Course duration and location
The Master of Clinical Leadership is offered largely through off-campus learning and includes three intensive residential units at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. It can be completed in one year of full-time study (across three trimesters) and is also available to students who wish to pursue part-time study whilst working.

Why study at Deakin University?
The health care industry worldwide, is encountering a dramatic change in the face of major challenges. There needs to be a shift in focus of health care towards prevention. Clinical care needs to improve in order to drive better health, organisation and society outcomes. Clinicians need leadership and management skills to enable them to be actively involved in the planning, delivery and improvement of clinical care at various levels within the health care system.

Clinical professionals have technical expertise in their chosen clinical discipline, however leadership skills are not part of traditional professional courses. Deakin’s Master of Clinical Leadership addresses the industry demands by providing students, who have existing qualifications in one of the major clinical professions, with the management and leadership knowledge and skills to pursue roles that can affect change at a higher level in the health care industry.

Throughout Deakin’s Master of Clinical Leadership you will have the opportunity to develop these skills as a result of shared learning. The course is aligned with Deakin’s strengths and outstanding reputation in business administration, health and human services management, and public health.

Flexible learning
The Master of Clinical Leadership’s off-campus study continues Deakin’s strong reputation for online learning. As an off-campus student, your studies are supported by a range of interactive teaching methods. You will also participate in learning activities within the workplace. As part of the course you will undertake a number of clinical leadership units which are offered as intensive residential study programs.

Career opportunities
Clinical leadership is an increasing area of interest in Australia, the UK, USA and Canada. As a graduate of Deakin’s Master of Clinical Leadership you will be equipped with clinical leadership and management competencies and well prepared to take advantage of growing opportunities in this highly sought after area.

Credit for Prior Learning
The University aims to provide students with as much credit as possible for approved prior study or informal learning which exceeds the normal entrance requirements for the course and is within the constraints of the course regulations. Students are required to complete a minimum of one-third of the course at Deakin University, or four credit points, whichever is the greater. In all cases, Credit for Prior Learning will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Course outline
The Master of Clinical Leadership consists of 12 credit points of study, comprising seven core units, one core-selective unit and four elective units. You may commence the course in any Trimester.

Core units
HME701 Clinical Leadership 1: System and Strategy (Residential)
HME702 Clinical Leadership 2: The Organisation (Residential)
HME703 Clinical Leadership 3: Clinicians, Consumers and Their System (Residential)
HSH702 Contemporary Health Issues and Policies
HSH717 Health Economics 1
MPA751 Financial Reporting and Analysis
MPM703 Business Strategy and Analysis

Core Selective Units - students must enrol in one of the following:
MMH707 Managing Transitions and Change
MPA711 Corporate Governance and Ethics
MPK732 Marketing Management
MPM701 Business Process Management
MPM702 Audacious Leadership
MPM721 Organisational Behaviour
MPM722 Human Resource Management
MPR707 Change Management (Residential)

Elective units
You may choose your elective units from approved postgraduate units offered by any Faculty in the University (subject to availability and approval of the course director). You may also choose to undertake a research project during these elective units if desired.

Unit details
Unit details are available at deakin.edu.au/handbook

Application details
Admission requirements: The minimum requirements are successful completion of a bachelor’s level qualification from a recognised Australian or overseas university in any of the clinical professions registered under the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Authority (AHPRA) or an allied health profession. The selection criteria for admission will be based on academic merit (as indicated by an applicant’s previous academic record), professional experience (including current employment within the health care system), a personal statement and professional referees.

How to apply: To apply for postgraduate study, you will need to submit an application online at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply

Fees: This course is offered on a full fee-paying basis only. Please visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/fees

Scholarships: For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards