# National University-Sudan Faculty of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research Faculty of Radiography and Medical Imaging Sciences





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#### **General introduction**

Medical Diagnostic Radiography is an entry-to-practice program. It qualifies specialists in medical technology to provide trusted accurate image for diagnosis and treatment of diseases. For this, the program has adopted hands-on practical learning module to grantee high quality services.

# General objective

Qualify critical mass of diagnostic radiography specialists to work in health care units universities and in research centers.

# **Specific objectives**

The program qualifies the students to:

- Identify the normal and abnormal anatomy patterns in CT and MRI images
- Use CT and MRI instrumentations
- Employ advanced technologies in CT and MRI
- Apply quality control measures in CT and MRI
- Implement strategies to minimize the radiation dose to patients.
- Efficiently communicate with peers and other healthcare colleagues
- Conduct health and health-related researches

#### **Expected learning outcomes**

Upon completion of the program, successful graduates should be able to:

- Operate diagnostic radiographic instrumentation to optimise image quality and minimise radiation dose or other potential patient hazards
- Employ protocols and techniques associated with diagnostic and interventional radiographic examinations procedures
- Identify normal and abnormal imaging appearances within current diagnostic radiographic procedures
- Use patient information management systems.

# **Admission requirements**

- Satisfy the general regulations set by the faculty of graduate studies and scientific research of National University for registration for master degree.
- Eligible candidates are:
- (a) Holders of B.Sc. Radiology Sciences in: Diagnostic Imaging, Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy with grade C at least and pass an interview.
  - (b) Holders of B.Sc. Radiology Sciences in: Diagnostic Imaging, Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy with grade C at least with cGPA 2.5, out of 4.0 or 3.5 out of 5.0 and pass an interview.

# Study program

# **Semester one**

Code	Course	Credit hours	Contact hours	
			Theory	Practical
RAD- 511	Advanced Medical Education	1(1+0)	1	0
RAD-512	Applied Anatomy	3(2+1)	2	2
RAD-513	Applied Physiology	2(1+0)	2	0
RAD-514	Applied Pathology	2(2+0)	2	0
RAD-515	CT and MRI Physics and Instrumentation	2(2+0)	2	0

# **Semester two**

Code	Course	Credit hours	Contact hours	
	00425		Theory	Practical
RAD-521	Applications of Computer in Radiology	2(1+1)	1	2
RAD-522	Normal Appearance of CT and MRI Investigation	2(2+0)	2	0
RAD-523	Quality Assurance and Patient  Management	2(1+1)	1	2
RAD-524	Cross Sectional Anatomy	2(2+0)	2	0
RAD-525	Radiographic Pathology	2(2+0)	2	0
RAD-526	Ethics in Medical Imaging	1(1+0)	1	0
RAD-527	Clinical Applications of CT and MRI	2(0+2)	0	8

# **Semester Three**

Code	Course	Credit hours	Contact hours	
			Theory	Practical
RAD-631	CT Scanning Procedures	3(2+1)	2	2
RAD-632	MRI Scanning Procedures	3(2+1)	2	2
RAD-633	Advanced Radiological Procedures	2(2+0)	2	0
RAD-634	Clinical Applications of CT and MRI	4(0+4)	0	12
RAD-635	Research Methodology	2(2+0)	2	0

#### Semester Four

Code	Course	Credit hours	Contact hours	
			Theory	Practical
RAD-641	Clinical Applications of CT and MRI	4(0+4)	0	12
RAD-642	Dissertation	4(0+4)	0	8

#### **Courses contents**

## **RAD-511 Advanced Medical Education**

Health profession education; Adult learning theories; Learning outcomes and skills acquisition; Instructional design (models); Instructional design (micro teaching); Formative Assessment; Communication in multidisciplinary teams; Simulation in multidisciplinary teams; Purposeful assessment; Reflection and feedback; Learning portfolios and Mentorship.

# **RAD-512 Applied Anatomy**

Cardiovascular system; lymphatic system; Respiratory system; Digestive system; Urinary system; Peritoneum; Developmental anatomy; Nervous system; General and special senses; Autonomic nervous system.

# **RAD-513 Applied Physiology**

Homeostasis; Body fluid; Cardiac cycle; Cardiac output, blood, respiratory, platelets, renal physiology, GIT physiology, endocrine physiology, male and female genital physiology.

## **RAD-514 Applied Pathology**

Cell Injury; Apoptosis and Necrosis; Adaptation to cell injury; Acute Inflammation; Sequel of Acute inflammation; Inflammatory mediators; Intracellular accumulation; Chronic Inflammation; Healing and repair; Neoplasia-1; Neoplasia-2; Carcinogenesis; Laboratory diagnosis of cancer; Introduction to genetics.

## **RAD-515 CT and MRI Physics and Instrumentation**

Computed tomography: Physical principle and clinical applications; CT image quality; Image manipulation; Image reconstruction; Image artifact; Pitch; CT dose; Effect CT and MRI machines parameter in image contrast; Quality control in CT and MRI; Physical principles of MRI: Excitation, relaxation and processing; MRI equipment; Pulse sequence-1; Pulse sequence 2; Image quality and contrast; Factors affecting image quality; MRI artifacts; MR safety.

## **RAD-521 Applications of Computer in Radiology**

Introduction to computer and program flow chart; Computerized tomography image formation; Magnetic resonance image formation; Application of computer in Nuclear

Medicine (planner, SPECT and PET); Ultrasound image formation; Introduction to image processing (Digital image, enhancement and texture analysis).

# **RAD-522 Normal Appearance of CT and MRI Investigation**

Introduction; Plane evaluation in CT and MRI; Normal radiographic anatomy CT and MRI of: brain, neck, chest upper abdomen, abdomen, male and female pelvis, knee and ankle joints femur and legs, upper limp, breast upper limp, breast.

# **RAD-523 Quality Assurance and Patient Management**

Definition Quality control; Quality assurance and six sigma; Radiation protection measures in radiology department; of Image quality tests; Parameters to be checked in ultrasound unit;, CT unit, and MRI scanner; Measure Quality in Radiology; Factors causing image problems.

## **RAD-524 Cross Sectional Anatomy**

Introduction; Plan evaluation in human anatomy; Cross section anatomy of: brain, neck, chest, upper abdomen, abdomen, male and female pelvis, knee and ankle joints, femur and legs, upper limp, breast, lower limp.

#### RAD-525 Radiographic Pathology

General concepts; Making best use of radiology; Acute abdomen, Abdomen and hepatic biliary systems; Bone pathology and tumors; Chest pathology; Cardiovascular pathology; GIT disorder; Haemodynamic disorders; Musculoskeletal; Urinary pathology; Central nervous system pathology; Inflammatory and metabolic disorders; Gynecological pathology.

## **RAD-526 Ethics in Medical Imaging**

Introduction to Ethics; Medico-legal Issues in Radiology; Principle of ethics; ARRT Standards of Ethics; Confidentiality; Informed consent and Negligence.

#### **RAD-527 Clinical Applications of CT and MRI**

Equipment and accessories of CT and MRI; Safety and precautions measures in CT and MRI; Warm up (CT); Scheduling cases; Positioning of patient and CT and MRI protocols; Routine investigations and special protocols; Contrast agent of CT and MRI.

## **RAD-631 CT Scanning Procedures**

Introduction to technique; Brain; Chest; Abdomen; Pelvis; Ischemic stroke protocol and soft tissue of neck; Contrast agents; COW (Brain Angio) Sinuses+IAC protocols; CT radiation dose; CT spines and limbs; CT artifacts and Patient's care in CT

# **RAD-632 MRI Scanning Procedures**

Introduction; Parameters and trade-offs; Head and neck; Chest and mediastinum; Abdomen and liver protocol; Pelvis (Male and Female); Soft tissue of neck MRI; Knee and Ankle MRI; Posterior fossa and internal auditory meatus; PNS; Thyroid and parathyroid gland; MRI safety; MRCP; Cardiac MRI; Breast; TMJ and vascular imaging; Spine; Musculoskeletal; Thymus; Upper and lower limbs.

## **RAD-633 Advanced Radiological Procedures**

Cardiac imaging (CT, MRI); Virtual colonoscopy; Entrography and entroclysis; MRS; FMRI.

# **RAD-634 Clinical Applications of CT and MRI**

Advanced protocol in CT and MRI; CT and MRI angiographic protocols; Cardiac investigations; Pediatric scan.

#### RAD-635 Research Methodology

General layout of thesis; Definitions and importance of research; Characteristics of research; Classification of health research; Criteria of a research topic and selection; Introduction (problem of the study, objective, significance and overview); Literature review (theoretical background and previous studies); Materials and methods (materials, design, population, sample, method of data collection and analysis, ethical approval); Research proposal; Results; Discussion and conclusions; References citation and bibliography; Central tendency and dispersion; Association; Significance tests; Statistical decision theory.

# **RAD-641 Clinical Applications of CT and MRI**

Diagnostic medical imaging management; CT and MRI routine and advanced Investigations; Emergency CT scan

# **RAD-642 Dissertation**

Scientific writing of dissertation: Preliminaries; Introduction; Literature Review; Materials and Methods; Results; Discussion; References; Appendices.

#### Human resource and facilities

**Teaching staff:** One professor

Four associate professors Four assistant professors

Two lecturers

**Facilities** 

**Rooms:** One lecture room: 42 seats **Laboratories:** Radiology Lab: 15 seats

**Hospitals:** Alraqi University Hospital; Primary Health care (PHC); Royal Care International Hospital; Dar Elag Hospital; Alribat Teaching Hospital; Omar Sawie Hospital; Military Hospital; Antalya Medical Centre; Alemtiaz Hospital; Alneeleen

Diagnostic Centre

**Libraries:** National University Main Library: 400 seats

E- Library: 250 seats

**Duration of the program:** Four semesters: 52 weeks

**Teaching modules:** Lectures, Case studies, workshops.

## **Examination regulations**

- Abide by the examinations rules of the general regulations of the graduate studies of the National University-Sudan
- A student failing any supplementary examination should repeat the course.
- Duration of the dissertation shall be 16 weeks. If need be, an extension of 4 weeks is allowed if approved by the program coordinator.
- Exceeding the aforementioned period the student has to settle a one semester fees to allow her/him an extension of four weeks.
- Expiring the extension periods without completing the dissertation, the student shall be dismissed from the program.
- A student scoring less than 60% in the dissertation oral examination will be allowed only one chance for oral defense. In such case the student should settle 50% of one semester fees.

Assessment: Continuous assessment 25%
Mid examination 25%
Final examination 50%

**Grading system:**  $A^+ (\ge 85) A (80 - 84) B^+ (70 - 79) B (65 - 69) C (60-64) F (< 3.8)$ 

# Award of the degree

The Scientific Council of the National University, based on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, shall award the successful candidate

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