



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Melbourne Medical School

Master of Psychiatry

About the Course

With the need to improve and facilitate the delivery of psychiatric care to a broader cross section of the community, this academic qualification provides doctors with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in working with patients experiencing mental illness.

Psychiatric trainees will particularly appreciate the benefits of this program, as they complement the RANZCP Training Program.

The course comprises core and elective subjects which range from the basics through to cutting-edge research, via exploration of the theoretical concepts in psychiatry and the interrelationship with clinical practice.

The course promotes tolerance to the diversity within our community and our geographical region, equity to appropriate treatment for all individuals, and encourages the practitioner to consider the sociocultural factors in their interactions with patients and their broader community.

The seminar format of the course provides a graduate-level learning environment with high quality teaching led by a facilitator/lecturer, whilst encouraging self-directed learning, participation and problem solving.

The course also satisfies the Formal Education course requirements of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists so will be particularly relevant for psychiatric trainees.

Course Structure

The course is offered in campus or online mode:

- one year full time intensive
- three years part time

Specific aims of the course:

1. To encourage students to become critical thinkers and pursue lifelong learning and self-directed professional development.
2. To provide education about the specific attitudes, knowledge and skills needed to effectively work in the area of mental health.
3. To promote research and critical evaluation in clinical practice.
4. To provide students with a broad understanding of the cultural differences that exist in our community and their relationship to its individuals and mental illness.
5. To facilitate the professional development of the student by providing the opportunity for students to engage in critical discussion of the scientific literature or clinical psychiatry with their colleagues and lecturers who are experts in the field.

Completion of this course does not lead to qualifications to work in psychiatry in Australia. The Masters of Psychiatry is an academic course. Qualification as a psychiatrist in Australia is obtained through application and completion of a training program with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists:
www.ranzcp.org

Selection Criteria

In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:

- either — a postgraduate coursework Doctor of Medicine, or an undergraduate degree in medicine, or equivalent;

AND

- at least one year of documented experience as a practising doctor;

AND

- hold current medical registration in the country where the applicant is working.

For more information, visit <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/vg8x>

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