



Cancer Sciences

Cancer Sciences is Australia's first cancer-specific, wholly online program, delivered by world-class experts from the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) and Australia's leading university. This innovative program 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

Cancer Sciences is a new online program 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, our Cancer Sciences program 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 program?

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 Cancer Sciences program for?

Promoting a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to cancer care, this program 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 seven years of documented relevant work experience and demonstrated evidence of written and analytical skills appropriate for postgraduate study

Course subjects

- Foundations of Cancer
- 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
- Ageing Health and Human Services
- Quantitative Methods for Evaluation
- Psychosocial Oncology
- Practice Based Research
- Applied Pathophysiology
- Leadership in Practice

Core subjects for masters:

- 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	5 elective subjects, 1 core subject and a research thesis capstone	100 points	A \$24,666	2 years
Graduate Certificate in Cancer Sciences	4 elective subjects	50 points	A \$12,333	1 year
Specialist Certificate in Cancer Sciences	2 elective subjects	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



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Register your interest and more information

To register your interest in the course please visit online.unimelb.edu.au/cancer-sciences

To learn more about this course, contact our student support team at 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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