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Four mammography film images are displayed on a light box. The top-left image shows a mediolateral oblique (MLO) view of a breast. The top-right image shows a craniocaudal (CC) view. The bottom-left image shows another MLO view. The bottom-right image shows another CC view. The images are arranged in a 2x2 grid. The text 'FACULTY OF' is visible on the left and 'SCIENCES' is visible on the right of the top row of images. The text 'FOUNDATION DEGREE IN BREAST IMAGING (FDSC)' is overlaid at the bottom of the image in large white letters.

**FOUNDATION DEGREE IN
BREAST IMAGING (FDSC)**

FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCIENCES

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This course is designed for assistant radiography practitioners in mammography who work in a breast screening unit and undertake mammographic procedures in the NHS breast screening programme (BSP). Assistant practitioners working outside the NHS BSP are also eligible for the course, if they have access to a suitable number of mammograms.

This course has been designed in partnership with the breast screening training centres at St George's Hospital, South West London Breast Screening Centre, and The Jarvis Centre, Guildford. It covers the clinical skills needed to undertake routine and assessment mammography on a range of client types, and will foster skills in decision-making and problem-solving, as well as communication and interpersonal skills, enabling you to cope with the diverse needs of the population. This course provides the experience you will need to become an effective assistant mammography practitioner within a multidisciplinary breast care team. It confers competence to practice. You will gain a strong grounding in clinical mammography, enabling you to practice at professional and national standards in a range of environments.

Course content and structure

YEAR 1

- Introduction to the workplace
- Foundation to clinical skills supporting assessment techniques
- Foundation to clinical skills in mammography
- Development of mammography competencies

YEAR 2

- Application of mammography practice
- Promotion of health awareness and multidisciplinary interaction
- Performance of specialist views supporting triple assessment

- Management of challenging situations

Assessment

The work-based learning structure provides maximum flexibility, enabling you to balance your studies with other commitments. Learning involves:

- A small amount of face-to-face teaching
- Online delivery; and work-based learning with the help of a practice educator to mentor you.

Duration and attendance

Two years full-time

Location

St George's, South West London Breast Screening Centre or The Jarvis Breast Screening Centre

Entry requirements

Five GCSEs grade A* to C including English Language and Maths, or equivalent. If English Language is not taken, you must pass the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or its equivalent. Your overall IELTS score must be 7.0 (with no section less than 6.5).

One A2 Level pass in any subject OR NVQ Level Three in Diagnostic and Therapeutic Support or Health (Clinical Imaging), or equivalent.

Applicants without formal qualifications will be considered following interview and written assessment. Non-EU students may not apply

Further information

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