School of Healthcare Sciences

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

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Make a difference

100% of our submitted research rated at least of international standard with 94% classed as “internationally excellent” or “world-leading”.

Source: Research Excellence Framework 2014

99% of our graduates are in employment and/or further study six months after graduating.

Source: HESA 2016/17

“The Students’ Union at the Heath Park Campus is here to engage and support you during your time at Cardiff University - whether it be through our 250 societies and sports clubs; providing advice on housing queries and academic issues; or taking advantage of our social spaces and events throughout the year. There are specific healthcare societies and sports teams to provide for the busy lifestyle of a Health Student, on top of all the activities and services every student is welcome to. Your time at Cardiff University and at the Heath will stay with you long after you leave University, so let’s make it incredible!”

Jennifer Kent, Vice President Heath Park, 2018-19
Welcome to our family

With hospital-based buildings, a real community atmosphere, and friends you’ll make for life, there has never been a better time to be welcomed into our School.

You will be studying at either our city centre based building or our Heath Park Campus building, that is based in the University Hospital of Wales, the third largest university hospital in the UK.

Our Eastgate House building is based just a short 5-minute walk from Cardiff city centre and benefits from being close to the University’s Cathays Park and Students’ Union.

Our Tŷ Dewi Sant building is based at the Heath Park Campus, which is next to 100 acres of parkland and playing fields. Our School shares the site with the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry making it a hub of activity for healthcare students, with a real community-feel.

At the Heath Park Campus, you get to learn in an environment that is multi-disciplinary, meaning you get to study alongside others, within different healthcare professions not available at many other institutions. Learning from one another in this way means you get to experience inter-professional working before you are qualified.

Each School has its own specialist resources and facilities. Study areas and IT facilities are open 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Lecture theatres, seminar rooms and libraries are also on campus. Plus you get to enjoy the IV lounge; a dedicated area for our students to relax and grab something to eat.

Some private residences and pop up Students’ Union services are also on Heath Park Campus, and students can take advantage of the numerous external sports amenities, including a pool, squash and badminton courts and a fitness suite.

We have strong collaborations globally, which means students can enjoy the opportunity to experience clinical work abroad.

“…I really like the fact that the University Hospital of Wales is right next to Cardiff University, School of Healthcare Sciences. It gives you such a feeling, even from your first day, that you are a student nurse.”

Laura Reid, Mental Health Nursing Student

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Step inside our doors
From the moment you step inside our doors, we’ve made sure that our environment meets all of your needs, to ensure you become the best healthcare professional you can be.

Our Caerleon Simulation Suite mirrors a real hospital ward with four bays that have dedicated child, adult and maternity simulation technologies such as; child and adult patient simulators that mimic the body’s reactions to illness, care and treatment. Plus SIM mom and SIM baby that imitate a number of scenarios during childbirth. The suite also has specially designed communication booths with built in audio visual equipment so that nurses can touch on emotive areas that reflect the real world of mental health nursing practice.

Follow us to our Physiotherapy laboratories, which enable you to practice your skills before going on to placement. You’ll be able to use high-tech equipment such as an anti-gravity treadmill and a motion capture centre.

Step into our Activities of Daily Living Suite, which reflects a real-life home setting and our colourful and multisensory Children’s Clinic allows for you to observe and assist with assessment and treatment of real clients with developmental disabilities.

Our Virtual Environment for Radiotherapy (VERT) suite is used to enhance your 3-dimensional anatomy learning as well as specific radiotherapy-related skills. Plus our specially designed mould room allows you to practice creating moulds or masks in order to make sure patients stay in the same place when having their radiotherapy treatment.

Look inside our specialist x-ray room with computed radiography and digital imaging unit, mobile x-ray unit and ultrasound scanner. We also have an image viewing room with specialist image viewing monitors and processors with x-ray simulation software.

Alongside our exciting technologies for you to practice your skills, we also have a newly refurbished lecture theatre, classrooms that are perfect for group work as a close knit class and dedicated student spaces available for your use whenever you need.

The Health Library is located in the Cochrane Building and contains collections on nursing, midwifery, allied health, medicine, medical and biological sciences. The specialist health library is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Find your way to our Eastgate House building where you’ll see two mock operating theatres which replicate real hospital operating theatres, as well as four practice rooms for developing core skills around basic life support, manual handling, recovery and complex care.

Research Institutes and Centres

www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare-sciences/research/institutes-centres
• Cardiff Health and Social Care Improvement Research
• WHO Collaborating Centre for Midwifery Development
• Arthritis Research UK Biomechanics and Bioengineering Centre
• Wales Centre for Evidence Based Care – A Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence.
We make sure you get real-life experience
As part of your journey with us, we make sure that you get a blended approach to learning. That’s why all of our courses offer a split of theory and placement learning.

Having a practical element to your course means you get real-life experience. Getting involved with patient/client care helps develop your confidence and abilities as a healthcare professional. It’s also a chance for you to put your newly learnt skills into practice.

You’ll have the opportunity to try out different areas of placement, which will give you the best head start when it comes to looking into your employment opportunities.

We work closely with a range of healthcare providers to provide a range of placement education opportunities to you, which span across the whole of Wales. While some placements are available for some programmes in Cardiff and more locally, some placements will take you further afield.

The amount of time you will spend on placement and the geographical area varies from programme to programme, but you will be expected to treat your placement time professionally as you’ll be working with real patients. Healthcare in the UK is provided around the clock, so placements will reflect real working patterns which may include shift and overnight working. Providing you with real experience from day one.

We aim to ensure that you are supported while you are out on placement and that is why you will be assigned a dedicated placement educator/mentor. Spending time on placement provides you with a varied experience; covering a wide range of healthcare and specialised environments.

However, you’ll get a wider range of experience if you take one of your placement opportunities across the seal!

**We provide opportunities to study, work or volunteer abroad**

Studying abroad can develop you personally and professionally. It can also help you learn from other cultures and implement best practice. We have links with over 300 institutions and can provide you with the opportunity to embark on an overseas placement in Europe and across the world.

If you are keen to travel within your undergraduate programme we can help to make it happen.

To find out more, contact our student mobility team at: HCareInternationalMobility@cardiff.ac.uk
Learning with a difference

You’ll be joining a Russell Group university which means we are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and strong links with other businesses and the public sector.

We work in partnership with our students to create a stimulating and supportive environment in which all our students can thrive.

Teaching
All our programmes are accredited by the relevant professional bodies, and lead to eligibility for registration with the appropriate professional register on graduation.
You will be taught by lecturers who have real-life experience within their profession. This means that you know you are being taught essential skills that will directly benefit you when you are working in practice.
We adopt a range of innovative learning and teaching methods, all chosen to deliver the tuition you need in the best possible way. Such as lectures that allow you to gain base knowledge, classroom discussion to ask questions and delve deeper into topics, and practical sessions to put the theory into practice.

Support is on hand from your personal tutor throughout your studies and you will be assigned a dedicated placement educator/mentor when out on practical placements.

There is an emphasis on shared learning and inter-professional education, reflecting the fact that you will work in multi-professional teams in the clinical environment.

Assessments
We have numerous methods of assessing your work and this is variable depending upon your programme of study. Examples of written work include posters, presentations, written assignments, examinations, clinical assessment and dissertations.
All of this prepares you for a bright and successful future. That’s why 99% of our graduates are in employment and/or further study six months after graduating.
Funding a healthcare course

The Welsh Government is reviewing funding for Healthcare courses starting from September 2020, and at the time of going to print the outcome of this review is not known. Therefore, the following guidance is based on current funding arrangements.

There are two different routes of funding for undergraduate healthcare students on the following courses at Cardiff University:
- Adult Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Children’s Nursing
- Midwifery
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
- Radiotherapy and Oncology
- Operating Department Practice

The two main routes for funding a healthcare course are NHS funding or ‘full’ Student Finance:

NHS funding is available for those committed to working in Wales after qualifying (2 Years for a degree or 18 months for a Diploma). An FAQ plus terms and conditions about opting in to NHS funding and the Working in Wales commitment is available on the ‘NHS Wales Student Awards Service’ (NHS SAS) website.

Tuition fees

If you apply for NHS funding the NHS will pay the tuition fees in full. This support is not income assessed.

If you opt out of NHS funding there is the option to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan via Student Finance to cover tuition fees.

Previous study

Currently, previous study in Higher Education doesn’t affect eligibility for further funding via the NHS route including the reduced rate of Maintenance Loan (Note: PG Diploma students are NOT eligible for the reduced rate of Maintenance Loan). Previous study in Higher Education will affect your eligibility and entitlement for further funding via the Student Finance route. If you already have a degree you are not eligible for Student Finance for a healthcare course in Wales.

Funding for living costs

NHS funding consists of three basic elements:
- A non-income assessed NHS Grant of £1,000 per year.
- An income assessed NHS Bursary that can vary based on the course you study and Year of the course.
- A non-income assessed reduced rate of Maintenance Loan that can vary depending on where you are from in the UK.

Student Finance funding consists of a Maintenance Loan, only if you are from England and a combination of Maintenance Loan and non-repayable Grant for other home UK students. How much loan and grant you can get is based on an income assessment. The income that is assessed is either the income of parents or the income of a partner or spouse depending on your circumstances. Your income prior to the course and your earnings while you study are usually disregarded.

Extra income assessed support is available via both the NHS and Student Finance for students with children to help with living costs and with registered childcare costs. Please contact the Advice and Money Team for our guide on funding for students with children. With the exception of Occupational Therapy all our healthcare degree courses have extra study weeks which extends each academic year beyond nine months. Subject to income assessment the NHS Bursary or Student Finance is increased to reflect extra study weeks.

Help with placement costs

Home UK students funded via the NHS or Student Finance can apply for help with placement costs via the NHS. EU students who are funded for tuition fees only are NOT eligible for help with placement costs.

EU students

EU students starting a healthcare course in 2019/20 who commit to working in Wales post qualification can apply for help with tuition fees via the NHS Wales Student Awards Service (NHS SAS). Subject to eligibility conditions EU students who do not make this commitment can apply for help with tuition fees via Student Finance. At the time of going to print there is no guidance on the funding eligibility of EU students for healthcare courses starting from September 2020.

Further advice

If you require further information about funding for a healthcare course please contact:
Advice and Money Team,
Cardiff University
Telephone: 029 2087 4844
or Email: Adviceandmoney@cardiff.ac.uk

If you have queries about eligibility for NHS funding and the working in Wales commitment please contact:
NHS Wales Student Awards Service
Telephone: 029 2090 5380
or Email: abm.sas@wales.nhs.uk
Our Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging programme is ranked 1st in Wales and 4th in the UK by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020.

Our full-time programme is accredited by the Society and College of Radiographers, and the skills you obtain are transferable to all NHS Trusts and are recognised overseas.

Diagnostic radiographers are key members of the healthcare team. They operate a wide range of imaging equipment available in modern medical practice, including computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, diagnostic ultrasound and x-ray equipment. As a diagnostic radiographer, you will be responsible for providing comprehensive care for patients, from newborn children to the elderly, producing and interpreting images to be used in the diagnosis of injury and disease. By the end of the course you will have a thorough knowledge of the professional and clinical aspects of diagnostic radiography, including the wide range of imaging technologies in use today.

Our course aims to immerse you in all aspects of radiography practice; both practical and theoretical. Practical teaching takes place in our dedicated diagnostic facilities, including a functional diagnostic x-ray room and an image viewing suite, all supported by simulation software that you have access to. You will receive close academic support from experienced personal tutors and be taught and supported by experienced staff.

We have close working relationships with NHS Trusts across Wales, because of this you will benefit from placements across South East and South West Wales; supported by experienced radiography placement educators. An original research project represents the culmination of your three years of study. The research methods component of the syllabus equips you with the necessary skills for ongoing professional development and evidence-based practice.

Upon successful completion of the course you will be able to register as a Diagnostic Radiographer with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Don’t just take our word for it…

Placement is a brilliant opportunity to put my learning into practice and build my confidence.

Lleucu Walters, Radiography student
Midwifery BMid (Hons)
UCAS Code: B720

With 100% of our students satisfied with our course (National Student Survey 2019) you will be joining a popular and supportive midwifery programme with a family feel.

Midwifery is a distinct profession, with its own standards of proficiency and part of the NMC register. Midwives are accountable as the lead professional and have a unique relationship with the women, newborn infants, partners and the families they care for.

They work in partnership with women, respecting their human rights, involving them in decisions about their care. They optimise physiological processes, and support safe psychological, social and cultural situations, working to promote positive outcomes and to anticipate and prevent complications.

You’ll be joining the only University that has been designated by the World Health Organisation as a Collaborating Centre for Midwifery Development. As the centre for the European region, you will be taught by helpful and knowledgeable lecturers who are influencing healthcare and education across Wales and beyond, through their engagement and research.

You will be able to enhance your academic learning in our simulation suites. The realistic midwifery ward, equipped with specialised mother and baby simulators along with our simulated theatre, exposes you to lifelike situations where you can safely practice and develop essential skills, developing your confidence and expertise, before going out into placement.

Whilst learning in the University setting is essential, we recognise and value equally the learning that occurs in the placement area. In recognition of this and the Nursing and Midwifery Education Standards, you will spend approximately 50% of your time on placement. To facilitate this we have established close working relationships with two large service providers in South Wales. Whilst being supervised by a mentor you will work in a wide range of learning environments, in the hospital and in the community, enhancing your experience in caring for women their babies and family.

This degree is validated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and successful completion will lead to eligibility to register with the NMC as a qualified midwife. Please note that the programme will meet new NMC Standards of pre registration midwifery education which are due to be published in 2020. We strive to ensure our graduates are ready for the next step and that’s why 100% of our midwifery students are in employment or further study six months after graduating (UNISTATS 2019).

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Don’t just take our word for it . . .

The opportunity to work within two University Health Boards enriches your education and the dedicated mentors help develop you into a confident and skilled practitioner.

Lily Geraghty, Midwifery Student
Adult Nursing **BN (Hons)**  
UCAS Code: **B740** (Autumn intake), **B741** (Spring intake)

Join one of our nursing programmes that are ranked 1st in Wales and top 10 in the UK by The Times Good University Guide 2020 and are validated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Adult nursing is a professional degree which leads to an exciting, challenging and rewarding career. Our programme provides you with the skills and knowledge to become a registered adult nurse after three years.

Becoming an adult nurse means you will work with adults of all ages (over the age of 16). They may suffer from one or more long or short-term health conditions to include, injuries from an accident, cancer or diabetes. You will build trusting relationships with individuals in your care and their families, taking lots of factors into account and managing many priorities to get the best possible result for them.

Supportive lecturers will provide innovative and interesting learning which can be practiced in our highly-equipped learning environments, which enable you to learn in a realistic ward, community, home and emergency simulations. Lifelike simulations mean you can safely practice and develop essential skills, developing your confidence and expertise before going out into placement.

You will spend approximately 50% of your time on placement, in both hospital and community settings. During year two, there is an opportunity for you to undertake a placement learning opportunity in a different environment, either within the UK or overseas. This degree will lead to eligibility to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as an Adult Nurse. On qualification, you can work in a range of healthcare settings, both in the United Kingdom and abroad. We strive to make you the best adult nurse you can be. That's why 100% of our nursing students are in employment or further study six months after graduating (UNISTATS 2019).

Don't just take our word for it . . .

Cardiff University offers clinical placements in The University Hospital of Wales; a well-established hospital which will provide me with valuable experience and open doors for me in the future.  
Kayleigh Griffiths, Adult Nursing Student

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Child Nursing **BN (Hons)**
UCAS Code: **B730**

Join one of our nursing programmes that are ranked 1st in Wales and top 10 in the UK by The Times Good University Guide 2020 and are validated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Our programme provides you with the skills and knowledge to become a registered children’s nurse after three years and offers you the opportunity to make a real difference to children’s lives; a value that few other professions can offer.

Children’s nurses provide support and care to children, adolescents and their families. The role can involve everything from nursing a sick newborn baby to caring for an adolescent road accident victim. A child nurse needs to interpret children’s behaviour and reactions and be able to spot when a child’s health deteriorates, which can often happen rapidly. Children have very specific health needs and children’s nurses are practiced within a family-centred care approach, where children, young people and their carers are actively supported to become involved in care decisions.

Our lecturers are all registered children’s nurses, who provide supportive and interesting teaching by drawing upon their own experiences from practice and research. We have highly-equipped skills laboratories in our Clinical Simulation Suite, which enables you to learn in a realistic children’s ward, community, home and emergency simulations. Lifelike simulations mean you can safely practice and develop essential skills, developing your confidence and expertise before going out into clinical placement.

You will spend approximately 50% of your time on placement. We offer a varied experience which will allow you to integrate academic theory with practice and gain insight into the wide-ranging employment opportunities available to you upon qualification. In the second and third year of the programme you will also have the opportunity to work in specialist areas such as; Neonatal units, paediatric intensive care unit, children’s accident and emergency unit, children’s and teenage oncology units and children’s hospice.

As part of your placements, you will be placed in the Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospital for Wales, based at our Heath Park Campus site. This degree will lead to eligibility to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a Child Nurse.

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Don’t just take our word for it…

“I have loved the variety of placement opportunities I’ve been given, especially with POLO. My job opportunities now look so broad!”
Billie Powell, Children’s Nursing Student
Mental Health Nursing **BN (Hons)**

UCAS Code: **B760** (Autumn intake), **B761** (Spring intake)

Join one of our nursing programmes that are ranked 1st in Wales and top 10 in the UK by The Times Good University Guide 2020 and are validated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Our mental health nursing programme will challenge and inspire you to prepare for a rewarding and stimulating career.

Mental health nurses offer help and support to people of all ages, their families and carers, to support recovery from a variety of mental health conditions. The role is diverse; you might help one person to begin to understand their experience of disorder before engaging another with relevant therapies that can help with their recovery.

Mental health care can be delivered by nurses in a variety of contexts such as specialist hospitals, community settings and people’s own homes. While the key role of the mental health nurse is to form meaningful therapeutic relationships, it is imperative that they are able to provide holistic and recovery focused-care, and these are principles and skills you will develop through our programme.

Our supportive mental health nursing lecturers deliver diverse and interesting learning opportunities including simulated practice in our specially designed communication booths, allowing you space to explore emotive areas that reflect the real world of mental health nursing practice in a safe and supportive environment.

You will spend approximately 50% of your time on clinical placement. Our placement areas include teams working with children and young people, working age and older adults in community and hospital settings. You will experience a broad range of clinical contexts which could include areas such as crisis intervention, psychiatric intensive care units, addictions services and forensic mental health.

Completing this degree will allow registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a Mental Health Nurse. It will ensure you are fit for practice at the point of registration and equipped to develop your career across a variety of developmental opportunities.

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Don’t just take our word for it...

I would recommend studying Mental Health Nursing at Cardiff University. I hope to work in areas such as acute mental health in-patient facilities, rehabilitation and the community.

Rebecca Farman,
Mental Health Nursing Student
Occupational Therapy BSc (Hons)
UCAS Code: B921

Ranked 1st in Wales by the Times Good University Guide 2020 and Top 2 in UK by The Complete University Guide 2020, our Occupational Therapy programme enables you to qualify as a registered Occupational Therapist.

As a qualified occupational therapist you will work with a variety of people who, for reasons of ill-health, disability, trauma or adverse social circumstances, face barriers and challenges which prevent them from undertaking the activities (or occupations) that matter to them. You could be helping someone to adjust to life after major surgery one day, to helping people suffering from mental illness get back into everyday activities such as work the next day.

Our programme is approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) which means that your qualification will be recognised in around 60 countries worldwide, enhancing your opportunities for international employment. With over 50 years of experience in delivering occupational therapy education, our stimulating blended programme provides you with the opportunity to engage in both academic study and placement education. You will be taught by experienced occupational therapy educators and you throughout your University journey you will be supported by a personal tutor. You will get to learn in our dedicated activity of daily living suite and occupational therapy clinic, providing you with the chance to practice theory and also observe and assist with assessment and treatment of real clients with developmental disabilities.

You’ll spend an important amount of your learning time on placement in Wales. These placements are supported by experienced occupational therapy educators. A varied placement experience will allow you to integrate your academic theory with practice and gain insight into working in health and social care, and to the wide-ranging employment opportunities available to you upon qualification.

Once you have successfully completed the course you will be eligible to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and become a member of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT).

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I chose Cardiff University because it’s got great facilities for, example the activity of daily living suite and simulation suite for Occupational Therapy.

Liam Hanson,
Occupational Therapy Student
Join us and study at an institution ranked as the number one provider of Operating Department Practice (BSc) by the Guardian League Tables 2020.

You’ll be studying at the only higher education institution in Wales, and the only Russell Group university, offering BSc Operating Department Practice.

It’s an exciting, challenging and rewarding career choice which is very unique and practical. Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs) are vital members of a multidisciplinary team. They support patient’s emotional, psychological and physical well-being throughout the perioperative journey, whilst ensuring that appropriate resources are available to meet the high-level of patient care required. This can be in anaesthetics, such as preparation of a wide range of specialist equipment, ensuring it meets the patient’s individual needs. In surgery, such as being responsible for preparation and use of surgical instruments. Finally, in post anaesthetic care, such as providing monitoring and appropriate interventions until the patient has recovered appropriately from the effects of anaesthesia and surgery.

You’ll be taught skills that encompass all of these three phases in both your academic study, and clinical placements. Within academic study, not only do you get support from a personal tutor and an innovative team of academics in a close-knit cohort, you will be supported in our recently refurbished simulation suite which resembles a real perioperative environment; giving you the chance to practice your theory, knowledge and skills before going out into practice.

Your clinical placements take up approximately half of your study and take place throughout Wales; working alongside dedicated placement mentors, knowledgeable perioperative professionals and real patients. You’ll experience a diverse range of clinical environments ensuring you are prepared for the employment market. That’s why 100% of our students are in employment or further study six months after graduating (UNISTATS 2018).

After qualifying, most ODPs are primarily based in the operating department, but can also work in diverse areas such as accident and emergency, intensive care units, obstetric departments, endoscopy and as members of the cardiac arrest team, to name but a few.

On completion you will be eligible to apply to the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) for registration as a registered Operating Department Practitioner.

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Don’t just take our word for it…

With their outstanding reputation for nurturing and supporting their students, state-of-the-art facilities and knowledgeable lecturers. I knew that this was the place where I could grow.

Tiffanie Shawcroft,
Operating Department Practice Student
Choosing Physiotherapy (BSc) at Cardiff University, means you will be studying at one of the top three physiotherapy courses in the UK as ranked by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020.

Physiotherapy helps to restore movement and function when someone is affected by injury, illness or disability through movement and exercise, manual therapy, education and advice. It can also be used to reduce the risk of injury or illness in the future. This degree aims to qualify you as a formally registered Physiotherapist, who will have the ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team in various settings.

Our hands-on course offers you the chance to study through both academic and practical learning. Your academic learning will be supported by internationally recognised researchers and academics. Practical teaching takes place in specially designed labs and simulation suites and boasts state-of-the-art equipment, such as an anti-gravity treadmill and a motion capture centre which uses techniques to analyse human movement.

Placement learning across Wales is also an essential part of the course and it will give you the confidence and skills to practice physiotherapy professionally in real-life situations, with qualified professionals.

We constantly strive to make sure you have plenty of opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities, such as physiotherapy-related support with the annual Cardiff Half Marathon.

On top of that our course is validated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), meaning upon successful completion of our degree you can register as a qualified physiotherapist.

How will I spend my time?

- Scheduled learning and teaching activities
- Guided independent study
- Placements

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The wide variety of practical and theoretical work means each day is different! It could range from massage, dissection and electrotherapy to hydrotherapy, body paint... and so much more!

Lizzie Russell, Physiotherapy Student
Our Radiotherapy and Oncology (BSc) programme is ranked 1st in the UK (as an institution offering radiotherapy and oncology under the category of radiography) in The Times Good University Guide 2020. Both the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and Society and College of Radiographers accredit us.

Therapeutic radiographers play a key role in the treatment and care of people with cancer. This challenging yet rewarding profession uses high energy ionising radiations in the treatment of malignant and non-malignant disease. You will be introduced to behavioural, imaging and radiation sciences and be supported to develop a firm understanding of human anatomy, physiology and cancer as a disease process and a human predicament.

As a therapeutic radiographer you will work closely with doctors, medical physicists and other members of the healthcare team, to provide personal and supportive care to all ages. These people often have a life threatening disease. You will work closely at all stages of a person’s treatment, including, pre-treatment support, planning the radiotherapy, treatment delivery and evaluation management of side effects and post-treatment support.

We offer an integrated mixture of university-based study and practice placements in the clinical setting. You will also learn alongside supportive lecturers in dedicated simulation facilities. Our Virtual Environment for Radiotherapy (VERT) suite is used to enhance your 3-dimensional anatomy learning as well as specific radiotherapy-related skills. Plus our specially designed mould room allows you to practice and develop skills which are not always available to students in the clinical setting.

We work collaboratively with NHS organisations across Wales to provide you with varied practice placements so that you are competitive in the employment market upon qualification.

You will have the opportunity to explore an original research project, which represents the culmination of your three years of study. This research study aims to equip you with the necessary skills for ongoing professional development and evidence-based practice. Once you have successfully completed the course, you will be eligible to register with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC).

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I love studying radiotherapy at Cardiff because it’s a combination of academic and clinical learning. You could be studying the oncology of an organ one week and the next week you’ll be putting your knowledge to practice in department.

Sophie Johannson, Radiotherapy Student
How to start your journey with us

We’re delighted that you’ve chosen to study with us. We aim to make the application process as easy as possible for you.

How to start your journey with us:

• Check the UCAS application deadlines and admissions criteria for your chosen course.
• Applications for all full-time undergraduate courses must be made through UCAS Apply. You can apply from early September the year before you intend to start your course. Make sure you have everything you need to complete the application form (e.g., education history, personal statement, referee details).
• If your application is successful we will invite you to a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).
• If you are successful in your interview you will be offered a conditional offer.
• Conditional offers: This means that we will offer you a place if you meet certain conditions which are usually based on your exams. Once you have met the conditions and accepted your place through UCAS, your offer will become unconditional.
• You must now consider the offers you’ve received and inform UCAS of your choice through the Track system by the deadline (displayed in Track). You have three options:
  - Firm acceptance: This is your first/preferred choice. You can only have one firm acceptance.
  - Insurance acceptance (optional): If your firm acceptance is a conditional offer, you can accept another offer (conditional or unconditional) as an insurance choice in case you fail to meet the terms of your firm acceptance. You can only have one insurance acceptance.
  - Decline: You must decline all other offers. If you do not wish to accept any offers made, you can decline them all. Depending on your circumstances, you may then be eligible to use UCAS Extra or clearing.

What are Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)?
The MMI process is an opportunity for us to meet you in person and to consider whether you would be a good fit for your chosen profession.
The MMIs are made up of a series of short timed interview stations which provide information about your ability to think on your feet, to critically evaluate information, to communicate ideas and demonstrate that you have thought about some of the issues that are important to your chosen profession.
You can find out more on MMIs here at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/admissions-criteria/healthcare-sciences
If you have a disability or a specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) make sure you notify us in advance so that we are made aware of your needs in advance of arrival.

If you require assistance in completing your application or have any questions throughout the process please contact our dedicated healthcare admissions team on:
Email: hcareadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk
Tel: +44(0) 29 2068 7538
The official capital of Wales only since 1955, the buoyant city of Cardiff (Caerdydd) has, since the turn of the millennium, witnessed a remarkable evolution from a large town to a truly international city, with massive developments in the centre as well as on the rejuvenated waterfront. With a reputation as a party town, allied to lots of top-class sport and cultural attractions, it is one of the UK’s most enticing destinations.”

Rough Guide 2020
A leading university

Our students learn from leading researchers in over 300 courses across the University. As Wales’ only Russell Group institution, we have gained an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, which is built from our history of achievement since 1883.

Cardiff University becomes home for approximately 5,500 new undergraduate students every year. While competition for places is strong, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive university, welcoming applications from everyone who wishes to study with us.

We are a global university with over 7,900 international students from more than 100 countries and open our doors to all applications, irrespective of background.

Facilities and development

Committed to investing in our services, Cardiff University is home to new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities to name a few, with more exciting developments continuously underway.

We take our environmental, safety and security responsibilities seriously, embracing our comprehensive Energy, Water and Waste Policy, which is already making great savings in energy consumption and helping us to do our bit to tackle climate change.

For those studying healthcare courses, we have close relationships with a range of general and specialist institutions across Wales, giving you excellent clinical experience in different environments both in hospitals and the community.

Global opportunities

We are partnered with over 300 leading institutions across the world, and our Global Opportunities team will help you to gain valuable international experience, through study, work or volunteering.

Supporting you

Our student support and wellbeing centres deliver a substantial range of services available to all students that are free, impartial, non-judgemental and confidential, aimed to help you make the most of student life and support you during your study.

We are also rated as one of the best universities for supporting LGBT+ students and are proud to be ranked highly in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.

Find out more at: www.cardiff.ac.uk

Virtual Campus Tour

Discover more about the University and the city of Cardiff through our interactive online tour at: virtualtour.cardiff.ac.uk

“Cardiff University is highly rated on a local and global scale.”
The Telegraph, 2018
Living in Cardiff

Cardiff is the perfect place to be a student. It mirrors the hive of activity a big city offers, but in an intimate and compact setting with endless character. Drink in the atmosphere, soak up the culture and get stuck into the host of activities available in our city; your new home.

A guarantee of accommodation
If you accept your offer of a place at Cardiff on a firm basis, you are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University accommodation during your first year, living with other first year undergraduate students.

The residential dates for your particular accommodation will be confirmed in your Offer of Residence.

Please note: all residential periods may include placement periods when you will be paying residences fees but may not be occupying your room.

The following healthcare programmes are classed as non-standard residential period;
- Adult, Children, Mental Health Nursing
- Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
- Midwifery
- Operating Department Practice
- Radiotherapy and Oncology
- March nursing intakes for Adult and Mental Health

Residence life
While staying in Cardiff student accommodation, you will have access to the incredible service provided by the Residence Life Team who work tirelessly to enhance your student experience.

Working in partnership with Student Support and Wellbeing, the Residences Office and the Students’ Union, Residence Life will welcome you to Cardiff and help you to make a smooth transition into university.

They also help foster a strong sense of community through social events and cultural activities, as well as practical support too.

The Students’ Union
Our Students’ Union is at the heart of the Cardiff student experience. It’s a student-led and independent part of the University, dedicated to making your time with us the best it can be.

Built on the foundation of inclusion, diversity, personal development and friendship, the Students’ Union runs a range of activities and services to help enhance your Cardiff University experience.

These include advice, training, skills development, entertainment, volunteering opportunities and employment throughout your time at Cardiff and to prepare you for a career after university.

“Cardiff has one of the biggest, best and most active students’ unions in the UK, with high quality facilities including Y Plas, a 2,150 capacity nightclub; and the Great Hall, a major concert venue.”

Complete University Guide, 2019

Find out more . . .
Accommodation
For further information please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
You can also watch our residences film online at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxzX-dYlFB8

Students’ Union
facebook.com/cardiffstudents
snapchat.com/add/cardiffstudents
instagram.com/cardiffstudents
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**Entry requirements**

The following are minimum entry requirements for our degree programmes.

To see specific entry requirements for each course, please visit our website at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare-sciences](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare-sciences)

**Non-academic entry requirements**

Applicants to all our programmes are expected to have an understanding of the relevant profession, possess good communication skills, and demonstrate an ability to work both independently and as part of a team. They will need to demonstrate strong motivation and commitment to the provision of excellent compassionate healthcare in their respective fields.

All applicants who accept an offer will then be required to prove good character by an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Declaration of anything that will be revealed by the check is required as part of the admissions process.

Successful candidates will also be required to complete a health questionnaire prior to enrolment, which will be assessed independently by the University’s Occupational Health Department.

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**Please Note:**
Deferred entry is not available for the Midwifery and Children’s Nursing programmes.

General Studies, Critical Thinking and Citizenship are excluded.

**Healthcare Support Workers:** Certificate in Higher Education in Health Care Nursing Support Worker Education – The course has been mapped to year one of the All Wales Nursing curriculum and therefore offers an opportunity to apply to progress into the second year of the Nursing course on successful completion. For further information, email: HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk
**Equality and diversity**
We are committed to supporting, developing and promoting equality and diversity in all our practices and activities. We aim to establish an inclusive culture free from discrimination and based upon the values of dignity, courtesy and respect. We recognise the right of every person to be treated in accordance with these values. We are committed to advancing equality on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief (including lack of belief), sex and sexual orientation and to fostering good relations between different groups.

For further information, please visit: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/equality-and-diversity](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/equality-and-diversity)

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**Welsh language**
Whether you are already a Welsh speaker or just keen to learn, we can support the development of your Welsh language skills. We have Welsh speaking personal tutors – Welsh language tutors are happy to work bilingually too. You can also take written exams and assessments in Welsh. Where possible, you can work with Welsh speaking mentors during some of your placements and work with other Welsh speaking students on group assignments.

We also signpost opportunities to learn Welsh from scratch via the University’s ‘Welsh for all’ scheme or other ways in which you can improve or maintain the Welsh language skills you already have.

Please contact the Welsh language team for more information:
Tel: +44 (0)29 2068 7798
Email: gofaliechydymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk

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**Student support**
Whether or not you use student support services it’s reassuring to know that they are available to you should you need them. Every student is assigned a personal tutor but should you need extra support we have a range of services available to you. Such as;

- **Advice and Money Support**
  Email: adviceandmoney@cardiff.ac.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844

- **Careers and Employability Support**
  Email: careers@cardiff.ac.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844

- **Counselling and Wellbeing guidance**
  Email: wellbeingandcounselling@cardiff.ac.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4966

- **Day Care Centre**
  Email: creche@cardiff.ac.uk

- **Disability and Dyslexia support**
  - Email: disability@cardiff.ac.uk
  - Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844
  - Email: dyslexia@cardiff.ac.uk
  - Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844

- **Equality, diversity and inclusion guidance**
  - [www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support)

- **International Student Support**
  Email: iss@cardiff.ac.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 6009

- **Support practising your religion**
  Email: chaplaincy@cardiff.ac.uk.

- **Student Mentor Scheme support from your peers**
  [www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support)

- **Residence Life Team support**
  [www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support)

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**Mature students**
Some of you might have taken a gap year to volunteer and travel the world, while a lot of students are over 30 and have had work, mortgage, or family responsibilities. We try and make you feel part of the family from day one, whilst understanding that you may have other priorities and responsibilities.
Important Legal Information
The contents of this brochure relate to the Entry 2021 admissions cycle and are correct at the time of going to press in April 2020. However, there is a lengthy period of time between printing this brochure and applications being made to, and processed by us, so please check our website at: www.cardiff.ac.uk before making an application in case there are any changes to the course you are interested in or to other facilities and services described here. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence and represent the basis on which we intend to deliver our services to you.

Your degree: Students admitted to Cardiff University study for a Cardiff University degree.

How to find the School
The School is based at the University’s Heath Park Campus. The Heath Park Campus shares a 53-acre site with the University Hospital of Wales, a 900-bed hospital which is one of the largest in the UK.
To find out more about the School of Healthcare Sciences please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare

Contact us
Tel: 029 2068 7538
Email: HCareAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

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Cardiff CF14 4XN

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Twitter: @CUHealthSci

Student life
Got questions about student life? Get them answered at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentbloggers

Want to know more about life at Cardiff University? Our student bloggers are recording their experiences and are happy to answer your questions. Our student bloggers are real students studying on a range of courses. They are here to answer any questions you have about life at Cardiff University. What’s a typical day like? What clubs and societies are there? Is Cardiff’s music scene any good? It can be almost anything.