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# BETHESDA NEWS


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**BETHESDA INTRODUCES A NEW  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME  
TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY  
OF UBOMBO**

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# HLANZEKA



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This initiative is a joint effort between Ubombo community local church and Bethesda hospital. As the hospital we are aiming to reach out to the community that we serve and attempt to assist and address some of the socio-economic aspects that have a direct impact in the lives and health of the people. Our Aim is to engage the youth in creative ways as to keep the occupied in a positive ways during school holidays, given lack of recreational facilities in rural communities.

This project is aimed at engaging and mobilizing the youth to be involved in the recycling project that has the potential for income generation-hence youth empowerment.

We would like to have this project as an ongoing self sustaining project that will impact the youth And its community in a positive way.

This platform will open opportunities for u to address other health issues faced by the youth of this community i.e. high teenage pregnancy rates, with its associated high HIV infection rates among young girls.

We therefore request your support as the municipality in terms of capacity building/infrastructural/logistics for the youth and other community members to make this recycling project a success.

While the long-term effects of such investment in the youth will be to build a responsible generation that cares and look after its environment, we will be reaping the benefits of cleaner environment with subsequent better health for our communities.

We are looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual of the Hlanzeka Campaign in June 2019.



THE YOUTH OF UBOMBO COMMUNITY DURING THE CAMPAIGN.



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# CAREER GUIDANCE (RADIOGRAPHY)



It became a great opportunity for all career un-orientated patients and staff members when the Radiographers of Bethesda hospital took initiative and introduced a career guidance program me that tells us about the functioning of the X-ray department and the Radiography course .

This is one of the initiatives that were introduced in 2018 that are seen as eye opening programs to the community of Ubombo. This initiative is an eye opener to our patients and staff members as well as the community to assist them in understanding the functions of an X-ray department and purposes of Radiography in the health sector.

THE RADIOGRAPHERS

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# What is Radiography?

The study of radiography offers four specific degrees: Bachelor in Health Sciences (BHSc) in Diagnostic Radiography, Diagnostic Sonography, Nuclear Medicine and Radiotherapy.

Each of these programs are four year courses with the inclusion of both theory and practical training.

All qualified radiographers are required to complete a one year community service at a government healthcare facility.

## Diagnostic Radiography:

A diagnostic radiographer produces radiographic images of parts of the body for further treatment and diagnosis.

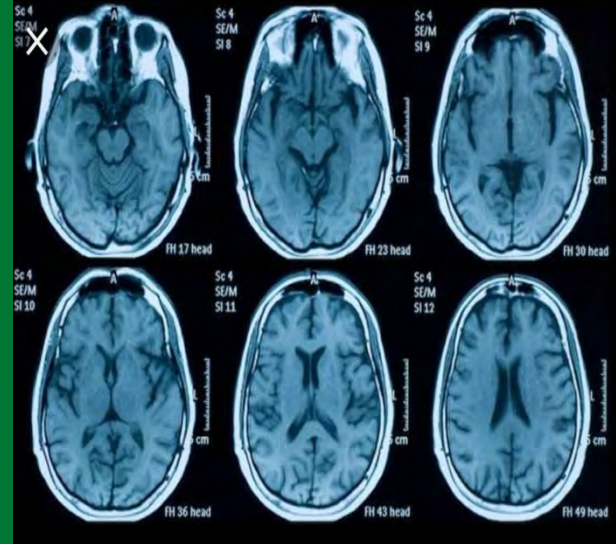
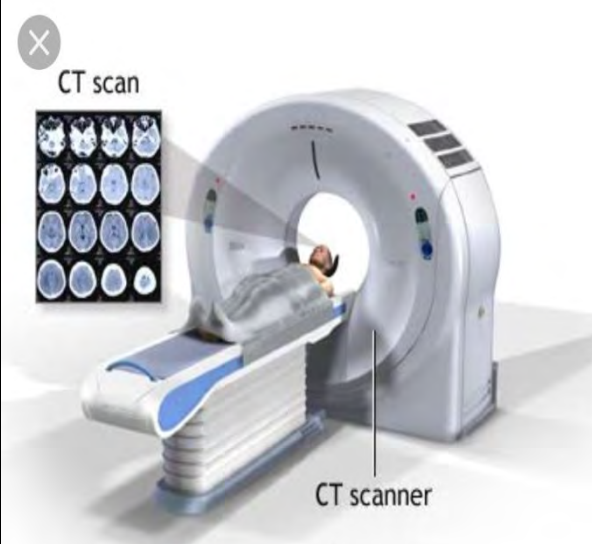
## Diagnostic Sonography:

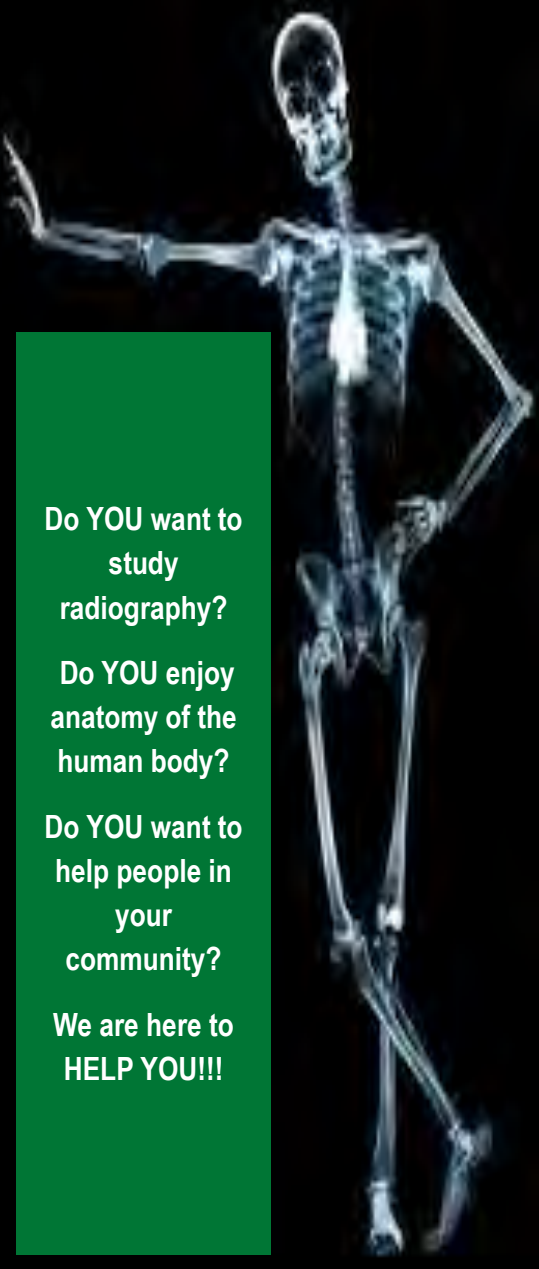
Ultrasound uses high-frequency sound waves and a computer to create images of blood vessels, tissues and organs.

## Nuclear Medicine:

This is a medical specialty that uses small amounts of radioactive substances to show the function and anatomy of a body organ. This modality provides both diagnostic and therapeutic applications.

Radiotherapy: This modality uses radiation as a treatment of disease together with x-rays or other ionizing radiation and by ingestion of radioisotopes.





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# Where can you study Radiography in South Africa?

Do YOU want to study radiography?  
Do YOU enjoy anatomy of the human body?  
Do YOU want to help people in your community?  
We are here to HELP YOU!!!

## What are the requirements to study Radiography?

- Minimum age of 18 years and older
- Physically fit and strong: An applicant with severe disability and or blood-related illnesses may not be accepted for training. N.B: All students have compulsory medicals as part of the requirements as trainee radiation worker.

Academic requirements for senior certificate

1. Durban University of Technology (DUT)
2. University of Pretoria (UP)
3. Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)
4. Nelson Mandela University (NMU)

Applicants must be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Compulsory subjects	NSC Rating	NC (v) (%)
English	4	70
Mathematics	4	70
Life Sciences	4	70
Physical Science	4	70

# Career Opportunities

Jobs may be sought after in both private and government healthcare institutions, as well as in most countries around the world. Radiographer can open their own practices in accordance with the HPCSA.

# PHOTO GALLERY



Radiography staff orientating community members about radiography



IT. Interns being informed about the course.



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# BETHESDA WELCOMES NEW STAFF IN THE MANAGEMENT SECTOR



This is Mr. M. Thabethe our new Quality Assurance Manager from Vryheid Hospital , we are hoping his management skills will assist in our quality improvement goals for this year and the rest of the years he's willing to spend with us.



This is Mr. M. Dlamini our new Systems Manager from Durban , we are hoping his presence will improve the services under the systems department.



This is Ms. T.P Mzobe our new Infection ,prevention & control Manager from Queen Nandi Hospital . We trust her capabilities of keeping this institution hygienically safe.





# BETHESDA HOSPITAL COURTESY CODE

## Respect

*We honor and value each individual, preserve the dignity of each patient and protect privacy and confidentiality.*

## Effective Communication

*We keep our patients and fellow associates well informed by expressing a sincere, helpful attitude; listening carefully; being open to other points of view; welcoming and giving feedback and health promotion.*

## Sensitivity

*We show consideration for the needs and feelings of others by appreciating the diversity of those we serve, focusing on others' needs, acknowledging others' concerns and demonstrating calm and patience.*

## Professionalism

*We demonstrate quality in our work by taking initiative, being knowledgeable and accurate, developing our skills and knowledge, being punctual and prepared.*

## Exceeding Expectations

*We respond to patient needs quickly and ensure follow-through, provide exceptional service (and then ask what else we can do), anticipate needs and offer assistance.*

## Courtesy

*We serve everyone with kindness and care by acknowledging others; offering assistance to patients, families or visitors; using courteous language and behavior.*

## Teamwork

*We focus on shared goals and act on opportunities to help others; share information and ideas for team improvement; contribute consistently and dependably as team members; acknowledge and value everyone's contributions*



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