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# **DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	PgC Computed Tomography	
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk	
Level of Award <sup>1</sup>	FHEQ Level 7	
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	College of Radiographers	
Credit Structure <sup>2</sup>	60 Credits at level 7	
Mode of Attendance	Part-time	
Standard Length of Course <sup>3</sup>	1 year Part-time	
Intended Award	PgC Computed Tomography	
Named Exit Awards	None	
Entry Requirements <sup>4</sup>	<ul> <li>Holder of a BSc (Hons) Degree in Diagnostic Radiography/ Diploma of the College of Radiographers (Diagnostic Radiography) or be able to evidence the ability to study at level 7</li> <li>Current registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)</li> <li>Currently working in the field of diagnostic radiography for a minimum of one year</li> <li>IELTS minimum band score 7 with reference to the HCPC guidance</li> </ul>	
Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk	

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the Postgraduate Certificate in Computed Tomography course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 7 in the 2024-25 academic year<sup>5</sup>.

### **Course Summary**

This PgC will allow current practitioners to increase their knowledge and skills in the specialist area of Computed Tomography (CT). This is often a challenging area of practice due to the advancing technology and the rising demand for services. It is anticipated that this course will allow the students the opportunity to combine theoretical and clinical knowledge to their current practice which will underpin the advanced practitioner roles required as part of the four-tier structure within CT. During this course,

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# **Course Design**

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks / Professional Standards / HCPC Competency Frameworks:

- Who Shares Wins: Efficient, Collaborative Radiology Solutions (RCR, 2016); Society and College of Radiographers Education and Career Framework (SCoR, 2013);
- HCPC Standards of Education and Training (2017); HCPC Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (2016); HCPC Standards of Proficiency for Radiographers (2013); Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) Scope of Practice (2013);
- The QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree Awarding
  UK Quality Code for Higher Education (2018).

#### **Course Structure**

The Postgraduate Certificate in Computed Tomography comprises modules at level 7. Module specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type <sup>7</sup>	
Level 7				
	Fundamentals of CT	20	M	
	CT Principles and Practice: Work Based Learning	20	М	
	Managing Effective Care in CT & MRI (Joint module)	20	М	

# Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Computed Tomography.

### **Course Delivery**

The course is delivered at the University of Suffolk, Ipswich Campus. Students studying part-time on the Postgraduate Certificate in Computed Tomography are likely to have approximately 46 tutor structured learning hours. Tutor structured learning will be a mix of interactive lectures, seminars, workshops and students will also be required to undertake 100 hours of clinical experience in their own Hospital Trust. In addition, students will normally be expected to undertake 12 hours of independent study, including tutor set learning, in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

#### **Course Assessment**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the <u>Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards</u>

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A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be approximately 70% coursework (including case profiles, critical analysis and presentations) and 30% examinations.

# **Special Features**

The Post Graduate Certificate in Computed Tomography course is accredited by the Society and College of Radiographers. On successful completion of the Post Graduate Certificate in Computed Tomography course students will be eligible to apply for Advanced Practitioner Accreditation with the Society and College of Radiographers.

This is one of five p framework, allowing the successful students from this Pg qualification.

### **Course Team**

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute and are registered with the HCPC.

### **Course Costs**

Students undertaking the Postgraduate Certificate in Computed Tomography course will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees	
Full-time UK	Not applicable	
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