



MASTER OF FORENSIC MEDICINE - CLINICAL FORENSIC MEDICINE

APPLY YOUR SKILLS TO THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

Gain medical, dental and scientific knowledge and skills from Australia's best forensic practitioners and develop specialised, highly sought-after expertise with the Master of Forensic Medicine, the only qualification of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

This internationally recognised course is delivered through the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM), Australia's largest centre for forensic medical and scientific services, in partnership with Monash University.

You'll be taught by real-world forensic practitioners, who have used their expertise in major local and international cases, from solving the mystery of Ned Kelly's remains to disaster victim identification in the Indian Ocean tsunami and Black Saturday bushfires.

In the Master of Forensic Medicine you will:

- learn to make high level, independent judgements in the forensic setting
- understand medicolegal principles and practice communicating such issues within the justice system
- critically evaluate the ethical and legal issues arising in forensic medical practice, and
- gather and interpret forensic evidence in a variety of forensic medical and scientific specialisations

Course code

M6009

Study mode

Off-campus (Southbank)

Intakes

February and July

Durations

3 years - part time only

YOUR PATHWAY TO RCPA RECOGNITION

Part A

Part A focuses on building foundational knowledge and skills in three key areas, required for providing forensic medical and scientific services. (18 points)

Part B

Part B provides the opportunity to pursue advance specialist study through either coursework or a research project. (54 points)

You may be eligible to exit early with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, if the award requirements have been met.

Enrolling in the Master of Forensic Medicine is the recommended first step towards specialist recognition under the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia within the Faculties of Clinical Forensic Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Science.

Delivered online with off-campus workshops, the Master of Forensic Medicine combines the quality of a Monash postgraduate degree with the flexibility required by working professionals.



"Online learning allowed me to study around my job and children. The course gave me unique insights into the minds of victims and offenders that I apply to my work. The career diversity among students brought fresh perspectives I value greatly. I now specialise in adult sexual assault cases in a Melbourne psychiatric hospital."

Dr Mary Madu



WHO IS THIS AIMED AT?

This course is ideal for medicine, dentistry, biomedical science and radiography graduates, and Registered Nurses, and will enhance your future career pathways in forensic medicine, dentistry or science.

We also offer streams specialising in odontology and medical science.

Knowledge and skills gained will equip you to provide high quality clinical forensic services to the community.

UNITS TAUGHT

- Medical evidence
- Ethics, medicine and law
- Elements of the forensic sciences
- Injury interpretation
- Adult sexual assault
- Custodial medicine
- Child and adolescent sexual abuse
- Non accidental injury in childhood
- plus 24 points (4 units) of elective studies chosen from a range of specialist units.

RESEARCH STREAM

Monash University is recognised globally for its research excellence. As part of the Master of Forensic Medicine, you can choose to undertake a research project, where you'll be matched with an expert supervisor in the field. Supported research areas include:

- Application and practice of forensic pharmacology and toxicology
- Human identification and forensic anthropology
- Technical aspects of forensic medicine, including forensic technical science and forensic imaging
- Sexual assault, physical assault and family violence

Completing the research stream can be used as a pathway to a PhD.

CAREER OUTCOMES

- Clinical forensic medicine practitioner
- Forensic odontologist
- Forensic medical scientist
- Forensic toxicologist
- Mortuary scientist



“Learning from world experts was an extraordinary opportunity to build career-transforming skills such as injury and assault assessment and interpretation, preparation and delivery of legal reports, and sophisticated understanding of DNA evidence. The in-person block days gave me networking opportunities with peers and leaders.”

Dr David Onu

LEARN MORE

For further information, including entry requirements, fees and scholarships, contact our office:

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