

# Master of Medicine / Surgery

**UNDA Course Code 5131 CRICOS Code 083626A**

The Master of Medicine/Surgery is a postgraduate research degree designed to provide research training to members of the medical profession. It comprises both coursework and a substantial research component culminating in the submission of a thesis or a research dissertation.

## SUPERVISION

Each candidate will have supervisors, including one University-based supervisor, who will provide support and academic guidance throughout the coursework and research components of the degree. The research supervisors will assist the candidate with the preparation of the research proposal, and will continue to mentor and direct the work of the candidate up to the point of completion of the degree.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The coursework comprises four compulsory research-related Units. The Units will provide opportunities for candidates to formulate substantial elements of their planned research, and to develop personal competencies in critical analysis and scholarly writing relevant to their profession.

The structure of the degree is as follows:

- ❖ Coursework component (1/3 of degree)
  - Applied Clinical Research and Evaluation Methods
  - Ethics for Clinical Practice and Research
  - Developing a Research Proposal
  - Scholarly Medical Writing and Publication

The completion of the coursework is facilitated by a flexible Unit delivery schedule through on-line tutorials, assignments, etc. which takes into consideration the fact that candidates may be in full-time clinical practice during their candidature.

- ❖ Research component (2/3 of degree)

Candidates undertake a research project under supervision and submit for examination either a thesis or research dissertation. The thesis will comprise an Abstract, Background and Literature Review, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion. The Research Dissertation will be based on a manuscript accepted for publication. It will comprise an Abstract, a Literature Review, Methods, the accepted Manuscript, Conclusions and Future Directions of the research.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are required for a student to be admitted to the program:

- Possess a medical degree from a recognised university.
- Demonstrate potential to undertake and complete a research-based study, and to be currently engaged in clinical practice.
- Satisfy the Dean of the School of the ability to understand and communicate in both written and spoken English at a level adequate for the purpose of pursuing the program of study.

Before submitting an application for study to the University you should discuss it with a suitable member of the School academic staff.

## COURSE DURATION

- The standard time for completion of the Master of Medicine/Surgery (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will be one and a half calendar years of full-time study.
- Part-time study is available.

## FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

### Domestic Students

According to the Higher Education Support Act 2003, domestic research students are eligible to have all Higher Degree by Research (HDR) course fees for the length of their degree paid by the Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Scheme (RTS).

Domestic students can apply for both an *Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)* and the *University Postgraduate Award (UPA)* offered through The University of Notre Dame Australia. These Scholarships are very competitive and are awarded to students of exceptional research potential. The Scholarships are for the purpose of assisting with general living costs for the duration of the research degree.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the Prospective Students Centre on (02) 8204 4404 or at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au); or contact the Sydney Research Office on (02) 8204 4426 or at [sydney.research@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.research@nd.edu.au).

If you would like any information from the School of Medicine, Sydney please contact Professor George L. Mendz on (02) 8204 4457 or at [george.mendez@nd.edu.au](mailto:george.mendez@nd.edu.au).

All International enquiries should be directed to the International Office at [sydney.international@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.international@nd.edu.au).

For further information about the University, please visit our website at [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au)

### Prospective Students Office

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### Admissions Office

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