



# International Postgraduate Academic Support (IPAS)

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Learning and Language Support  
for **Postgraduate Coursework**  
Students

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# Learning and language support

**International Postgraduate Academic Support, Medicine, Nursing and Health Services**, assists postgraduate coursework students, particularly international, to improve academic performance in learning, study and the use of English.

The following are some examples of areas you can improve:

- understanding what lecturers require;
- participating in lectures and tutorials;
- seminar presentation;
- interacting in clinical settings;
- reading effectively for your subjects;
- understanding assignment topics and planning what you need to do;
- writing projects and short theses;
- developing arguments and structuring essays;
- understanding and avoiding plagiarism;
- following the conventions of presentation in writing;
- English structure and style;
- dealing with writers' block;
- pronunciation and intonation;
- vocabulary development; and
- understanding Australian culture in informal conversation.

## Contact information

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## Short courses and workshops

There will be a range of classes for coursework students, arranged as needs are identified, to assist you with your study in the Faculty. Those known at time of printing are included below. There is no charge.

Check with the director:

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or IPAS website for details:

[www.med.monash.edu.au/current/ipas.html](http://www.med.monash.edu.au/current/ipas.html)

Advanced Scientific Writing for Masters of Clinical Embryology, three sessions at MIMR.

Wednesdays  
10 to 11.30 am

Research Methods and Issues Adjunct Workshops for  
Masters of Nursing, Peninsula campus

Summer schools in postgraduate writing are also offered, and further classes will be arranged on demand.

## Online and print resources

IPAS website:

[www.med.monash.edu.au/current/ipas.html](http://www.med.monash.edu.au/current/ipas.html)

Several learning and language websites with a range of relevant resources have been developed at Monash.

Go to LLOnline for writing, reading and note taking, grammar, spoken presentations:

[www.monash.edu.au/lis/lonline](http://www.monash.edu.au/lis/lonline)

Also check Learning Support for HDR Students:

[www.monash.edu.au/lis/hdr](http://www.monash.edu.au/lis/hdr)

For some types of writing in medicine:

[www.monash.edu.au/lis/lonline/writing](http://www.monash.edu.au/lis/lonline/writing)

Vacation English – for practising English in your spare time:

[www.monash.edu.au/lis/vacationenglish](http://www.monash.edu.au/lis/vacationenglish)

# Individual assistance for students

## Staff availability

Associate Professor Rosemary Clerehan  Email: <i>rosemary.clerehan@ med.monash.edu.au</i>	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Clayton campus Building 15 Room 102A	Telephone: 03 9905 3053
	Wednesday (during semester)	Peninsula campus Building E Room 1.41	Telephone: 03 9904 4601

## Individual or small group consultations

Make an appointment for a consultation (usually approximately one hour). The director is happy to travel to your site if need be. **Students should seek assistance at least three to four days before the desired time.**

## Email consultations

Arrange to send work for review or queries via email. **Students should specify any due dates or deadlines and provide sufficient information so that the required task is clear.**

## Drop-in sessions

Come to drop-in sessions for help when, for example:

- you are 'stuck' on a piece of work;
- you need some feedback on short sections of your writing for relevance, structure etc (one to two pages); or
- you have any quick queries about writing or language matters.

During semester only.	Thursday, 3 to 4 pm	Approximately 20 minute consultations.  No booking required. Students will be helped in order of arrival.	Building 15 Room 102A
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