



Further Information

The AIR website is a portal to access further information about your career in radiation therapy. You will be able to link to the web sites of the universities that offer AIR accredited courses.

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Considering a career in radiation therapy?



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Role Summary

As a radiation therapist you will be a key member of the health care team that cares for patients with cancer, working with doctors called radiation oncologists to design treatment plans and then accurately deliver the prescribed radiation dose to the tumor.

Radiation Therapists undertake extensive education and training in order to use highly accurate treatment equipment and computer planning programs to ensure the prescribed radiation dose reaches the tumour and the radiation exposure to healthy tissue surrounding the tumor is as low as possible.

As well as having scientific and technological interests, radiation therapists will have compassion and strong interpersonal skills. Their role supports patients in dealing with their fears and anxieties related to their diagnosis and treatment.



Work Context

Radiation therapists work in technically advanced, challenging professions that require excellent people skills. They are interesting and rewarding professions and exciting opportunities await the graduate.



Radiation therapists have a challenging role in healthcare working in a team environment to provide the very best care for their patients. There is a diverse range of work environments for radiation therapists; from departments in major public hospitals through to small private providers of radiation oncology services.

Radiation therapists are able to diversify their career from the clinical environment. Some therapists choose to gain additional qualifications and skills in health management, care coordination, social work or education.

Whatever your preference, you are sure to find a challenging workplace that suits you!

Opportunities



As an Australian graduate in radiation therapy, there are many opportunities to travel and work overseas. Australian graduates are sought after in many countries.

Universities that offer courses in radiation therapy

Queensland University of Technology
The University of Newcastle
The University of Sydney
RMIT University
Monash University
University of South Australia