

RADIATION THERAPY



© WHAT IS RADIATION THERAPY?

Radiation therapy involves the use of high powered radiation to treat cancer.

As a radiation therapist you:

- perform CT scans
- plan radiation therapy treatments
- manufacture some shielding and immobilisation devices
- deliver radiation therapy to patients
- can be involved in research or management tasks.

"Radiation therapy is the perfect balance of high level technology and important patient care."

Education required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Radiation Therapy – Otago University• Applicants will require NCEA Level 3 or equivalent level education. The subjects given preference for entry are: English or an English-rich subject, Mathematics (Statistics or Calculus) and Biology or Physics. Applicants must also have excellent interpersonal skills. Sometimes 1st Year health sciences at Otago university is recommended, but applicants straight from high schools are accepted. All prospective students should attend an open day – contact the email below.
Training offered by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Otago University at the Wellington School of Medicine and in conjunction with practical semesters at a sponsoring hospital (Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch or Dunedin).• Entrance is competitive and involves an interview. Applications close 15th September of the year prior to intended study.
Perks!	Being able to make a real difference for cancer patients at their time of need.
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