



Excellence in Clinical Teaching Program

The Program

The Excellence in Clinical Teaching (EXCITE) Program is built around the principle that clinicians want to achieve the same level of excellence in their teaching as in their clinical work. Our nested suite of award courses provides a range of opportunities to make this possible.

Learner Centred Focus

Our award courses anticipate the competing needs of busy clinicians by being flexible without compromising quality. There is a focus on immediate application of educational theory to the clinical workplace, designed to fit within the demands of a full-time clinical load.

The nested suite of award courses provides a choice of pathways for those who wish to improve their teaching through to those who are interested in developing a career in clinical education. Participants have the flexibility of continuing through the Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters, or exiting with a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching after the first year, or a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education after the second year.

"...The course makes you think very hard about how you teach and how you engage with students ...There has been a very direct change to my practice [as a result of completing the course]"

Jonathan (Emergency Physician)

Wealth of Teaching Expertise

Course facilitators are drawn from the University's most accomplished educators, from a mix of clinical, educational and academic backgrounds. Our courses are led by coordinators who have disciplinary knowledge, and understand its application to real clinical environments. Keynote sessions are delivered by leaders in the field and workshops are developed by skilled practitioners.

"The subject content has been taught from both a medical and educational perspective ...I've found that really stimulating and very helpful in terms of being able to take elements of both approaches back to my workplace"

Danielle (Speech Pathologist)

Diverse Professional Network

The program introduces participants to an exciting and diverse group of peers, who share a passion for teaching. Learning is promoted through the discussion of ideas, perceptions and experiences, chiefly through face-to-face sessions, but also through online platforms. Participants are encouraged to reflect on their practice and to implement change amongst their own colleagues and workplaces.

"The people I interacted with were phenomenal; physiotherapists, speech pathologists, nurses, other doctors. Everybody had their challenges, but we learned a lot from each other and shared ideas and methods of teaching. It has really helped me develop my practice"

Irma (Intensive Care Physician)

Award Courses

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching is the first in a series of linked award courses aimed at those with a passion for teaching who might be seeking a career in clinical education. Entry into the Master requires successful completion of the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma.

While the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching is explicitly designed to support clinicians in the practical delivery of teaching

“I was able to share experiences, learn from others’ experiences, and take back new knowledge and relationships to teaching. It’s really fabulous.” **Kirsten** (Obstetrician & Gynaecologist)

in the clinical workplace, the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education provides a deeper understanding of the theories underpinning clinical education and their application in more complex situations and environments, as well as emphasising the role of evaluation in curriculum design.

The Master of Clinical Education program builds further scholarly involvement and practice by emphasising research-driven leadership as the key to excellence in clinical education.

Clinicians will be able to ascend through the program to the level that best suits their professional, academic and career goals.

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Teaching

The Graduate Certificate has four subjects, each including only the core educational theory required to understand how we learn. The emphasis is on practical application of skills in clinical workplaces, with observation and feedback on your clinical teaching.

We offer two formats of the Graduate Certificate: either four days taught individually once a month over a semester, or one intensive block delivered in one week each semester. The intensive version of the course allows interstate and international participants to undertake the course by visiting Melbourne only once each semester.

Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education

The Graduate Diploma provides those involved in the planning and development of clinical education with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the principles of education and assessment from a theoretical and evidence-based perspective. Studies ensure a research-driven focus, allowing you to extend your knowledge in areas of interest or broaden your skills to take on new challenges.

Master of Clinical Education

The Master hones existing research and leadership skills to an advanced level to create clinical education leaders. The coursework focuses on learning practical leadership skills and the research component will enable you to find an evidence-based answer to a real issue in your workplace.

Study with the best in the world

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences

The Graduate Certificate of Clinical Research is managed by the Department of Medical Education within the Melbourne Medical School, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne. The Melbourne Medical School is the oldest medical school in Australia. We are internationally renowned for global leadership in teaching and training, health research, policy and practice. The Clinical Research program works in collaboration with hospital and research institute partners at the Parkville precinct, drawing on the significant research expertise within this area. You will learn with, and from, the best minds in research.

The University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne has a reputation for excellence. It is ranked #1 in Australia and #13 in the world for clinical, preclinical and health disciplines.* Graduates of The University of Melbourne are highly regarded, with an internationally recognised qualification that opens doors to an outstanding future.

As a graduate student you will have access to the most innovative teaching and learning methods available, smaller classes and intense, focused study that is informed by industry and highly regarded by employers. You will be studying alongside the best and brightest students who, like you, are committed to developing their skills and knowledge through tailored graduate learning.

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