



Important information to consider when choosing your course

MSc Breast Imaging

When students are considering applying for the MSc Breast Imaging course they should be aware of the following:

- The attendance for this part-time course takes place in blocks (normally two days, maximum of 4 days). For some units, such as the Evidence-Based Practice unit there are minimal attendance requirements and students will learn through self-directed learning with support from tutors.
- Students will need to secure their own clinical placements and clinical placement Practice Educator. When students apply for the course they will need to complete a Clinical Workplace Agreement Form (signed by their work-place supervisor/mentor). This will identify who will be supervising their scans, the machines and QA and patient throughput so we can ensure that the clinical requirements of the course can be met by the student. The arrangements will need to be agreed by the Course Leader.
- **Practical Ultrasound Assessments:** All practical assessments units (Breast Ultrasound, Imaging Guided Breast intervention & Clinical Examination and Communication) will be assessed at the student's workplace with their Practice Educator in attendance and a moderator. *(Where different assessment arrangements are required these may incur additional costs. Please see the additional costs information below).* For the Mammography image Reading and Reporting unit, an IMPROVE test sets of mammograms OSCE to assess competency in screening mammograms will take place at your placement site. Students and placement site should ensure that facilities for screen reading are suitable for their purpose. For the exam, appropriate high-resolution dedicated mammography review workstations must be provided. Mammography reading facilities must be sited in an environment suitable for uninterrupted screen reading with appropriate lighting (3 hour exam).

Additional Costs

Additional costs are mandatory or optional costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their course. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

- Students will be responsible for funding their own travel and accommodation when attending units and when attending meetings with their supervisor for the dissertation and clinical audit units (normally at least two meetings required). Where appropriate, meetings with supervisors will be offered via Teams.
- Students will be responsible for funding their own food and drink when attending units.

- *Breast ultrasound, Imaging guided Breast Intervention, Clinical examination and communication Reassessments*: The normal fee to be reassessed at the student's place of work is £250 (2020-21 prices). This may change, at our discretion, subject to circumstances and the assessment venue. Students will be advised of the fee at the time of booking. The fee must be paid to us one month prior to the assessment.
- If you are required to re-sit the final IMPROVES test you will be invoiced for the cost of the re-sit test. Approx Cost: £75 per participant per reporting session, Set-up fee: £300 per reporting session
- Students who undertake their clinical placements outside of the United Kingdom will be responsible for the associated costs of assessments in those countries.
- On successful completion of the course students have the option to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2021 the hire cost was £38. There are no other charges to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable and you will be advised of the price when you are invited to graduation.
- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents there will be a fee payable as set out below:
 - Transcript (per academic year): £10
 - Degree Certificate: £40
 - Diploma Supplement: £10

Where 2020/2021-22 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2022-23.