

Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner)



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Are you an experienced paramedic keen to take your career to the next level? Deakin University is excited to offer a brand new, specialist postgraduate paramedicine course that will enable you to seek accreditation as a Paramedic Practitioner upon successful completion of the course.

Become an advanced clinical practitioner and a leader in the field of paramedicine.

Deakin has developed a new suite of paramedicine advanced clinical practice courses in line with the developing role of Paramedic Practitioner. Our Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) provides experienced paramedics with a training program and pathway that leads to an expanded scope of practice and career advancement by meeting the necessary competencies for advanced paramedicine practice. The course specifically trains you to meet the requirements for admission to Fellowship of the Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners*.

The Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) gives you the knowledge to provide evidence-based Paramedic Practitioner expertise in the assessment, diagnosis and management of clinical conditions, and the performance of appropriate procedures to provide advanced patient care. You'll graduate with key skills enabling you to effectively care for, engage, educate, and collaborate with patients, carers, communities, colleagues, and other health professionals.

*The course is currently pending accreditation with the Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners.

Alternative course offerings

Once you complete the masters degree, if you wish (and pending meeting entry requirements), you'll have the opportunity to complete a period of research within your discipline to obtain an extended masters qualification – the Doctor of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner). This extended masters will prepare you for leadership roles within the profession. You'll also have the option to exit from the masters program with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, which will give you the additional skills required for future career progression within paramedicine but will not enable you to work as a Paramedic Practitioner.

Course details

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Course code: H762

Offered at: Cloud Campus (online), with on-campus intensives at the Warrnambool Campus

Duration: You can choose to complete this course over 2 or 3 years of part-time study, depending on trimester utilisation. The option to complete the course in 2 years of part-time study uses Trimesters 1, 2 and 3. If you choose to complete the course over 3 years part-time, you'll study during Trimester 1 and 2 only.

Intake: March (Trimester 1)

Gain a professionally recognised qualification*

The Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) was designed in accordance with the Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners (ACPP) accreditation requirements. Graduates who complete the 'ACPP Fellowship stream', which includes clinical placement (2 credit points worth, taken as electives) will be eligible to apply to seek accreditation with the ACPP under the College's ACPP Fellowship program. If you complete the masters program without taking the ACPP Fellowship stream you may still be eligible for accreditation with the ACPP if you also complete the appropriate number of clinical placement hours before applying to the ACPP^.

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^Please refer to the *Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners* for further information.

Flexible online delivery

The majority of your learning activities will take place via Deakin's award winning Cloud Campus (online). Throughout the masters program, you'll be required to attend on-campus study intensives associated with five of the units, each of a five-day duration, which are held at the Warrnambool Campus. The intensives will include a mix of classroom activities (lectures, small group teaching, group activities) and practical skill sessions (clinical skill teaching, low and high fidelity clinical scenarios).

Learn in the workplace

As part of the degree you can choose elective units to undertake 300 hours of clinical placement at an appropriate location of your choosing, such as a hospital, general practice, or community health facility, where appropriate supervision is available. You will be responsible for arranging these placements but they must be mutually agreed to by the health service and Deakin. Clinical placements give you the opportunity to apply your newly acquired knowledge in a real-world context, adding experience to your resume and further developing your professional networks so that you graduate confident and ready to take the next step in your career. The clinical placements are also a requirement for the Fellowship of the Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners.

Your Paramedic Practitioner career

The role of Paramedic Practitioner provides an important new career path for paramedics who would like to work more sociable hours, can no longer meet the physical demands of working on-road, or would like to provide more primary care to their communities.

Paramedic Practitioners are equipped to expand their clinical practice by conducting more comprehensive patient assessment, ordering of diagnostic tests and health management in order to provide complete episodes of care. As a Paramedic Practitioner you will possess the knowledge, skills and attitude to undertake practitioner roles within your healthcare field and provide care complementary to that provided by GPs and Nurse Practitioners, particularly in regional and rural areas where collaborative models are being used to meet healthcare workforce shortfalls.

Into the future, Paramedic Practitioners are expected to play an important role in alternative rural health Models of Care proposed due to the medical workforce shortages in rural and remote areas. Upskilled Paramedic Practitioners will help fill the ongoing shortfall, and play a vital role in healthcare in regional areas.



Postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees for any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary

Course structure

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The new Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) comprises 12 credit points and can be completed over 2 or 3 years of part-time study as outlined in the course maps below. For further information, please visit deakin.edu.au/course/H762.

Course completed over 2 years of part-time study across Trimesters 1, 2 and 3

Year 1	Trimester 1	Advanced Principles of Primary Care 1 (2 credit points)	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)
	Trimester 2	Advanced Clinical Diagnostics 1	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 1 – Quality and Safety
	Trimester 3	Advanced Principles of Primary Care 2	Course elective
Year 2	Trimester 1	Advanced Clinical Diagnostics 2	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 2 – Prescribing and Medication Management
	Trimester 2	Advanced Principles of Primary Care 3	Clinical Leadership 2: The Organisation
	Trimester 3	Research Literacy for Health Practice	Course elective

Course completed over 3 years of part-time study across Trimesters 1 and 2

Year 1	Trimester 1	Advanced Principles of Primary Care 1 (2 credit points)	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)
	Trimester 2	Advanced Clinical Diagnostics 1	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 1 – Quality and Safety
Year 2	Trimester 1	Advanced Principles of Primary Care 2	Course elective
	Trimester 2	Advanced Clinical Diagnostics 2	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 2 – Prescribing and Medication Management
Year 3	Trimester 1	Advanced Principles of Primary Care 3	Course elective
	Trimester 2	Clinical Leadership 2: The Organisation	Research Literacy for Health Practice

These course maps are examples and should be used as a guide only.

The Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) has exit points available at the **Graduate Certificate (4 credit points)** and **Graduate Diploma (8 credit points)** levels.

Electives

ACPP Fellowship stream (2 credit points):

- Advanced Clinical Practicum 1 (Fellowship stream)
- Advanced Clinical Practicum 2 (Fellowship stream)

OR 2 credit points from:

- Contemporary Health Issues and Policies
- Health Communication
- Health Economics 1
- Fundamentals of Health Informatics
- Health Law and Ethics.

Doctor of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner)

As an extended option to the Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner), we also offer the Doctor of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner). This course provides those who wish to continue on from the Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) or other equivalent course the option of completing 12 credit points of research-based study taken over an additional two or three years part-time. As part of this extended study, you will have the opportunity to plan and execute a substantial research-based project. **Please note** that this course is not the equivalent of a doctoral degree or doctorate.

Year 1	Trimester 1	Research Interpretation and Integrity	Course elective – research
	Trimester 2	Advanced Clinical Practice Thesis 1 (2 credit points)	Electives Choose 1 credit point of research elective from the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biostatistics 1 • Qualitative Health Research
	Trimester 3	Advanced Clinical Practice Thesis 2 (2 credit points)	
Year 2	Trimester 1	Advanced Clinical Practice Thesis 3 (2 credit points)	
	Trimester 2	Advanced Clinical Practice Thesis 4 (2 credit points)	
	Trimester 3	Advanced Clinical Practice Thesis 5 (2 credit points)	

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Admission requirements

All applicants must meet the minimum English language requirements.

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Applicants must possess a Bachelor of Paramedicine or equivalent; and hold registration with AHPRA with no conditions or restrictions; and have three years full-time (or equivalent) clinical experience as a paramedic.

Doctor of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner)

Applicants who wish to undertake the extended masters program must possess a Master of Advanced Clinical Practice (Paramedicine Practitioner) or equivalent with a minimum WAM of 65%, and registration with AHPRA with no conditions or restrictions, and three years full-time (or equivalent) clinical experience as a paramedic.

Ready to take the next step in your paramedicine career?

Apply directly at deakin.edu.au/apply

For information on the application process and closing dates, visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply.

Please note that closing dates may vary for individual courses.

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