

Insight

Department of Anatomy with Radiology– Postgraduate Medical Imaging Programme

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Semester 2 Courses

Students have enjoyed meeting up with each other again and learning about current and evolving applications relevant to their specialist modality at this semester's on-campus block courses.

CLINIMAG 701 MRI Clinical Practice 1

All 13 students enrolled in this course attended the on-campus block course where they were involved in a morning of lectures on clinical and research applications of MRI. In the afternoon, they visited the Centre for Advanced MRI (CAMRI) where they were able to observe several advanced applications in action, led by Course Coordinator, Shelley Park.

CLINIMAG 703 Ultrasound Clinical Practice 1

5 students attended this block course led by Course Coordinator, Jo McCann. Students found the lectures on a range of obstetric and gynaecological topics very interesting and informative. In addition, Martin Necas led an interactive case study workshop that was deemed to be valuable by the students.

CLINIMAG 707 Mammographic Clinical Practice

6 students attended this block course led by Course Coordinator, Rhonda-Joy Sweeney. Interesting presentations on a range of topics including mammographic/pathologic correlation, epidemiology and breast screening, tomosynthesis, and current research findings were delivered and students also observed a breast MRI when they visited CAMRI.

MEDIMAGE 702 Professional Issues in Medical Imaging

This course has a large enrolment of 50 students from across New Zealand and working in the full range of modalities. The block course was well-attended and students engaged in lectures and workshops on topics including inter-professional learning, team-work, communication, ethics, cultural competency, and leadership led predominantly by the two Course Coordinators, Jill Yelder and Andrea Thompson.

Nuclear Medicine and CT in 2014

At the recent NZIMRT annual conference in Hamilton, we were very pleased to announce that the University of Auckland will be providing pathways of study for both nuclear medicine and CT technologists within the Medical Imaging postgraduate programmes, commencing semester 1, 2014.

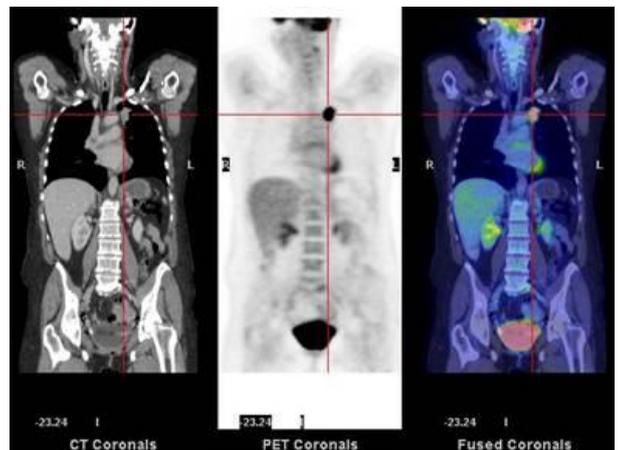


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The nuclear medicine pathway consists of eight 15-point courses within the postgraduate diploma PGDipHSc (Medical Imaging) programme. Once accredited, this pathway will lead to registration with the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB) in the Nuclear Medicine scope of practice.

The CT pathway will consist of four 15-point courses within the postgraduate certificate PGCertHSc (Medical Imaging) programme. For more information on these pathways including courses, requirements, fees and application process, please visit the University of Auckland website at:

<http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/faculty/postgrad/subjects/medical-imaging.aspx>

For admission/enrolment inquiries
pghealth@auckland.ac.nz

MRTB Preliminary Approval

The Medical Imaging team is currently working closely with the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB) to ensure that all programmes of study leading to registration comply with the MRTB accreditation standards. At their recent meeting on Thursday 19th September, the Board approved for the following statement to be released:

'The Medical Radiation Technologists Board has been approached by the University of Auckland who are seeking accreditation of their recently developed postgraduate programmes in MRI and Ultrasound. Delivery of the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Ultrasound) commenced in 2013. The Board has advised the University of Auckland that based on the information provided to date, they have agreed the curriculum is likely to comply with the Board's accreditation standards. The University has subsequently been invited to submit a more detailed submission in preparation for a full accreditation assessment of those programmes and this is scheduled to be undertaken in early December 2013. The Board expects that a decision on the outcomes of that accreditation assessment will be finalised at its meeting in March 2014.'

Board of Studies

In the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, programmes are overseen by Boards of Studies that report through the faculty's Education Committee to Faculty. The Board of Studies for the postgraduate programmes in Medical Imaging has responsibility for the academic governance of these programmes. The first meeting of the Board of Studies took place on Tuesday, 30th July, 2013. In attendance were a range of staff from the Faculty. In addition, Julia Andrew attended as representative of the MRTB and Donna Young as student representative.

Donna Young is a current student enrolled in the PGDipHSc(MRI) programme. As student representative, she may be contacted regarding any issues or concerns that students may have and she will bring them to the Board for consideration.

Donna may be contacted at the following email:
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Advisory Board

The purpose of the University of Auckland Medical Imaging Advisory Board is to maintain appropriate links with the medical imaging profession and industry. The Board will meet biannually in order to advise the Board of Studies on developments in the profession and to contribute as appropriate to the development of curriculum. The first meeting of the Advisory Board took place on 1st August. Membership of the inaugural Advisory Board comprises:

- Anthony Doyle (Radiologist)
- Berry Allen (Nuclear Medicine)
- Beryl Kelly (Medical Imaging)
- Brett Cowan (interim Programme Director)
- Jill Yelder (Professional Advisor)
- Julia Andrew (Medical Imaging)
- Julia Metcalfe (MRTB/Ultrasound)
- Kathy Bush (NZIMRT/Medical Imaging)
- Leigh Anderson (CT)
- Marie-Therese Borland (Mammography)
- Stephen Butler (MRI)

Upcoming Dates

NOW

Application for admission to programmes in 2014 is now open!

'Apply Now' at:

<http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/faculty/>

Monday 4th November

Course enrolments open for 2014

Monday 18th November

End of semester 2

Tuesday, 3rd December

Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday 17th December (TBC)

Board of Studies Meeting

Monday 3rd March, 2014

Start of semester 1

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