

# RADIOGRAPHY CAREERS

Be a real-life hero!  
Become a radiographer



## Millions

Radiographers use expensive, state-of-the-art technology

## How can I help you?

Meet new people every day and put them on the path to recovery

## World of choice

Excellent career opportunities

## 29,000

There are more than 29,000 radiographers in the UK

## Help save lives!

Radiographers are highly qualified healthcare professionals and have a lot of responsibility

## Salary

From £22,000 to £68,000 per year

## VIPs

Radiographers are important healthcare professionals: Nine out of 10 patients will see one

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# What is a radiographer?



There are two types of radiographers!

- 1 **Diagnostic radiographers** diagnose illnesses and injuries by taking images of a patient's body
- 2 **Therapeutic radiographers** treat and care for people with cancer

- Radiographers use their personal skills to care for people who are often feeling unwell, in pain and anxious.
- Radiographers use a wide range of specialist equipment, knowledge, skills and techniques.
- Radiographers are very important part of a large clinical team.

## Could you be a radiographer?

To care for patients, you must be able to communicate well and work in a team. You must be compassionate. People skills are just as important as technical skills.

### Diagnostic radiographers have x-ray vision!

Well, almost! Here are just some of the ways diagnostic radiographers can see right through you:

- **Computed tomography (CT)** creates a virtual three dimensional image of the body
- **Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)** builds 2D or 3D maps of different tissue types within the body
- **Ultrasound** is well known for its use in obstetrics and gynaecology. It is also used to check circulation and examine the heart

Have you ever had an x-ray or medical scan? If so, you've met a diagnostic radiographer!

### Therapeutic radiographers are super heroes too!

Therapeutic radiographers are real-life heroes. They care for people undergoing radiation therapy, also known as radiotherapy. They play an important role in the fight against many cancers by:

- Using hi-tech equipment to deliver precisely targeted doses of radiotherapy
- Planning and verifying treatment
- Delivering treatment and caring for the patient
- Playing a key role in research and development

If you or a loved one has been affected by cancer, you'll know how vital therapeutic radiographers are.

### Radiographer skills checklist:

- Caring, supportive and able to put people at ease
- Calm and patient under pressure
- Good communicator
- Works well in a team
- Enjoys technology and science
- Confident, responsible, professional
- Motivated by helping others
- Comfortable with technology and science, as well as people

Radiographers really are real-life heroes. Why don't you become one too?

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