

Insight

Department of Anatomy with Radiology– Postgraduate Medical Imaging Programme

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The first semester of the new Medical Imaging Programmes at the University of Auckland is now well underway. We are delighted to have 42 students enrolled in the three new specialist imaging technology courses offered in MRI, ultrasound and mammography.

Programme Orientation

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd February, the Medical Imaging team were very pleased to provide an orientation programme for students.

The two-day programme included a library session on using the library catalogue, accessing electronic books and journals, searching databases and referencing using APA. The following session included information on accessing the various electronic tools such as the university email and website, and navigating the online learning platform (CECIL), in addition to using the e-logbook for those students working in a clinical training position. A final session covered specific postgraduate study skills including how to write a literature review or academic essay, referencing in practice, and academic integrity.



As well as being informative regarding techniques and tips to help students 'hit the ground running' with their studies, the orientation provided a fantastic opportunity for students to meet each other and the teaching staff. This is particularly important for groups of students working by distance on an online course so that students will be more comfortable to work collaboratively. The lunchtime BBQ provided on the second day was a great time for everyone to relax and mingle.

It was great to see a strong turnout of 25 eager new students in attendance (see photo below!). Feedback from students was extremely positive with comments such as:

"It was great learning about how to use facilities properly"

"Very positive – has made me feel better about my study@"

"Lovely team here at Auckland, made us feel welcome"

"Very friendly and approachable lecturers; impressed they give us their details to contact them at any time"

New Team Member

We are very fortunate to have **Dr Beau Pontré** join our team as a lecturer. Beau is a medical imaging physicist with a particular interest in MRI. His expertise in physics will provide added value to our courses, in particular the Imaging Technology courses that are running this semester.

Clinical Supervisors

We would like to welcome on board our team of clinically experienced supervisors who will be helping us in supporting the 31 students who are working in clinical training positions and are studying towards their qualification endorsed in MRI, ultrasound or mammography. The University is excited to be able to offer the choice of clinical supervision training for these supervisors, either at an on-campus workshop (to be held on Thursday 9th May) or by completing an online module. All supervisors will also have ongoing access to a supporting online course that they may use for their own interest or to gain CPD points.

If you would like to consider being a clinical supervisor for a trainee at your workplace, please discuss this with your manager. It is a rewarding experience!

Clinical Competency Framework

Feedback has been collated following consultation with a number of experienced mammographers, MRI Technologists and sonographers regarding a proposed Clinical Competency Framework. There was overall consensus that the framework was comprehensive and fit for purpose. Consequently, the framework was accepted with only a few minor changes.

If you would like a copy of the full summary of the survey results and/or a copy of the framework, please contact either Shelley or Adrienne.

Electronic Logbooks

Students working in a clinical training position in MRI, ultrasound or mammography are now able to record their clinical examinations and hours in an e-logbook. This experience has been met with enthusiasm with one student commenting:

"I absolutely love being able to put everything on online and I don't have to worry about losing my cases! It's great."

Next steps

We continue to work on developing the four new courses to commence next semester:

CLINIMAG 701: MRI Clinical Practice I

CLINIMAG 703: Ultrasound Clinical Practice I

CLINIMAG 705: Mammographic Clinical Practice

MEDIMAGE 701: Professional Issues in Medical Imaging

Upcoming Dates

Monday 8th April

Ultrasound block course (MEDIMAGE 705)

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April

MRI block course (MEDIMAGE 703)

Thursday 9th May

Clinical Supervisors Workshop

Friday 28th June

End of Semester 1

Monday 17th July

Start of semester 2

Frequently Asked Question

Q: Can I commence study on these postgraduate programmes in Semester two?

A: Yes; the first step in the process is to apply for admission via the University website. Further information is available on the website at www.medical-imaging.fmhs.ac.nz

Contact us:

Some of you have already made inquiries and are on the medical imaging database; if you did not receive this newsletter personally and would like to, please drop us an email.

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