

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Radiation physics 200 (RPH 200)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Health Sciences](#)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Programmes** [Bachelor of Radiography in Diagnostics \[BRad in Diagnostics\]](#)

**Prerequisites** RPH 100, DIR 100, RSC 100, CDR 100

**Contact time** 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Physics

**Period of presentation** Year

### Module content

**X-ray generation:** atomic physics, thermodynamics, X-ray tubes, linear accelerators.

**Image formation and recording:** optics, image intensifiers, solid state physics, digital imaging display and storage systems, image quality and patient dose.

**Radioactivity:** nuclear nomenclature, half-life, activity, decay modes and nuclear processes, nuclide chart and decay.

**Production of radioisotopes:** Nuclear reactions, production facilities (cyclotrons, reactors, and accelerators).

**Interactions of ionising radiation with matter:** charged particles, neutrons, photons, attenuation coefficients, photo-electric Compton contribution.

**Radiation Detection:** detectors (Geiger, scintillation, TLD, semiconductor, ionisation chamber), counting (spectroscopy, efficiency, statistics), protection.

**Dosimetry:** units, exposure, dose, absorbed dose, equivalent dose, effective dose, dose limits.

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