



Family Medicine

Department of General Practice



RESULTS

Lab Notes:
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Test	Flag	Value	Units	Ref. Range	Status
WBC		7.7	K/UL	4.0-10.0	
RBC		5.05	M/UL	4.20-5.4	
HGB		15.8	GM/DL		
HCT		45.4	%		
MCV		90			
MCHC		34			
PLT					
RDW					

Radiology
 Category: RES
 Category: CT ; Exam: Chest
 EKG; Reason for exam: with contrast
 EKG ; Reason for exam: with gain
 Treatment
 Category: Respiratory orders:

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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.

Many GPs / Family Physicians in active practice recognise the need for upgrading knowledge and skills and some yearn for 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 students 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 the following postgraduate qualifications.

Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine GradDipFamMed

After completion of this 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 specialities

- Appreciate the significance of patient centredness 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 roles in providing cost-effective primary medical care to the community
- Recognise the potential for growth in the academic aspects of general practice in the future and the contribution that graduates from this course can make to this growth
- Appreciate the nature and scope of general practice research including similarities and differences to research in other medical disciplines
- Acquire knowledge and skills in a number of chose areas of special interest as defined in the elective units of this course

What will I study and how long does it take?

The course structure table outlines a suggested study plan for the course to be completed within a two year period. It is however, not compulsory to undertake the core units in the first instance as students may elect to undertake the clinical elective units in Year 1 and the core units in Year 2. Students may select elective/module units from those listed in this brochure.

Master Degrees in Family Medicine

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

Course Structures

Year 1 24 Credit Points	Year 2 24 Credit Points	Year 3 24 Credit Points	Year 4 24 Credit Points
MFM2000 Principles of General Practice	Electives	MFM2007 Learning & Teaching (alternatively Elective & Module for MFM stream)	MFM2008 Applied Research
MFM2006 Intro to Research Methods	Electives	Electives	MFM2001 Master Thesis (to be continued in Year 5)
Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine			
Master of Family Medicine (Clinical)			
Master of Family Medicine			

Master of Family Medicine - Clinical MFM(Clin)

This course is a professional coursework Masters with the objectives similar to those for the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine, however the unit matter is expanded to encompass additional areas of clinical mastery.

What will I study and how long does it take?

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

It is suggested that students who do not have an FRACGP or equivalent enrol and complete the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine in the first instance.

Master of Family Medicine MFM

The aims are similar to the Graduate Diploma course with the additional objectives of providing 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 additional to that prescribed for the Graduate Diploma and undertake and successfully complete an approved research project culminating in a published minor thesis.

What will I study and how long does it take?

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

It is highly recommended that applicants successfully complete the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine in the first instance and then proceed onto the MFM. In addition to the general 'Entry Requirements' as outlined, entry/continuation is based on achieving a credit or higher for MFM2006 Introduction to Research Methods.

Short Courses

For those doctors who do not feel ready to undertake a full degree course, our short course option is an ideal alternative.

Throughout our extensive experience of delivering graduate education, we have been able to develop and evaluate a range of courses and carry out modifications accordingly. As a result, we are now in a position to offer the clinical components of our Family Medicine degree courses to GPs/Family Physicians who wish to update their knowledge and skills in a specific area without the commitment to a degree course.

Credits may be carried for a period of 7 years towards either the Graduate Diploma or Masters Programs.

** Where there is a group of 12 or more doctors residing in the same region who are interested in one particular short course, we would be happy to provide a complimentary face-to-face workshop at no extra charge.*

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
MCM9202 Clinical Nutrition
MCM9208 Practice Management
MCM9302 Stress Management
MCM9303 Pain Management
MCM9204 Palliative Care
MCM9305 Preventive Care in Clinical
Practice
MCM9306 Issues in General Practice
Prescribing
MCM9307 Diabetes
MCM9308 Men's Sexual and
Reproductive Health
MCM9310 Cardiovascular Health

The above units can also be undertaken as short courses.

The information in this brochure was correct at the time of publication – October 2008. Monash University reserves the right to alter this information should the need arise. You should always check with the institution when considering a course.

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General Information

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be currently registered by the medical board in their respective state, or have a qualification which is eligible to be registered in a state of the Commonwealth. A minimum of two years work experience in general practice is essential, and preference will be given to applicants who are currently employed and have been in active general practice for a minimum period of two years. Special consideration may be given to suitably qualified overseas graduates residing in their own country.

How much time do I need?

Regular course instruction is equivalent to two half day sessions per week (10 hours approximately), including assignments.

How is the course 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 is forwarded prior to the commencement of each unit, other media including audio, CD, DVD/ Video may also be included.

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 in Melbourne, Victoria Australia. 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.

Advanced Standing

Up to a maximum of 50% of the value of the award course may be credited for work done elsewhere or done within the short course program and for non-award purposes in the first instances.

How do I Apply?

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

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

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/general-practice/teaching/pgrad.html>

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