



MASTER OF FORENSIC MEDICINE - MEDICAL SCIENCE STREAM

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 Australia 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.



"The Master of Forensic Medicine has made me a better practitioner in the field, and the knowledge and skills developed have allowed me to be involved in advanced level casework. I chose this program for its flexible learning schedule, and the opportunity to learn from some of Australia's best forensic practitioners at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine."

Dr Alistair Soon



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.

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
- Elements of forensic toxicology
- Mortuary technical science
- Elements of forensic pathology
- Quality management in the forensic sciences
- Plus 30 point s(5 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



"My general practice has improved as a result of this course. I'm more open to other possibilities when interpreting findings, especially injuries, my research skills have improved, and am able to apply modules like custodial medicine, injury interpretation, toxicology, traffic medicine and the Law and Medicine to my daily practice."

Dr Diana Jaravaza
Student Vice-President

LEARN MORE

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