



Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science



IMPROVE POLICY AND PRACTICE OUTCOMES

The Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science, the only course of its kind in the Australasian region, systematically explores how applying implementation can ensure the success of evidence-based practice in health, education and social welfare.

What is implementation science?

Implementation science is the systematic study of methods and approaches to aid the uptake and integration of research findings into routine practice. The aim of implementation science is to improve the quality of health, education and social services. It enhances the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

"If we want to take human services to the next level, and improve outcomes for our clients, we need to learn how to systematically integrate evidence into practice. Implementation science helps us with that."

- Aron Shlonsky, Professor of Evidence-Informed Practice at the University of Melbourne.

Who is this course for?

The graduate course is aimed at the broad range of professionals working in health, education and social welfare who contribute to the implementation of policies, programs or projects, and who would like to improve the delivery of human services.

What will I learn?

At the completion of the course, you will have:

- A high-level knowledge of implementation science in human service practice
- Advanced theoretical and technical knowledge in using methods and approaches to implementation in practice
- The ability to apply implementation science knowledge independently and responsibly in your professional practice
- The capability to develop and execute implementation strategies and plans within practice contexts.

Why choose the Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science?

By studying a Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science you will:

- Understand the impact implementation has on improving outcomes for individuals, families and communities
- Develop a strong understanding of the discipline of implementation
- Expand your professional network in the community and human service sector
- Gain credit that can be applied towards the Advanced Social Work and Health and Human Services programs.

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One of a kind

Developed by the University of Melbourne and the **Centre for Evidence and Implementation (CEI)**, the Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science is a unique and cutting-edge course that aims to strengthen the implementation knowledge and skills of human service professionals. It provides students with an understanding of the core principles of high-quality implementation and its application to the complex environment of health, education and social care.

“Children, families and communities cannot benefit from services they do not receive. High-quality implementation is key to fully utilising the value and benefits of policies, practices and programs for their end-users.”

- Associate Professor Robyn Mildon, Head of the Centre for Evidence and Implementation, Australia.

Subject summaries

Implementation Science in Theory

This subject will introduce students to the core elements of implementation Science, both theory and practice. It will expose students to a number of different implementation conceptual models and frameworks and apply these to real life examples of implementation in the human service sector. The subject will also introduce students to the essential role data plays in driving implementation success. This will include the practice of systematically using data, information, and knowledge to set and drive change, evidence actual implementation, tracking outcomes and driving continuous improvement throughout the implementation cycle.

Implementation Science in Practice

This subject draws on the theoretical and practical concepts that were explored in Implementation Science in Theory and applies these to real world examples of implementation in human service systems. Students will critically examine the effectiveness of different approaches to implementation; the role multidisciplinary teams play in the alignments of systems, and the application of implementation theory against real world cases. It will also include practice and theoretical application of different types of program evaluation through an implementation lens, including needs assessment, formative research, process evaluation, monitoring of outputs and outcomes and impact assessment. Students will be able to draw on case studies from their own work.

Online course structure and fees

The Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science is part of the Advanced Social Work and Health and Human Services nested programs. By completing the Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science, you can gain credit toward the Graduate Certificate and Master programs of Advanced Social Work and Health and Human Services. For more information about study pathways visit: online.unimelb.edu.au/lp/community-services.

Course	Structure	Point program	Fee
Specialist Certificate in Implementation Science (6 months part-time)	2 subjects	25 points	\$5,752 AUD

The typical course fee per year is calculated on the basis of one full-time year of study (1 EFTSL). If a course duration is less than one year, you will pay the indicative total course fee. Actual fees vary depending on the subjects you are taking. The University reviews fees annually. The indicative total course fee is based on typical subject enrolments, and includes an indexation of 5% per annum. For more information about fees and if you are eligible for fee assistance please visit futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees or contact our Student Support team on study-online@unimelb.edu.au or +61 3 8344 0149 (9am – 5pm AEST Mon – Fri).

Entry requirements

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

- A bachelor degree in a cognate discipline
- At least two years relevant professional experience in human services

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection.

In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- Prior academic performance; and
- Prior professional work experience
- The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the **Admission and Selection into Course Policy**.
- The minimum English language requirements for this course is performance **band 6.5**.

Key dates

Term	Applications close	Term starts
Term 3, 2017	28 May	10 July
Term 1, 2018	20 November	8 January

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