
Entry requirements

Candidates must:

- have obtained 2 passes at SQA Higher level or equivalent;
- be employed in a clinical environment offering mammography experience;
- negotiate a contract with the manager of the clinical department to ensure that the required amount of time and patient load to complete the work-based element of the course will be made available and
- demonstrate recent personal development and a desire to further progress.

English language requirements:

Applicants must be able to communicate in English to the standard equivalent to level 6.5 of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with no element below 6.5.

Key details

Exit awards: Certificate of Higher Education in Mammography (120 credits at SCQF Level 7)

Delivery: You will attend the Scottish Mammography Education Centre (SMEC) in Glasgow for a minimum of eight days spread over separate blocks. The remainder of the training will be in clinical practice.

SMEC is based within the West of Scotland Breast Screening Centre in Glasgow, 77 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, G2 1QT

Duration: 15 months

Start date: January

Fees: For current fees contact Maureen McAuley (maureen.mcauley@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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Why QMU?

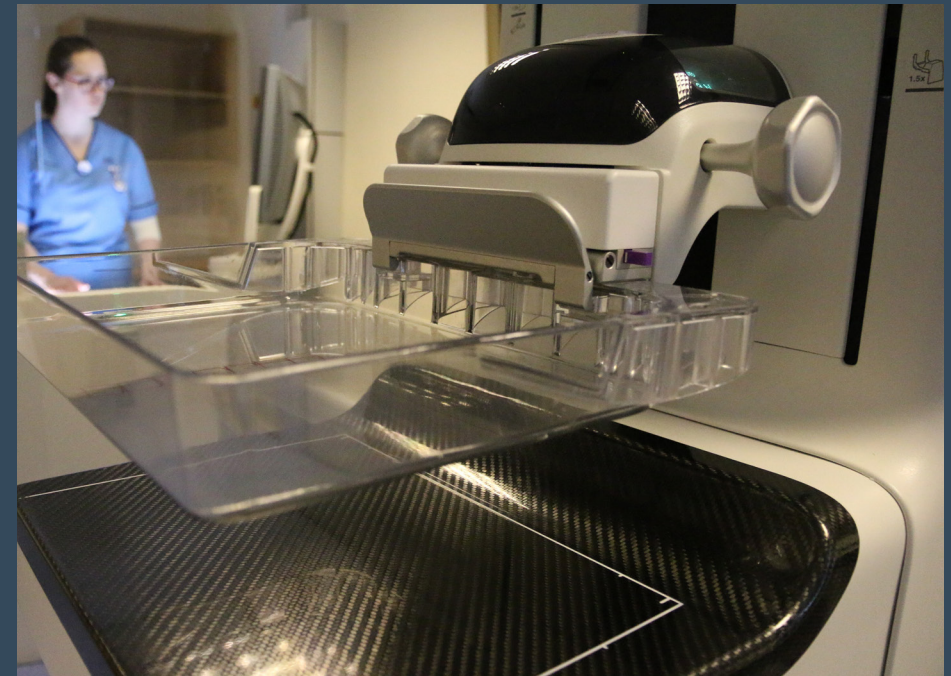
The course is accredited by The Society & College of Radiographers

For the duration of the course students continue practice in their workplace

Successful completion of the course allows students to apply for accreditation as an assistant practitioner.



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When you complete this course you will be able to competently undertake the mammographic techniques required to produce routine radiographic images of the breast. Throughout the time on the course you will gain an understanding of a range of related topics informing your ability to work with care, compassion & empathy.

Further education and training is required by those wishing to undertake imaging additional to the routine cranio-caudal and medio-lateral oblique projections.

This course is intended for Assistant Practitioners (AP's) working in the breast imaging service. Successful completion of the course gives the skills and knowledge required to contribute to the provision of a uniformly high quality of care to all clients.

Teaching, learning and assessment

This course is delivered using a blended learning approach; Lectures introduce the theory; specialists give talks on some specific areas of breast imaging; tutorials explore areas in more depth and practical learning takes place within the student's workplace.

Work-based learning is continuous throughout the programme. During this time you are encouraged to practice the skills, which have been discussed during academic blocks.

The virtual learning environment is utilised to ensure that support and resources are available for all students.

A variety of assessment methods are used including practical workplace assessments, portfolio completion, e-exams, essays & poster presentations.

Teaching hours and attendance

The course involves practice and classroom based learning and runs for approx. 15 months.

Students attend for:

- a minimum of two blocks of classes and
- one week of practical training.

Classes take place at the West of Scotland Breast Screening Centre, Glasgow. The practical training week will be allocated either to Glasgow or South East Scotland Breast Screening Centre, Edinburgh. The remainder



of the training takes place in the students workplace.

Modules

The course consists of six modules at SCQF Level 7:

- Production of the X-Ray Image (20 credits)
- Communication (20credits)
- Client Care (20 credits)
- Imaging Support (20 credits)
- Mammography Practice (30 credits)
- Health Issues in Breast Imaging (10 credits)

Imaging Support and Mammography Practice are work based modules that are supported by the remaining academic modules. All the modules reflect the link between theory and practice to form an integrated whole.

The modules listed are correct at time of publication (February 2019). In the event that modules are changed, QMU will seek to use reasonable endeavours to ensure that there is no detrimental impact on students. Please check the website for any updates.

Links with industry/ professional bodies

The programme is recognised by the Society of Radiographers and can be used as evidence for accreditation as an Assistant Practitioner.

Careers

Students undertaking this course will be in employment within the breast imaging service. Successful completion of this course will allow them to be accredited as assistant practitioners.

Assistant Practitioners work to an agreed scope of practice under the direct or indirect supervision of a practitioner.