postgraduate studies
in clinical education

STUDY ONLINE

Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master of Clinical Education

Part-time available, On-line/Distance mode and via optional intensive workshops

Aims

This articulated suite of courses aims to provide health professionals with advanced knowledge and skills to deliver quality education in health service settings. Clinical education is characterised by a symbiotic relationship between the learner, an experienced clinical educator and the health service.

These courses are a cornerstone for developing and retaining a well trained and supervised clinician workforce through skilled clinical educators who are committed to excellence in professional development. They are specifically designed for health professionals involved in professional development, mentoring or clinical education at undergraduate and postgraduate programs in medicine, nursing and allied health without formal qualifications in education.

Learning outcomes

The course will provide an understanding of foundational principles of symbiotic clinical education; the ability to demonstrate advanced and applied knowledge and skills in clinical education and the opportunity to contribute to this specialist body of knowledge by undertaking a significant piece of educational research.

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Education

• Demonstrate skills and knowledge in the theory, policy and practice of clinical education within health services,
• Demonstrate an understanding of the symbiotic nature of clinical education for the health professions, universities and health services,

Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education

• Understand the potential of clinical education as a powerful mechanism for change in health systems,
• Demonstrate ability to supervise health professionals learning in clinical practice,

Master of Clinical Education

• Develop and implement analytical and practical skills in educational methodologies,
• Critically analyse educational programs offered to health professionals,
• Expand upon advanced knowledge and skills through educational research.

The topics are totally on-line using the web based learning model so that if you are juggling a busy life you can work at your own pace in your own time. Essentially there are 3 topics in the grad cert (with an additional option to attend short workshops based in Adelaide, lasting up to three days for each topic. To date HLED 9001, HLED 9002, HLED 9006 and HLED9007 are offered via this method). Symbiotic Clinical Education I and Symbiotic Clinical Education II, are based on Paul Worley's and Susan Wearne's research. There are also three other topics in the Grad Dip including "leadership & change management through education" (this is based on my research in complexity theory and health service changes) and David Prideaux will teach the advanced curriculum design topic and then you can choose an elective.

It is not easy to estimate the time commitment but if you do 5-6 hours per week or a good session on a weekend plus attendance at 3 workshops or education sessions as identified by the student you should easily be able to work through the content. The assessment involves various combinations of assignments and videotaping yourself, for example negotiating a learning plan with a real or mock student (we will complete these in the workshops if you choose this option).
Admission Requirements
A degree or equivalent qualification from an approved tertiary institution, or equivalent qualifications. The Faculty Board may, under certain circumstances and subject to specific conditions, admit others who can show evidence of fitness for candidature.

To Apply
Application forms can be found by following this link International application form.pdf. Send your application and certified copies of your degree and transcripts to the address on the form. International Student course fees in 2008 are $7,893 Grad Cert, $15,785 Grad Diploma and $31,570 for the Masters course. You will be asked to pay for the first topic up front (after you have accepted your offer for a place in the course). The University will inform you when and how the remainder is paid when you enroll. Applications will be accepted for Semester I until the end of November and Semester II until the end of May.

If you are accepted to the course you will be notified in writing and an enrolment pack will be sent out to you. This will include details of how to enrol on-line.

Australian citizens, and those holding an Australian permanent humanitarian visa who meet eligibility criteria, are eligible to defer their fees through the Higher Education Loan Program (FEE-HELP). Contact Student Finance Services on (08) 8201 3143 for details.

Further details on fees, scholarships and general information can be found at www.goingtouni.gov.au

I hope this has been of assistance to you. If you need any further help or information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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