Deakin Master of Clinical Leadership FAQ’s

How can I study for the MCL?
The MCL is a 12 unit Masters which can be undertaken full time or part time. Most students are already working so are undertaking one or two units per trimester. The program can be tailored to suit your study needs. The majority of units can be undertaken on line. The three core units need to be taken as residential programs.

How is the Master of Clinical Leadership structured?
This is a 12 unit Masters program. Students are required to undertake 8 core units and 4 elective units. The core units contain a range of leadership and management related units together with 3 major Clinical Leadership units which are run as residential units. The majority of units can be undertaken on line.

How long will it take to complete the program?
The Majority of students will take 3-4 years to complete the MCL as they will already be working and thus will be studying on a part time basis

What if I don’t want to complete 12 units?
There is an option to leave the program after 4 units with a Graduate Certificate of Clinical Leadership or 8 units with a Graduate Diploma of Clinical Leadership. In these cases, students must have undertaken the three core clinical leadership residential units.

Can I do a research program within this Masters?
We encourage you to consider undertaking a formal research component during your elective program. Either 2 or 4 unit research programs are available.

How much of the program is delivered on line?
Most units are available online except the residential units which are held over 5 day blocks.

Are there additional costs?
All units have a tuition fee. The residential units will contain an additional fee to cover accommodation and when held at the Deakin Management Centre, meals. The various fees are outlined ahead of the program being held.

How do the residential programs work?
The residential programs are held over 5 days, commencing on Sunday night with a meeting and dinner. Monday to Thursday are full days of conference / workshop style activities with the program presented by expert presenters who have real world experience of clinical leadership in action. Some of Australia’s key health care thinkers and leaders will be presenting during these sessions.

The residential concludes on the Friday with group presentations and a lunch.
How are the fees for the residentials calculated?

There are basically 2 fees for the residentials – a tuition fee which is common across all units, and a residential fee which includes food and accommodation. A separate fee is available if accommodation is not required, but we encourage students to stay on site in order to maximise the value of working as a group.

Can the residentials be taken as a single unit?

Yes, any unit in this Masters program can be taken as a single unit. This will be taken into account if you subsequently apply to undertake the full Masters program.

Can I just attend the residential as a conference?

You can. We do encourage you to enrol as a single unit at least as then the unit will be included as “prior learning” should you subsequently decide to go ahead with the Masters program.

Can I access Commonwealth subsidies? Who can I talk to if I have any questions?

The Master of Clinical Leadership is a full fee paying program. You may be able to access commonwealth funding. You should consult www.studyassist.gov.au for further advice.

I’m a Deakin staff member, can I access any discounts for undertaking this program?

You should talk with your school or faculty for further advice on this.

School of Medicine staff will be able to access a bursary on successful completion of the first residential in May 2015. School staff will be notified separately about this.

Who can I talk to if I have any questions?

You’re very welcome to chat with the course Coordinator – Assoc Professor Grant Phelps on 0418504252 or with Ms Annette Gayfer, Student Experience team on 03 5227 2296.