

## MC-CLINOPT Master of Clinical Optometry

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2015 - Parkville
<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>	100 credit points taken over 24 months part time.
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences has been reviewing the training needs of professional optometrists and the historical engagement of students in postgraduate training programs. This review has led to the closure of a number of existing programs and the introduction of the proposed Master of Clinical Optometry (MCLinOptom) and six Specialist Certificates.</p> <p>These award programs comprise previously approved subjects from the Optometry programs that are being discontinued and the addition of a capstone research subject. The main changes to existing subjects are a change to subject titles and the revision of total study commitment time to achieve consistency with current guidelines.</p> <p>This approach is designed to offer the optimum balance of formal education and flexible study options to optometrists who have a compulsory requirement to undertake CPD every year to maintain their registration as an optometrist, as all registered Australian and New Zealand Optometrists are required under new legislation (2011) to complete 40 points of continuing professional development (CPD) each year, of this 20 points are required to be in the therapeutics area.</p> <p>The proposed Master of Clinical Optometry course and its sub-specialisations provide the opportunity for optometrists to gain the required continuing professional development points, depending on the core clinical topics selected. If they choose, the nested and integrated nature of the program will also enable them to have a pathway to a Master of Clinical Optometry</p> <p>One 25 point compulsory subject (Research Studies in Optometry) and 3 x 25 point elective subjects must be completed for students to qualify for the Master of Clinical Optometry (100 points).</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>On completion of this course the students should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># advanced knowledge and skills in their selected fields of clinical optometry;</li> <li># a detailed knowledge in the use and application of specific advanced diagnostic techniques and/or instrumentation;</li> <li># an advanced ability to evaluate and synthesize research from the scientific and clinical literature;</li> <li># an appreciation of the value of, and the ability to achieve, collaboration with other healthcare professionals as an effective means to aid clinical problem-solving;</li> <li># the capacity to interpret and integrate information from a variety of sources (such as patient presentation details, advanced diagnostic techniques, scientific, clinical and technical literature, and other healthcare professionals), in the development of the most appropriate patient management;</li> <li># the ability and initiative to offer enhanced clinical services based on their in-depth study in selected fields of clinical optometry;</li> <li># have advanced their clinical skills and developed a flexibility of outlook such that they are better able to respond to future paradigm shifts in the scope of optometric management</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>Choose three of the following 6 elective subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># OPTO90006 Management of Anterior Eye Disease</li> </ul>

	<p># OPTO90007 Management of Low Vision Patients  # OPTO90009 Management of Contact Lens Patients  # OPTO90010 Management of Paediatric Patients  # OPTO90015 Management of Neural Disorders of Vision  # OPTO90016 Management of Posterior Eye Disease</p> <p>And one compulsory subject:  # OPTO90031 Research Studies in Optometry</p>																											
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<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a four year undergraduate degree in Optometry, or equivalent.</li> </ul> Meeting this requirement does not guarantee selection </li> <li>In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prior academic performance; and</li> <li>any documented relevant professional experience.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the <b>Student Application and Selection Procedure (<a href="https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1034">https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1034</a>)</b> .</li> <li>Applicants are required to satisfy the university's English language requirements for postgraduate courses. For those applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance <b>band 6.5 (<a href="http://about.unimelb.edu.au/academicboard/resolutions">http://about.unimelb.edu.au/academicboard/resolutions</a>)</b> is required.</li> </ol>																											
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>The Master of Clinical Optometry welcomes applications from students with disabilities. It is University and degree 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 degree. For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Commonwealth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this course are articulated in the Course Overview, Objectives and Generic Skills sections of this entry. 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 course are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and the Disability Liaison Unit: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a></p>																											
<b>Graduate Attributes:</b>	<p>he Melbourne Experience enables our graduates to become: Academically excellent: have a strong sense of intellectual integrity and the ethics of scholarship have in-depth knowledge of their specialist discipline(s) reach a high level of achievement in writing, generic research activities, problem-solving and communication be critical and creative thinkers, with an aptitude</p>																											

	<p>for continued self-directed learning be adept at learning in a range of ways, including through information and communication technologies Knowledgeable across disciplines: examine critically, synthesise and evaluate knowledge across a broad range of disciplines expand their analytical and cognitive skills through learning experiences in diverse subjects have the capacity to participate fully in collaborative learning and to confront unfamiliar problems have a set of flexible and transferable skills for different types of employment Leaders in communities: initiate and implement constructive change in their communities, including professions and workplaces have excellent interpersonal and decision-making skills, including an awareness of personal strengths and limitations mentor future generations of learners engage in meaningful public discourse, with a profound awareness of community needs Attuned to cultural diversity: value different cultures be well-informed citizens able to contribute to their communities wherever they choose to live and work have an understanding of the social and cultural diversity in our community respect indigenous knowledge, cultures and values Active global citizens: accept social and civic responsibilities be advocates for improving the sustainability of the environment have a broad global understanding, with a high regard for human rights, equity and ethics</p>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>On completion of this course the students should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># critical thinking, analytical and problem solving skills</li> <li># the ability to integrate theory and practice and to apply this in complex situations</li> <li># an openness to new ideas</li> <li># planning and time management skills</li> <li># the ability to communicate complex clinical cases in both oral and written form</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<p><a href="http://www.commercial.unimelb.edu.au/courses">http://www.commercial.unimelb.edu.au/courses</a></p>