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course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 7 in the 2025-26 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

This course will support the development of current practitioners in an advanced professional practice role. It will enable radiographers to explore complex and current challenges, critique evidence-based practice and evaluate and enhance service delivery. During the course, students will be encouraged to critically reflect and review their personal and professional development in order to underpin their clinical performance and expertise.

The course has been designed to help experienced professionals effectively prepare for the ever-changing environment within healthcare provision and to design and implement improved ways of empowering, enabling students to lead and develop services which will have a positive impact on patient outcomes. The course is designed to provide learning which promotes inclusive, values based and sustainable care delivery in a political and evidenced based context.

Course Aims

In providing this course, the university and the course team aim to provide you with the:

- 1. Knowledge, competence and understanding to achieve the level of expertise associated with advanced practice in diagnostic imaging
- 2. To advance student's knowledge and critical awareness of contemporary service design, planning and delivery
- 3. To develop critical evaluation skills through competent debate to enable the student to enhance their communication skills in the professional arena
- 4. To promote a high level of autonomy and self-direction within a student's area of practice, incorporating a strong emphasis of evidence-based practice
- 5. To enable students to apply their knowledge in the evaluation of professional practice and lead in complex situations
- 6. To explore the concepts of contemporary health issues and apply knowledge to current practice

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the PgD Professional Practice: Advanced Radiography Practice [progression route]

course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 7 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

On successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma students will be able to:

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⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the

Admissions Policy.

⁶ As set out in the QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2024)

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Course Assessment

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 module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will consist of coursework including assignments, presentations