**RADIOTHERAPY SPECIFIC WELCOME PAGE**

**Course Title: BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography & Oncology**

**UCAS Code: BZ22**

We look forward to welcoming you to the Therapeutic Radiography and Oncology Programme and we hope you are looking forward to embarking on your journey to becoming part of the wonderful Therapeutic Radiography Profession. During your three years of study with us we aim to develop you into confident graduates who are independent, reflective practitioners through authentic and active teaching and learning. Below is an overview of some key information you need to be aware of before you join us in Welcome Week.

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***Year One Module Overview:***

Year 1 of the programme consists of a range of modules to give you the foundation of knowledge you will need to understand the basis of radiotherapy practice and some of the common oncology diagnoses you will encounter in the clinical environment. Other modules are designed to develop you as a professional and to instil within you the values and behaviours expected of a health care professional. Below is a summary of the modules you will undertake. Further details about the modules can be found in the Programme Handbook.

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| **YEAR ONE**  |  | **BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy**  |  |
| **Module Title**  | **Code**  | **Credits**  | **Level**  | **Type**  | **Semester**  |
| **Radiotherapy Physics, Technology and Radiobiology 1**  | RADT110   | 15   | 4  |    All modules are mandatory  | 1   |
| **Foundations of Radiation Oncology and** **Patient Care 1**  | RADT111  | 30  | 4  | 1  |
| **Preparation for Practice 1** **(Radiotherapy Clinical Learning and** **Foundations of Professionalism)**  | RAD112 | 15  | 4  | 1 and 2  |
| **Radiotherapy Physics, Technology and** **Radiobiology 2**  | RADT122  | 15  | 4  | 2  |
| **Research Methods in Radiotherapy**  | RADT120  | 15  | 4  | 2  |
| **Foundations of Radiation Oncology and** **Patient Care 2 (Breast and Prostate)**  | RADT124  | 30  | 4  | 2  |

**Attendance pattern/ year overview**

Below is a week-by-week calendar overview of your first academic year. Most of your first semester will be spent at University engaging in active learning activities. There will be a mixture of lectures, tutorials, seminars and group work, and you also have two weeks of simulation-based learning, where you will have the opportunity to interact with equipment and scenarios that reflect clinical practice.

At the end of semester 1 you will attend one of our clinical placement sites for two weeks. You will return to placement in March for five weeks with a final three-week placement in the Summer to allow you to put the clinical skills you have learnt into practice. Assessments take place at the end of each semester in January & May.

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| **Week Commencing** | **Academic Year** | **YEAR 1** |
| **15th September 2025** | **Welcome Week** | **Welcome Week** |
| **22nd September 2025** | **Week 1** | **University** |
| **29th September 2025** | **Week 2** | **University** |
| **6th October 2025** | **Week 3** | **University** |
| **13th October 2025** | **Week 4** | **Simulation 1** |
| **20th October 2025** | **Week 5** | **University** |
| **27th October 2025** | **Week 6** | **University** |
| **3rd November 2025** | **Week 7** | **University** |
| **10th November 2025** | **Week 8** | **University** |
| **17th November 2025** | **Week 9** | **University** |
| **24th November 2025** | **Week 10** | **Simulation 2** |
| **1st December 2025** | **Week 11** | **Placement**  |
| **8th December 2025** | **Week 12** | **Placement** |
| **15th December 2025** | **Vacation** | **Holiday** |
| **22nd December 2025** | **Vacation** | **Holiday** |
| **29th December 2025** | **Vacation** | **Holiday** |
| **5th January 2026** | **Teaching/Assessment** | **Assessment** |
| **12th January 2026** | **Teaching/Assessment** | **Assessment** |
| **19th January 2026** | **Teaching/Assessment** | **Assessment** |
| **26th January 2026** | **Week 13** | **University** |
| **2nd February 2026** | **Week 14** | **University** |
| **9th February 2026** | **Week 15** | **University** |
| **16th February 2026** | **Week 16** | **University** |
| **23rd February 2026** | **Week 17** | **University** |
| **2nd March 2026** | **Week 18** | **Placement** |
| **9th March 2026** | **Week 19** | **Placement** |
| **16th March 2026** | **Week 20** | **Placement** |
| **23rd March 2026** | **Vacation** | **Placement** |
| **30th March 2026** | **Vacation** | **Placement** |
| **6th April 2026** | **Vacation** | **Holiday** |
| **13th April 2026** | **Week 21** | **University** |
| **20th April 2026** | **Week 22** | **University** |
| **27th April 2026** | **Week23** | **University** |
| **4th May 2026** | **Week 24** | **University** |
| **11th May 2026** | **Teaching/Assessment** | **Assessment** |
| **18th May 2026** | **Teaching/Assessment** | **Assessment** |
| **25th May 2026** | **Teaching/Assessment** | **Assessment** |
| **1st June 2026** | **Vacation** | **Placement** |
| **8th June 2026** | **Vacation** | **Placement** |
| **15th June 2026** | **Vacation** | **Placement** |

* **Your Programme Handbook**

Programme handbooks will be available online when you begin the programme, and you will be shown where to access these during the programme introduction in Welcome Week.

* **Your Academic Advisor**

All students at the University of Liverpool will be assigned a named academic member of staff as their Academic Advisor who will be with them throughout the programme. Their role is to develop a relationship with you, to provide information, advice, and guidance on academic matters and to direct you to further sources of information on academic matters, as well as the wide range of information, advice, and guidance on non-academic matters available to students at Liverpool. You will have the opportunity to meet with your Academic Advisor during one of the allocated sessions in Welcome Week.

* **Your Peer Mentor**

First year students are allocated a peer mentor from the year above. As a mentee you will have the opportunity to meet with your mentor during your first few weeks of Semester 1. They provide guidance, support, and knowledge about the programme you are undertaking.

* **Uniforms**

Radiotherapy students are given three sets of clinical uniform to be worn on placement. You will be sent information on how to order these online and they will be delivered to the university for you to collect when on campus. Additional uniforms are available for purchase.

Radiotherapy students will be required to wear a white laboratory coat for anatomy practical sessions. These are supplied when attending the sessions, or you can choose to purchase your own from any uniform shop or online retailer. Details of the practical sessions will be given during the induction period.

* **Clinical Placement**

As a condition of you being accepted on the programme, you will be expected to travel to clinical placement sites during your studies to undertake work-based training and apply theory to practice. You will therefore need to ensure that you have the appropriate financial provision in place for travel and accommodation costs. Students who are eligible for finance will have access to the NHS Learner support fund: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund> and will receive a £6000 training grant (£5000 basic + £1000 specialist subject payment) to help with training costs. Some travel and accommodation costs can also be claimed back from the NHS Learner Support Fund.

Students attend clinical placement sites primarily in the North of England. You will be allocated a main placement site at one of the following centres, to include their associated satellite centres:

**Main radiotherapy placement sites include:**

The Christie Hospital NHS Trust, Manchester

The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, NHS Trust, Liverpool

Rosemere Cancer Centre, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Preston

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, Carlisle

Northern Centre for Cancer, Newcastle

The James Cook Cancer Institute, Teesside

**Additional short placements** will take place at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

Please note, any of the main placement sites listed above may also be utilised as an additional short radiotherapy placement site, depending on capacity.

**You have an introduction to clinical placement from the programme clinical facilitators scheduled during Welcome Week. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about our placement sites, and about the way your placements are managed.**

Following this, you will be asked to complete a placement preference form, giving reasons for your preferred location. You will then be assigned a placement taking into account your preferences and reasons, where possible; **please note that this may not be your first choice, as we must ensure that capacity agreements at each placement site are adhered to.**

* **Essential Urgent Actions**

Prior to your arrival at University, you will be sent some forms to complete for Occupational Health checks and Disclosure & Barring Service checks. It is essential that you complete these forms and return them as soon as possible, as these checks take time to process and you will not be cleared to attend clinical placement until they are complete. If you experience any difficulties with completing these forms, then it is important that you let a member of professional services staff know so that we can assist you. Failure to complete these forms on time or notify us of delays will be a disciplinary matter.

* **Your Programme Timetable**

Sessions during welcome week to introduce you to the Therapeutic Radiography and Oncology Lecturing Staff and give you an overview of the programme will be take place on campus. Your timetable and room location details will be sent to you by email.

Academic timetables will be available to students via the University Timetabling system and on the University Timetabling App. Please ensure you register for your University MWS account and download the relevant apps by the time you arrive on campus for Welcome Week.

* **Reading Lists for current Year 1 modules:**

Reading lists will be provided for each module that you study. Once you are registered, the links to these will be available to you through the learning platform (CANVAS), and through the university library online.

All essential resources will be available free of charge and online through the university library. There is no requirement for you to purchase books before starting on the programme; however, if you have any questions, please do contact one of the programme team.