

Degree Apprenticeship: Therapeutic Radiographer Key information

Start date: March

Duration: 36 months

Delivery: Block delivery via a predominantly distance learning approach. Apprentices undertake teaching activity for a number of 1 or 2-week blocks of teaching scheduled throughout the calendar year with the majority of activity being delivered online. Minimal travel of approximately 2 days a year to our specialist facilities at our Collegiate Crescent Campus in Sheffield will be required.

For the remaining time apprentices will be 'on the job' with the equivalent of one day per week negotiated self-directed learning time which may include undertaking asynchronous learning in preparation for the academic blocks, shadowing or working with other people within their organisation as well as study time and undertaking tasks in the workplace directed by the course team and their mentor. Please see the appended course delivery structure.

Application process: Employers select a shortlist of candidates according to their own recruitment criteria and process. The candidates submit an apprenticeship application form to the University, from which they are shortlisted by academic and vocational suitability for the interview stage of the process. Employers can jointly shortlist and interview with the University if that is their preferred route. Places are offered subject to evidencing satisfactory DBS checks and appropriate occupational health screening.

Costs: The apprentice's employer pays the course fee, which is currently £24,000 through the apprenticeship [levy](#) or £1,200 through [government co-funding for non-levy paying organisations](#).

Additional costs which are to be negotiated between the apprentice and their employer include: travel and accommodation to attend university and placements, enhanced DBS checks, any outstanding vaccinations and placement uniform.

Salary: each employer decides what to pay their apprentices; there is currently no NHS-wide approach. For example, some employers keep existing staff on their pre-apprenticeship salary, some pay [Annex 21 to band 5](#), and some pay [national apprentice minimum wage](#).

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Professional requirements: In order for apprentices to undertake placement activities outside of their employing organisation the University must have confirmation of an apprentice's criminal record status and health and vaccination status. As apprentices are already employed within the healthcare sector we are aware that most of these requirements will have been undertaken upon starting their employment.

If already registered with the DBS Update Service this information can be shared with the

University to confirm criminal record status. If not registered the apprentice can either arrange to undertake a new DBS enhanced check with their employer (the cost of which the apprentice must discuss with their employer) and use this new check to register with the DBS Update Service. Alternatively the University will carry out a DBS check for the apprentice at a cost of £55 which will need to be paid before we are able to undertake the check.

Apprentices also need to be vaccinated in line with Public Health England's 'Immunisation of healthcare and laboratory staff.' The required vaccination / screening are as follows:

- X 2 MMR vaccinations
- X 3 HepB vaccinations and evidence of immunity via blood test. Some boosters may also be required
- X 2 Varicella vaccinations or confirmed history of having Chicken Pox / Shingles
- Evidence of having BCG (TB) vaccine and /or visible TB Scar. If not previously vaccinated will need to undertake TB screening

As most apprentices are already employed as a healthcare worker the above vaccinations and/or screening should have already been undertaken by the organisations Occupational Health provider and evidence of vaccinations should be obtained from them and provided to the University. Where this has not occurred or where further vaccinations may be due the apprentice will need to arrange appointments with their Occupational Health provider as soon as possible and provide evidence to the University once completed. Where apprentices are having difficulties arranging the vaccinations at their employing organisation they can approach their GP to undertake the vaccinations, however it will be at the discretion of the GP as to whether they will provide the vaccinations and whether there is a charge. Alternatively any required vaccinations can be undertaken with Sheffield Occupational Health Service (SOHS) based within Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (the University's supplier of Occupational Health Services) and there are charges for this service. The apprentice will need to arrange directly with SOHS but the University can provide the contact details as required.

Workplace mentor: The employer must allocate a workplace mentor for each apprentice to support them throughout their training to qualification. The mentor must be qualified in the relevant profession. The mentor ensures the apprentice is getting the time they need for their learning and adequate training opportunities and participates in quarterly 3-way progress reviews with the apprentice and their university academic advisor. The University will provide training for workplace mentors from pre-induction. Time for mentoring equates to approximately 30 hours per year.

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Academic entry requirements

Entry requirements to the BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiographer (Degree Apprenticeship) accredited programmes are applicable to all applicants and are designed to ensure robust

preparation for the academic and practice elements of the course, whilst promoting wide and inclusive entry. These requirements are set, as it is important that we only take students onto the course who we feel are likely to be successful and will cope with the academic level of the course.

Applicants should normally have:

- Three GCSE passes at grade C / grade 4 or above including maths, English, and science, or equivalent e.g. level 2 functional skills*

Plus one of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 112 UCAS points from 3 A levels (including at least 40 points from Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics). Or equivalent from national BTEC qualifications e.g.: Extended Diploma in Applied Science, Health Science or Health Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to HE Diploma in health studies, health science, nursing or another science-based course. Normally we require 15 of the level 3 credits to be graded at distinction level with 12 of these distinctions from science units.• If the access course is not listed, please contact the University to discuss prior to application.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous degree in a related subject or evidence of science in academic profiles.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Degree qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other entry routes for example apprenticeships at level 3 will be considered on an individual basis

Information correct as of 23/04/2021

We understand that individuals interested in undertaking a Therapeutic Radiographer apprenticeship will have a rich and varied life and work experience and may not necessarily hold the traditional entry qualifications provided in this information. We would however still welcome applications in this instance and are inviting applicants to provide us with evidence of their experiential learning gained in other ways to support their application. This may include completion of local or other training courses undertaken in the workplace or other organisations as well as testimonies from healthcare professionals you have worked alongside.

Qualifications alongside any other evidence provided by applicants will be taken into account to evidence an applicant's readiness and motivation for study at degree level. All applications

received will be considered on an individual basis and those individuals who provide satisfactory evidence of meeting our entry criteria and ability to study at degree level will be invited to attend the interview stage of the recruitment process. For those individuals we decide do not meet the entry criteria at this time we will provide you with advice and guidance on what steps can be taken to meet the requirements for entry to the course at a later date.

Applicants should also:

- Have relevant work experience
- Provide evidence of understanding of Therapeutic Radiography and make steps to ensure they are making the right choice of profession. For example: researching the profession, visiting departments, attending open events or speaking to professionals about their roles.

The applicant also needs to demonstrate ability to:

- study academic subjects at degree level
- debate topics and issues
- draw on conclusions from written material
- study independently as well as a member of a group

Successful applicants will be required to:

- complete an enhanced DBS check
- complete an occupational health check conducted by the University
- provide evidence of up to date immunisation, and have additional vaccinations if needed

GCSE Science equivalents

- Science units gained on a level 3 BTEC or National Diploma or Extended Diploma Qualification
- Science credits gained on Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Science equivalency test from: www.equivalencytesting.co.uk

Information correct as of 21/04/2021

Making an application

Applicants must have your employer's support before applying.

The application process is an online one and links to the online form can be obtained by emailing business@shu.ac.uk

Include all of your relevant qualifications, including those at higher levels than the

qualifications listed above, and qualifications from partially completed degrees e.g. CertHE and DipHE.

It is important that applicants include the full details of all qualifications - awarding organisation, type of award, full course title/subject, result, pending/achieved and date of completion - in order that we can make a decision about your eligibility for the course.

Level	BSc Honours Therapeutic Radiographer (Degree Apprenticeship) modules:
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DA Collaboration for Individual and Community Wellbeing ● DA Personal Professional Development ● DA TRAD Principles of Cancer Care ● DA TRAD Principles of Anatomy, Imaging and Radiation Science ● DA TRAD Oncology, Radiotherapy and Technology 1 ● DA TRAD Practice Placement 1 ● DA TRAD Competence for Practice 1
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DA Assessing and Addressing Complexity ● DA Evidence and Enquiry for Practice ● DA TRAD Oncology, Radiotherapy and Technology 2 ● DA TRAD Oncology, Radiotherapy and Technology 3 ● DA TRAD Practice Placement 2 ● DA TRAD Competence for Practice 2
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DA Professional Leadership ● DA Working with Complexity in Practice ● DA The Advancing Professional ● DA TRAD Application of Principles to Practice ● DA TRAD Practice Placement 3 ● DA TRAD Competence for Practice 3

Indicative course delivery schedule Therapeutic Radiography Degree Apprenticeship

WEEK Number	Year 1 Level 4	Year 2 Level 5
36	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
37	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
38	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
39	Academic	Academic
40	Academic/2 day Campus	Academic/ 2 Day Campus
41	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
42	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
43	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
44	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
45	Academic	ON THE JOB
46	Academic	ON THE JOB
47	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
48	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
49	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
50	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
51	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
52	Academic	Academic
1	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
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3	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
4	ON THE JOB	ON THE JOB
5	ON THE JOB	Academic
6	Academic	ON THE JOB
7	Academic	ON THE JOB
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