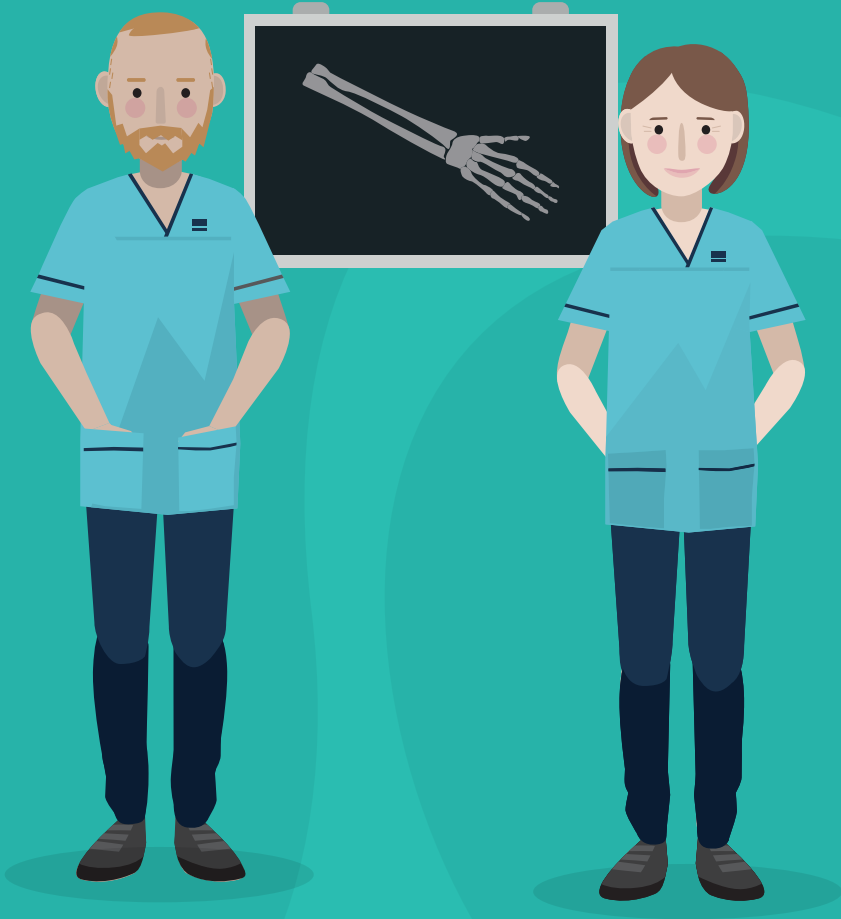


Introducing

Diagnostic radiographer



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About the role

Diagnostic radiographers capture images of the inside of the body, using a variety of imaging techniques and specialist technology. These high-quality images are used to diagnose and monitor illnesses or injuries.

“Some people are worried or anxious about having an x-ray, CT or MRI scan. It’s my job to give reassurance and make them comfortable, so I can take high-quality images to help with the patient’s diagnosis and care.”

– Diagnostic radiographer

Did you know?

Around 90% of patients in hospital are supported by the radiography workforce.

⁽¹⁾ There are more than 33,500 registered radiographers in the UK⁽²⁾ and over 1,900 diagnostic radiographers working in the NHS in Scotland.⁽³⁾

→ How to pursue this role

You can get into this career through a Diagnostic Radiography or Diagnostic Imaging undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme. You’ll then need to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- working in a team
- digital skills
- critical thinking skills
- planning and organising
- working accurately

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