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OF DERMATOLOGISTS

Graduate Certificate Cosmetic Dermatology

Course Outline
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Introduction

Operating as a fully accredited (Australian Medical Council) professional Medical College offering a 4 year post graduate specialist Dermatology Training Program and as a registered Higher Education Provider (HEP), the Australasian College of Dermatologists is committed to providing participating students with a program of scholarship, advanced study and research.

In relation to Cosmetic Dermatology, the courses offered by the ACD aim to provide existing FACD Dermatologists with the opportunity to:

- acquire and/or expand their base level knowledge and skills in the sub-domain of cosmetic dermatology.
- Commence a 'first step' in a pathway to gain higher level qualifications in the subdomain of cosmetic dermatology (Master of Cosmetic Dermatology).
- investigate more advanced areas of cosmetic dermatological science with the view to strengthening their 'basic training'
- develop and apply basic research concepts to empower them in making decisions concerning the efficacy of current research in the sub-domain.

The Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Dermatology (*Grad Cert in Cos Derm*) is a 'stand-alone' AQF Level 8 post graduate qualification which is aligned with Higher Education Standards (HES) Framework 'Threshold Standards'. It forms part of a nested AQF Level 9 'Master of Cosmetic Dermatology (Coursework)' program including a Graduate Diploma in Cosmetic Dermatology. Students will have the option to use the successful completion of the Grad Cert and Grad Dip components towards partial completion of the full Master's program. (Opt-in mode).

The ACD considers post-graduate students should be required to apply their study to problems, issues or other matters of substance which produce significant benefits in their professional practice and that of others. To this end, the Grad Cert in Cos Derm program developed by the ACD is designed to encompass and provide opportunity for students to learn in environments that nurture the:

- scholarship of discovery;
- scholarship of integration; and
- scholarship of application.

Course details

Overview

The Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Dermatology will focus on principles, concepts and theory that underpin the sub-domain of dermatological practice that is cosmetic dermatology. The curriculum on which the Grad Cert in Cos Derm is based covers a range of key areas which may be considered 'foundational' to further advancement in the development of knowledge and skills in the field of cosmetic dermatological practice. As such, the over-arching learning outcomes of the program are closely aligned with those of the curriculum.

Learning Outcomes

On exit from the Grad Cert in Cos Derm, students will be able to:

- CLOC 1:** Demonstrate the development of an appropriate knowledge base in the field of Cosmetic Dermatology.

- CLOC 2:** Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the cosmetic consultation, patient selection and rights.
- CLOC 3:** Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the treatment options available to the cosmetic patient.
- CLOC 4:** Utilise an evidence based approach to analysis of patient needs.
- CLOC 5:** Formulate cosmetic treatment plans by synthesizing a detailed knowledge of facial anatomy and a comparison of treatment modalities.
- CLOC 6:** Distinguish between cosmetic treatments by assessing their probable outcomes against potential risks.
- CLOC 7:** Critically appraise current practice and/or research in the domain of cosmetic dermatology and its various sub-domains

Students should refer to the individual Subject Outlines associated with the course for more detailed, individual subject specific expected learning outcomes.

Structure

The Grad Cert in Cos Derm is comprised of 4 core subjects. All core subjects are compulsory and must be completed fully and successfully to be granted the qualification 'Graduate Certificate: Cosmetic Dermatology'. To complete the Grad Cert in Cos Derm, candidates must achieve a total of 12 (15)* credit points.

Additionally, students are required to have completed or be currently enrolled in at the commencement of the Graduate Certificate program, Research Methods I * (a foundation subject of the accredited ACD Master of Dermatology by coursework program).

- Cosmetic Dermatology I: An Introduction (3 Credit Points)
- Cosmetic Dermatology II: The Cosmetic Consultation (3 Credit Points)
- Cosmetic Dermatology III: Surface Active Procedures (3 Credit Points)
- Cosmetic Dermatology IV: Injectables –Neurotoxins and Fillers (3 Credit Points)
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Pre/Co-requisites:

- Research Methods I * (3 Credit Points)

Teaching strategies

Teaching in the Grad Cert in Cos Derm program and its component subjects may use any of the following strategies:

- Virtual F2F scheduled teaching/tutorial/student interaction sessions using online synchronous webinar technologies.
- Online open discussion spaces (synchronous/asynchronous)
- Independent online learning/activity within the supporting online content modules
- Live teaching/tutorial scheduled sessions and combined assessment of clinical knowledge and skills (where appropriate)
- Independent/Self Directed Problem Based Learning

Total teaching format time

- Virtual F2F scheduled teaching/student interaction sessions using online synchronous webinar technologies: (not less than 80%)
- Other formats including live teaching and work-place based interaction (not more than 20%)

Assessment Strategies

The form and weighting of assessments may vary from subject to subject and from time to time. In general however, the assessment of performance in both the component subjects and the Grad Cert in Cos Derm as a whole is as follows:

The Grad Cert in Cos Derm program will consist of a:

- Coursework component of not less than 80% weighting and
- Other as appropriate not more than 20% weighting.

The component subjects may comprise of the following internal assessment weightings where appropriate:

- Online, invigilated MCQ examinations (not more than 60%)
 - Includes but not limited to: theoretical concepts; scenario based problem solving
- Written submissions (not more than 60%)
 - Includes but not limited to:
 - Analysis of cases
 - Investigation of research innovation;
 - Subject targeted reports,
- Work-place based assessments if appropriate: Note: These are competency based assessments. Students are only required to reach competency.
- Portfolio of Work/log book presentation where appropriate.
- Contribution to virtual classroom and/or online discussion sessions (not more than 10%)

The assessment process for each subject is detailed in the respective Subject Outlines.

- MCQ Examinations will be conducted and submitted within the protected e-Learning portal infrastructure via a user personal account
- Written assignments will be created, distributed and submitted within the protected e-Learning portal infrastructure via a user personal account
- Work-place based Assessments (Conducted and completed in situ)
- Contribution to teaching sessions will be recorded at the time of the session (e-Learning portal Gradebook)

Resources for students

The major source of content based material and supporting resources are provided for students, through access to the College e-Learning portal via their own private and protected accounts.

Other resources, specific to the individual program component subjects are listed in the Subject Outlines for each subject. They include but are not limited to:

- journal papers centered on topics pertinent to the subject,
- research reports and data,
- case studies specific to the subject,
- online seminar/presentation recording and.
- Chapter readings/study from suggested texts.

Attendance

Students are expected to maintain a 90% attendance rate for all teaching sessions (F2F virtual teaching sessions). Other teaching/tutorial activities requirements may vary from time to time. Attendance is monitored by subject and course coordinators and via online records/access for virtual content.

Student Workload

While the theoretical content for this course is essentially online, students may have scheduled virtual F2F teaching/tutorial sessions as well as in some instances, limited F2F clinical session centered on specific procedural competences to support their learning.

For each 3 credit point subject of the Grad Cert in Cos Derm, students are expected to complete a minimum of 6 to 7.5 hours of individual study per week. This time includes covering content, reading and preparation of assessment tasks and should total approximately 120-150 hours over the duration of the semester. In relation to lecturer contact this may vary per subject depending on lectures and online discussions/support etc.

Policies

Please refer to the College website for policies on:

- Academic misconduct
- Admissions
- Assessment
- Complaints/grievances
- Fees and refunds
- Graduate attributes
- RPL

Contact Details

For information regarding the Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Dermatology (Grad Cert in Cos Derm) and its component subjects, students should in the first instance contact admin@dermcoll.edu.au. For all other enquiries please see below:

Position	Name	Email	Availability	Phone
Course Manager	Ms Kirsty Edwards	kirsty@dermcoll.edu.au	9am-5pm Monday - Friday	02 87414123
Academic Coordinator	Associate Professor Greg Goodman	GG@div.net.au		use email
Director Education Services	Mr Brett O'Neill	brett@dermcoll.edu.au	9am-5pm Monday - Friday	02 87414199
Student Wellbeing	Ms Ashleigh Thomas Ms Caterina De Meneghi	Ashleigh@dermcoll.edu.au Caterina@dermcoll.edu.au	9am-5pm Tuesday/Wednesday	(02) 8741 4110 0434 437 447

College also has additional information on the website for support. Please go the Support and Welfare Services section of the Fellows and Trainees tab.

Other course information

Enrolment

Enrolment is open only to persons who meet the criteria set out below:

- A bachelor degree in medicine or its equivalent
- Registration to practice medicine within Australia
- Fellowship of the Australasian College of Dermatologists*

As the course is delivered each semester, an expression of interest in enrolling must be lodged with College education administration personnel prior to the commencement of either semester (February/August)

*Note: The Academic Standards Committee (ASC) may from time to time, on a strict case by case basis, determine to admit a person to the program who fails to satisfy any of the criterion listed.

Course Duration

- Full Time Students
 - Minimum completion time 0.5 years (1 semester)
 - 'Expected Average' completion time 0.5 years (1 semester)
 - Maximum completion time 1.0 year (2 semesters)*
- Part Time Students
 - Minimum completion time 1 year (2 semesters)
 - Maximum completion time 2.0 years (4 semesters)

*Assuming no periods of leave.

Course schedule

Subjects are generally offered each semester, depending on aspects such as demand, enrolments and progression.

Course development, evaluation and ongoing currency

To ensure the quality, currency and validity of the curriculum on which this program is based and that the content, concepts and ideas presented in this program of study are reached and maintained, the course has been developed with reference to AQF guidelines, HES standards and subject matter expert input by currently practicing specialist in the area of Cosmetic Dermatology.

Benchmarking also occurs against other similar recognized programs of study and reference groups both National and International in respect of, topic areas, content and key expected learning outcomes.

The College has in place a number of mechanisms for gathering, analyzing and acting upon information about the curriculum, the courses offered, the teaching and support resources in order to ensure ongoing currency and quality.