUL ID | |
| Signature | |
| Date (DD/MM/YY) | |

LINKS

HCPC Register: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/>

HCPC Standards of Conduct: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/standards/standards-of-conduct-performance-and-ethics/>

Life as a Therapeutic Radiographer: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/roles-allied-health-professions/therapeutic-radiographer>

