



# Master of Cancer Sciences

The Master of Cancer Sciences is Australia's first cancer-specific, wholly online degree, delivered by world-class experts from the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) and Australia's leading university. This innovative course will equip you with cutting-edge, specialist knowledge from the forefront of the rapidly evolving fields of clinical care and cancer research.

## Overview

### Explore an unprecedented breadth of integrated, advanced cancer knowledge

The Master of Cancer Sciences is a new online, part-time degree that embraces a multidisciplinary approach, essential to addressing the complex future needs of cancer care. Whether you aspire to provide top quality clinical care or high impact cancer research, the Master of Cancer Sciences will enable you to connect the latest evidence-based knowledge to practical skills, positioning you to make a strong contribution to a world-class cancer workforce.

## Why choose this degree?

### Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre

The Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre is an alliance of 10 leading research, clinical and academic institutions with a shared commitment to saving lives through the integration of cancer research, education and patient care. The scale and depth in expertise, knowledge, practice and patient numbers it represents, provides unprecedented access to learn from the pioneers driving the next generation of improvements in prevention, detection and cancer treatment.

### Gain a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving field

Whether you are looking to move your career in a new direction or revitalise your current skillset, our program offers a variety of courses to help you achieve your professional goals. The program offers a masters level qualification, integral to career progression in oncology and frequently

required for accreditation. For those who wish to enhance their skills in specific areas, a graduate certificate or specialist certificate may provide a shorter more cost-effective option.

### Online learning that is contemporary and convenient

Our online delivery mode is designed for contemporary health professionals, offering the flexibility to fit study around a busy schedule. You can engage with the program's global network of cancer care professionals in interactive digital workshops and video webinars. Learn at your own pace each week through succinct presentations by industry experts, interactive and innovative eLearning tools and evidence based, contextualised case studies.

### Who is the Master of Cancer Sciences for?

Promoting a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to cancer care, this degree is open to scientists and clinicians from a variety of backgrounds:

- Medical practitioners such as general practitioners, surgeons, radiologists, oncologists and haematologists
- Nurses and nurse practitioners
- Allied health professionals such as occupational therapists, speech pathologists, physiotherapists, exercise physiologists and pharmacists
- Public health professionals
- Clinical trials professionals
- Industry and pharmaceutical professionals

## Entry requirements

In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:

- An undergraduate degree with honours in an appropriate discipline or equivalent; or
- An undergraduate degree in an appropriate discipline and at least two years of documented, relevant work experience; or
- At least eight years of documented relevant work experience and demonstrated evidence of written and analytical skills appropriate for postgraduate study

## Course subjects

- Cancer in Society
- Cancer Therapeutics
- Cancer Diagnostics
- Supportive Care and Palliative Care
- Cancer Prevention and Control
- Drug Discovery and Development
- Cancer Across the Lifespan
- End of Life Issues
- Foundations of Leadership
- Health Behaviour Change
- Quantitative Methods for Evaluation
- Psychosocial Oncology
- Leadership in Practice

### Core subjects for Masters:

- Foundations of Cancer
- Cancer Research
- Research Thesis Capstone - Part 1
- Research Thesis Capstone - Part 2

## Course options: fees and duration

Course	Structure	Point program	Fees	Duration
Master of Cancer Sciences	4 elective subjects, 2 core subject and a research thesis capstone	100 points	A \$24,666	2 years
Graduate Certificate in Cancer Sciences	3 elective subjects and 1 core subject	50 points	A \$12,333	1 year
Specialist Certificate in Cancer Sciences	1 elective subject, 1 core subject	25 Points	A \$6,166.50	6 months
Professional development	Single subject	12.5 Points	A \$3,083.25	1 Term

## Key dates

Term	Intake
Term 1	January
Term 2	April
Term 3	July
Term 4	October

## Course coordinators



### Professor Grant

**McArthur**  
Executive Director,  
Victorian  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Centre



### Dr David Kok

Radiation  
Oncologist,  
Peter MacCallum  
Cancer Centre

## Scholarships

In 2019, the VCCC will be supporting scholarships to a wide range of students enrolling in the Cancer Sciences program. These scholarships will cover up to 50% of the students' tuition fee during the 2019 calendar year. For more information visit [viccompccancerctr.org/our-work/education-and-training/master-of-cancer-sciences/award-fee-assistance/](http://viccompccancerctr.org/our-work/education-and-training/master-of-cancer-sciences/award-fee-assistance/)

## Register your interest and more information

To register your interest in the course please visit [online.unimelb.edu.au/medicine-and-public-health/cancer-sciences](http://online.unimelb.edu.au/medicine-and-public-health/cancer-sciences)

To learn more about this course, contact our student support team at [study-online@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:study-online@unimelb.edu.au) or +61 3 8344 0149 (Mon – Fri 8am – 9pm, Sat – Sun 10am – 5pm, public holidays 10am – 5pm).



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