Our postgraduate programs are specifically designed for GPs/ Family Physicians, and offer the opportunity to link continuing medical education with the rewards, satisfaction and opportunities that come with a postgraduate qualification.

**Master Degrees in Family Medicine**

The Master degrees in Family Medicine are available in two streams:

- Master of Family Medicine (Clinical)
- Master of Family Medicine

**Master of Family Medicine - Clinical MFM(Clin)**

This course is a professional coursework Masters. The unit content encompasses developing skills to ensure clinical mastery.

*What will I study and how long does it take?*

The course structure table overleaf outlines a suggested study plan for the course to be completed within a three year period.

**Master of Family Medicine MFM**

The aims, in addition to those mentioned overleaf, provide candidates with research and teaching skills to equip them for potential part-time or full-time careers in academic general practice.

To achieve this, candidates are required to undertake course work and undertake, and successfully complete an approved research project culminating in a published minor thesis.

In addition to the general ‘Entry Requirements’ as outlined, entry/continuation is based on achieving a credit or higher for MFM4006 Introduction to Research Methods.

**Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine alternative exit**

All candidates must enrol in a Masters level program. However, with approval, an exit option is available after successful completion of two years study with a Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine.

Many GPs / Family Physicians in active practice recognise the need for upgrading knowledge and skills and seek the intellectual stimulation which a structured program provides. As adult learners each has specific needs, and barriers exist that must be overcome to meet these needs. For busy GPs/Family Physicians, lack of time and difficulty in reorganising the practice to travel to an institution are important barriers.

Recognising this, the Department of General Practice at Monash University established a range of postgraduate courses which can be undertaken via off campus learning. Since 1992, we have been able to deliver a flexible and portable graduate studies program to medical graduates in Australia and overseas which not only meets the academic standards required of degrees, but also contains subject matter which is relevant for day-to-day practice.

All courses are recognised and approved by the RACGP (Royal Australian College of General Practitioners) for a generous quantum of CPD points. Continuing education is not only mandatory in Australia but is becoming an essential feature of professional life in many developed and developing countries. The Family Medicine award courses are also recognised by the Hong Kong Medical Council as quotable qualifications.

The majority of our students are located off shore, so no matter where you are in the world, we can bring the course to you. We invite you to come and join the hundreds of other doctors who have already derived the benefits, satisfaction and opportunities that come with one of our postgraduate qualifications.
Course Structures

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What will I study and how long does it take?

The above course structure table outlines a suggested study plan for courses to be completed within a three to four year period.

After completion of the MFM (Clin) course graduates should be able to:

- accurately define and describe the nature of the discipline of general practice including its history, philosophy and practice
- compare and contrast general practice with other medical specialties
- appreciate the significance of patient centeredness in differentiating general practice from other disciplines
- understand the role of the general practitioner as the gatekeeper of the health care system and the implications of this role in providing cost effective primary medical care to the community
- appreciate the nature and scope of general practice research including similarities and differences to research in other medical disciplines
- practice critical appraisal of literature and evidence for daily practice
- carry out clinical audits as a means of quality assurance of medical practice as well as means of gaining the skill of reflective learning
- demonstrate knowledge and skills in a number of chosen areas of special interest as defined in the objectives and content of individual elective subjects of this course
- demonstrate an understanding of the theories of learning and teaching and their application to teaching undergraduate, postgraduate and members of the community in aspects of family medicine.

After completion of the MFM course graduates should be able to:

- carry out independent and collaborative research in general practice at a level expected of a Monash graduate
- supervise research projects of a nature comparable to those required of masters graduates
- participate in curriculum development, teaching, assessment and evaluation of education programs at various levels, including undergraduate, vocational training and continuing medical education of established general practitioners
- demonstrate organisational skills required of academic general practitioners with respect to teaching and research.

How much time do I need?

Regular course instruction is equivalent to approximately 10 hours, including assignments.

How are the courses delivered?

All courses are delivered part-time via off campus learning (distance learning). Although delivery will be largely through printed material and study guides prepared by lecturers which are forwarded prior to the commencement of each unit, other media may include audio, CD, DVD/Video. Online communication and assignment submission may also be required.

Are there any face-to-face workshops?

A number of units/modules within the Family Medicine degree courses may require students to attend a workshop at the Department of General Practice in Notting Hill, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia or via teleconference. Where there is a critical mass of students present, for example; at an overseas location, staff may travel to that location to conduct the workshops.

12 Credit Point Elective Units

- MCM9204 Dermatology
- MCM9207 Child health
- MCM9212 Community geriatrics
- MCM9301 Women’s sexual and reproductive health in general practice

6 Credit Point Elective Units

- MCM9014 Musculoskeletal medicine
- MCM9017 Medical ethics
- MCM9019 Ophthalmology
- MCM9201 Depression and anxiety disorders in general practice
- MCM9302 Stress management
- MCM9303 Pain management
- MCM9306 Issues in general practice prescribing
- MCM9307 Diabetes
- MCM9308 Men’s sexual and reproductive health
- MCM9310 Cardiovascular health
Entry Requirements

Applicants must have a medical degree and be currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), or a similar local national registration body. A minimum of two years work experience in general practice is essential for both Australian and international applicants with preference being given to applicants who are currently employed and have been in active general practice for a minimum period of two years.

English language requirements

Students are expected to be proficient in English and must satisfy the minimum English language requirements of the University. Please refer to the website for further details:


Advanced Standing

Up to a maximum of 50% of the value of the award course may be credited for work done elsewhere towards your course.

Fees

For information regarding course fees, please refer to the following websites:


How do I Apply?

Prospective students are encouraged to visit the department website (listed below), for further information.

All applicants are required to complete a departmental application form and return to the address above, together with a legally certified copy of their undergraduate medical degree and other documentation as listed on the application form. Applicants applying for advanced standing, should also refer to the website for an application form and further instructions of additional documentation required.