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**NOTE to STUDENTS:** If you need any accommodations related to attending/enrolling in this course, please contact one of the Graduate School's 504 Coordinator, Natalie Sirisaengtaksin, PhD. We ask that you notify GSBS in advance (preferably at least 3 days before the start of the semester) so we can make appropriate arrangements.

<p>Term and Year: <b>Summer 2026</b></p> <p>Course Number and Course Title: <b>GS02 1031: Supervised Clinical Experience in Imaging Physics</b></p> <p><b>Credit Hours: 1</b></p> <p><b>Prerequisites:</b>  <b>GS02 1093:</b> Intro to Med. Physics I: Basic Interactions;  <b>GS02 1103:</b> Intro to Med. Physics II: Medical Imaging;  <b>GS02 1113:</b> Intro to Med. Physics: III: Therapy;  <b>GS02 1193:</b> Intro to Med. Physics IV: The Physics of Nuclear Medicine;  <b>GS02 1223:</b> Diagnostic Medical Physics II; and  <b>Consent of Instructor</b></p> <p>Meeting Location: <b>UT MDACC Main Building</b>          Building/Room#: <b>FCT 14.5059 (Room 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Program Required Course: No</b></p> <p><b>Approval Code: Yes</b>          (If yes, the Course Director or the Course Designee will provide the approval code.)</p> <p>Audit Permitted: <b>No</b></p> <p>Classes Begin: <b>May 18, 2026</b></p> <p>Classes End: <b>August 7, 2026</b></p> <p>Final Exam Week: <b>August 10, 2026</b></p>
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**Class Meeting Schedule**

Day	Time
<b>Wednesday (Observation or Exercise)</b>	<b>12:00</b>

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**Course Description:** Gain a high-level understanding of clinical imaging physics operations through hands-on experience and clinical observation. Each week will focus on a different aspect of imaging physics focusing on clinical operations and observation. The course will culminate in an oral exam similar to the ABR part III exam.

Custom option: Gain focused understanding in select areas of imaging physics through tailored experiences and observation. This will be student initiated and require the student to submit a proposed set of goals and suggest a clinical mentor for the areas of focus.

**Textbook/Supplemental Reading Materials**

- The Essential Physics of Medical Imaging 4<sup>th</sup> Edition ISBN/ISSN

**Course Objective/s:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will gain a high-level understanding of clinical imaging physics operations through hands-on experience and clinical observation.

***Specific Learning Objectives:***

1. Participate in routine testing responsibilities of a clinical imaging physicist.
2. Familiarity with the daily operations of a radiology clinic and how an imaging physicist fits into that process.
3. Understand the basics of radiation and MRI safety and the practical aspects of its implementation.
4. Observe routine imaging protocol design and optimization.
5. Experience an oral exam format similar to the ABR board exam.

**Student Responsibilities and Expectations:**

1. Attend clinical operations observation sessions or focused clinical exercises (~4 hours).
2. Discuss weekly observations or labs with instructors to integrate them into the larger radiologic practice (~1 hour).

3. Apply their theoretical understanding of imaging physics to practical problems, like image artifacts or dose estimations.
4. Review any relevant task groups or other standards of practice.
5. Understand the most critical elements from each week needed for the final examination.

Students will meet once a week for a four-hour observation or focused clinical exercise. The exact time of this will vary depending on clinical/equipment availability. If a focused exercise is performed, additional writeup or processing may be required. The students will meet a second time before the next assignment for a 1-hour wrap-up session where the observations or clinical exercise can be integrated into the larger area of clinical practice, as well as relating it to other similar activities that might not have been directly observed. Finally, the key points from the observations or exercise will be elucidated and reinforced. The course will culminate with an oral exam to give students the experience of that type of examination as well as allow them to express any clinical knowledge or experience gained.

Due to the multi-disciplinary nature of clinical imaging physics, a secondary path for this course will be offered. This path will be student initiated and collaboratively structured to allow the students to achieve their particular clinical experience goals. This will have a general structure similar to the general experience course but with the specific details of the course adapted to the student's clinical experience goals. Since this path of the course will be tailored to each student the student will need to provide material prior to obtaining approval to enroll.

**Required Material:**

1. Written proposal describing the depth and breadth of desired clinical experience and area(s) of focus.
2. Identification of primary mentor(s) for the clinical experience area(s).
3. Course outline with objectives and proposed schedule.

Grading System: **Pass/Fail**

**Student Assessment and Grading Criteria :**

Percentage	Description
Participation and/or Attendance ( 100%)	Attendance and participation in observations, labs, and the mock Oral Exam is expected.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Duration (Hour(s) taught by lecturer)</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Lecturer/s</b>
<b>5/20/2026</b>	<b>1 hr.</b>	<b>Introduction to Course</b>	<b>Chris Walker, Ph.D.</b>
<b>5/27/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>PACS &amp; Displays</b>	<b>Chris Walker, Ph.D.</b>
<b>6/3/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>General Radiography</b>	<b>Moiz Ahmad, Ph.D.</b>
<b>6/10/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>Mammography</b>	<b>William Geiser, MS.</b>
<b>6/17/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>Ultrasound</b>	<b>Chris Walker, Ph.D.</b>
<b>6/24/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>MRI I</b>	<b>Chris Walker, Ph.D.</b>
<b>7/01/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>Nuclear Medicine</b>	<b>Rachel Barbee, Ph.D.</b>
<b>7/08/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>Computed Tomography I</b>	<b>John Rong, Ph.D.</b>
<b>7/15/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>PET</b>	<b>Rachel Barbee, Ph.D.</b>
<b>7/22/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>Interventional Radiography</b>	<b>Aaron Kyle Jones, Ph.D.</b>
<b>7/29/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>MRI II</b>	<b>Chris Walker, Ph.D.</b>
<b>8/05/2026</b>	<b>4 hrs.</b>	<b>CT II</b>	<b>John Rong, Ph.D.</b>
<b>8/12/2026</b>	<b>1 hrs.</b>	<b>Oral Exam</b>	<b>Chris Walker, Ph.D.</b>