

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY BSc (HONS)

INTERVIEW ADVICE



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De Montfort University (DMU) Diagnostic Radiography interviews will take place via Skype* to help ensure that we offer you the most comfortable and flexible experience possible, while saving you both the time and cost involved in traveling to the DMU campus.

However, we know how important it is for you to get a feel for the campus and see the dedicated learning facilities that are on offer before choosing the right course and university for you. We would therefore encourage you to attend a University Open Day before making your final decision. To book your place at one of our Open Days, visit: dmu.ac.uk/opendays

Having recently secured funding for a brand new digital x-ray suite, we are very proud of the development of our Diagnostic Radiography programme, and look forward to giving you a deeper insight to the course. The course also offers practical experience and clinical exposure with local healthcare trusts, enabling you to put theory into practice from the first year of teaching.

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your interview.

*If Skype is not a convenient format for you to undertake your interview, please let us know, and alternative arrangements can be made.

YOUR INTERVIEW EVENT

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that anyone applying to De Montfort University (DMU) is given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

WHY DO WE INTERVIEW?

Our interviews are designed not only for us to assess your suitability for the course, but to make sure you are choosing the right course for you. Universities interview in particular for courses where a specific skill set is required, or where the course leads to a profession.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY?

You will receive information ahead of your interview on how to connect with us on Skype, and will then be supported through the process by our academics. The interview will consist of a set of interview questions that will assess your attitudes, beliefs and values, as well as provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the course.

The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE INTERVIEW?

Academic staff and professional members of staff may be involved in your interview.

VISIT US TO FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the course, speak to our academic staff and current students, get hands on with our demonstrations, and take a tour of campus, please visit us at a DMU Open Day: dmu.ac.uk/opendays

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR MY INTERVIEW?

- The recruitment process for this course includes assessing applicants by interview for the core values of the NHS constitution. We believe these values to be essential in any individual involved in patient care. Professional conduct during the interview will also contribute to the decision making regarding an applicant's application.
- As your interview will take place on Skype, you'll need to set up a Skype account if you do not already have one. For help doing this, please refer to the Skype guidelines we provide. We also advise that you familiarise yourself with Skype before your interview to avoid any last minute panics on the day.
- We strongly advise applicants to undertake a one-day observational visit to an X-ray department. This can be arranged directly with any NHS trust. Please note, this is not a compulsory requirement of the application process, but is advised to ensure you have a first hand understanding of the role of a diagnostic radiographer, before undertaking your training into the profession.
- You will need to confirm your attendance by emailing interviews@dmu.ac.uk along with a copy of your photo identification
- You will also need to complete the self-declaration form using the link on your interview email

Although you need to be able to demonstrate your interest in the industry and that you understand what the course/career entails, such as the difference between diagnostic and therapeutic radiography, you will not be expected to have a detailed understanding of technical topics.

This will give you an opportunity to demonstrate the skills needed by a Diagnostic Radiography undergraduate.

Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information to construct your own opinion
- Willingness and the ability to analyse
- Problem solving skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills

Aside from course specific preparation you may also wish to:

- Organise a practice interview for yourself. Ideally the person interviewing you will be a teacher/ careers adviser. If this is not possible it is usually better to use someone who isn't a close friend or family member as this will help you to gain experience talking about yourself and your work.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM RUNNING LATE ON THE DAY?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable so if you are running late on the day, please contact us on +44 (0)116 207 8443 as soon as you are able to and let us know. If you expect to be significantly late, we may be able to offer an alternative date. However, due to limited dates and popularity of the course this may not always be possible.

WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

Due to strict capacity constraints, you will hear the outcome of your interview by no later than early March 2020. You will be able to view your outcome on UCAS Track. If we are unable to make a decision straight away, you will be informed by the Admissions team as soon as possible.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADVICE

For lots more information and advice about the interview, including help to prepare for the interview and what else you will have the option of seeing and doing as part of the selection process, go to dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays





DON'T FORGET...

- To conduct yourself professionally and adhere to a smart dress code
- To ensure that your laptop/computer and phone are fully charged and you have access to a power supply
- To make sure you have tested your equipment to make sure it works and that you have a quiet space for your Skype interview to take place
- To have a read of our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions (dmu.ac.uk/radiography)

DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Listen and consider your responses, try to ensure that you are not just giving yes/no answers
- If you don't understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or clarify
- Be enthusiastic – admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject
- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident

INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

- One form of photo identification (for example; Driving Licence, Passport - to show during your interview)
- Have a pen and paper

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional facilities, please inform the **Interview Events Team via email - interviews@dmu.ac.uk or call +44 (0)116 207 8443.**

**For further information about your interview event,
please contact the Interview Events Team:**

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