

## 342-AA Master of Psychiatry

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2009
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The new course was developed after consultation with the academic staff, students, and the RANZCP. Although significant changes have been made to the course, it continues to maintain the high quality teaching and standards that have been developed through the history of these important programs.</p> <p>The Postgraduate Psychiatry Program is a 3-year part time course that continues to be jointly run by the Department of Psychological Medicine, Monash University and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne. Candidates who successfully complete the course will be awarded the degree, Master of Psychological Medicine or Master of Psychiatry, from the 2 universities respectively. There is no longer a thesis requirement in the new course. There is also the possibility of taking some or all of the course on a continuing education, rather than a degree base. A Fellowship examination preparation module will also be offered as a separate program.</p> <p>The course aims to develop the knowledge and skills of medical practitioners working with patients with mental illness. The course fosters attitudes of tolerance to the diversity within our community and our geographical region, equity to appropriate treatment for all individuals and encourage the practitioner to consider the sociocultural factors in their interactions with patients and their broader community. The course is designed to encourage the student to explore the theoretical concepts in psychiatry and their relationship to clinical practice. The seminar format of the course, led by a facilitator/lecturer, encourages student participation, self-directed learning, problem solving and the integration of theory with clinical practice. This will hopefully lead to a culture of lifelong learning that will be maintained throughout their professional career. Students will complete a number of core subjects as well as be offered selective subjects in the second and third years in order to reflect the ever-increasing current state of knowledge in psychiatry.</p> <p>In the past this course has been specifically targeted to those medical practitioners engaged in specialist psychiatry training. With the awareness of the need to improve psychiatric care to a broader cross section of the community, this course will now be offered to other medical practitioners with an identified interest in working with patients with mental illness.</p> <p>Doctors in Victoria now have the opportunity to gain an academic qualification in psychiatry through these programs. Psychiatric trainees will particularly appreciate the benefits of this program, as they complement the new College Bylaws to be introduced in 2004.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>Specific aims of the course include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To encourage students to become critical thinkers and pursue lifelong learning and self-directed professional development</li> <li>2 To provide education about the specific attitudes, knowledge and skills needed to effectively work in the area of mental health</li> <li>3 To promote research and critical evaluation in clinical practice</li> </ol>

- 4 To provide students with a broad understanding of the cultural, differences that exist in our community and their relationship to its individuals and mental illness
- 5 To facilitate the professional development of the student by providing the opportunity for students to engage in critical discussion of the scientific literature or clinical psychiatry with their colleagues and lecturers who are experts in the field.

**Subject Options:****Year I**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
554-609 Foundations of Psychiatry	Semester 1	18.750
554-611 Personality Theory & Human Behaviour	Semester 2	18.750
554-603 Neurosciences of Psychiatry	Semester 1	12.500

**Year II**

In addition, students must undertake one Secective I subject for Semester 1, and one Selective II subject for Semester 2.

\* For Selective Subjects, see below.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
554-610 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Semester 1	18.750
554-606 Adult Psychiatry I	Semester 2	18.750

**Year III**

In addition, students must undertake one Secective I subject for Semester 1, and one Selective II subject for Semester 2.

\* For Selective Subjects, see below.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
554-640 Psychiatry of Physical Health & Illness	Semester 2	18.750
554-607 Adult Psychiatry II	Semester 1	18.750

**Selective I Subjects:**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
554-615 Family in Psychiatry: Theory & Practice	Semester 1	6.250
554-617 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities	Semester 1	6.250
554-622 Transcultural Mental Health	Semester 2	6.250
554-618 Skills in Critical Appraisal of Research	Semester 1	6.250

**Selective II Subjects:**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
554-624 Forensic Psychiatry	Semester 1	6.250
554-631 Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	Semester 1	6.250
554-633 Advanced Skills in Community Psychiatry	Semester 2	6.250
554-616 Drug and Alcohol Use Disorders	Semester 2	6.250
554-634 Aboriginal Social & Emotional Wellbeing	Semester 2	6.250

	554-632 Ethics of Psychiatry	Semester 1	6.250
<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	This course will be offered to RANZCP trainees and other medical practitioners with an identified interest in working with patients with mental illness. Applicants need to have a current registration with the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria. Each university may also have specific entry requirements.		
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>		
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.psychiatry.unimelb.edu.au">http://www.psychiatry.unimelb.edu.au</a>		