



BSc Radiography 2025-26 Programme Requirements Document

As a student on the BSc Radiography programme at the School of Medicine at UCD, the following compulsory programme requirements apply to each year of your study.

Please read the following text carefully. It is your responsibility to understand and adhere to each of the programme requirements as outlined below.

Confidentiality Statement

During your studies at University College Dublin, you will be exposed to clinical encounters with real patients and real cases. Any information relating to patient healthcare history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, or evaluation shall be considered individually identifiable health information and therefore should not be disclosed verbally or in writing or in audio and/or video format. You must respect the privacy of all patients and healthcare workers and disclose information only when given written consent from the patient concerned.

Healthcare Screening

All students entering the Radiography programme (DN410) are required to demonstrate evidence of immunity to certain infectious diseases. All students entering the course are required to be screened for blood borne viruses and demonstrate evidence of immunity to certain infectious diseases (Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis). Please see the School of Medicine's Infectious Diseases Policy

Students must familiarise themselves with this Infectious Disease Policy and the Data Sharing document before the commencement of their programme.

All students must register formally as a UCD student, then 24 hours later they must contact Student Health and book their initial visit by calling student health reception on 01-7163134. Information on health screening is available on the Student Health website. Just click on your specific course tab to see more.

Bring with you to your health screen appointment:

1. A valid Photo Identity Document (Photo I.D. = Passport, Driver's Licence)
2. Childhood Immunisation Records

The Health Screening costs €330 and covers the initial blood tests, the provision of 1 course of the Hepatitis B vaccine (i.e. 3 doses) and post-vaccine serology. If other vaccines or tests are required, further charges will apply. Initial blood tests at the Student Health Centre are to check for:

- Hepatitis B status,
- Hepatitis C status,
- Varicella Zoster (VZV) status,
- HIV testing (if required)
- Students must state if they are aware of their HIV status. If aware, documentation may be requested. If status is unknown, HIV testing will be offered.
- Documenting evidence of either: a Mantoux test / PPD / Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) or a TB blood test (IGRA) carried out within the previous 2 years is required.
- Evidence of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) will be recorded. Students must bring their childhood immunisation records with them to the initial screening appointment.
- Provision of 1 course of Hepatitis B vaccines as required.
- Blood test to check for an adequate post-vaccination antibody response.

Students are required to make their own individual appointments for vaccinations this will be via phone UCD Student Health Services on 01 7163134 Non-attendance at these appointments will incur extra



charges for additional nurse visits. If students do not have all the required vaccinations (outside of Hep B), then they are liable for the cost. Note: Student Health is located on the 1st floor of the old Student Centre, Belfield, Dublin 4. For any queries relating to the vaccination process, please contact 01 716 3134.

* Students who do not attend or who are not fully engaging with the health screening will not be allowed to commence their clinical placements.

Student Vetting

As a student entering the Radiography programme (DN410), you are required to undergo Student Vetting, and it is mandatory to be fully vetted before the first clinical placement takes place.

The student then uploads the stamped copy of relevant documents to their account for student vetting to process. Please note: Specific details regarding the vetting process may be subject to change. Therefore, it is important to refer to official UCD communications and the UCD Registry website for the most current information.

Hand Hygiene

Compulsory hand hygiene training must be completed in each of the four years of the Radiography programme. Each year you will be required to complete training to certification level. Students are required to upload copies of these certificates to their electronic record of clinical practice prior to the commencement of clinical placements. Students who do not complete the compulsory hand hygiene training will not be allowed to commence their clinical placements.

Children's First Training

Students are required to agree to and abide by the HSE Child Protection and Welfare Policy and must complete the associated online training in the first and third years of the programme. They are required to present their certificate of completion in advance of clinical placement.

Infection Control Training

Compulsory infection control training must be completed in the first and third year of the Radiography programme. Each year students are required to complete training to certification level. Students are required to upload copies of these certificates to their electronic record of clinical practice prior to the commencement of clinical placements. Students who do not complete the compulsory infection control training will not be allowed to commence their clinical placements.

Please note, students may be required to complete additional mandatory e-learning over the duration of the programme. Failure of timely completion of any of the above prerequisites associated with clinical placement will delay the commencement of placement which may, in turn, delay your progression through the Radiography programme.

Manual and Patient Handling

The theory and practice of manual and patient handling is a compulsory requirement and is taught to students in year 1 and an update is given in year 3 of the Radiography programme. The Manual Handling course is a full day course covering both inanimate handling and patient handling techniques. Handouts are given to reinforce theoretical knowledge and practical training in all techniques is provided.

Students who do not attend the manual handling day must themselves organise an appropriate manual handling course provider at the student's expense and any student who did not attend the training will be prevented from attending clinical placement until manual handling certification has been achieved.



Basic Life Support Training

Students are required to complete compulsory basic life support (BLS) training, specifically the Heartsaver AED course, which is accredited by the American Heart Association / Irish Heart Foundation in the first and third year of the programme.

Students will learn the skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Certification is valid for two years and is issued by the American Heart Association / Irish Heart Foundation.

Students who do not attend the scheduled BLS training day must themselves organise an appropriate BLS course provider at the student's expense. Any student who fails to obtain BLS certification will not be permitted to attend clinical placement until certification is achieved.

Clinical Deposit and Uniform

Students are required to pay €100 towards a clinical deposit to cover clinical items (dosimetry badge, name badge, anatomical markers). The clinical deposit is returned to students when they finish the programme subject to all clinical items being returned. Students will not be permitted to attend clinical placement without these items, in particular the compulsory dose monitoring dosimetry badge.

Students must obtain two sets of uniforms, with the cost covered by the School of Medicine during Stage 1 of the UER programme. For clinical placements, students are required to wear clean, ironed uniforms each day. Any additional uniforms needed beyond the initial two sets must be purchased by the students at their own expense.

The School of Medicine considers that you have now read, understood and will adhere to your programme requirements as outlined above.

If you have queries in relation to any of the requirements, it is imperative that you contact the Diagnostic Imaging Programme Office as soon as possible.

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