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Create a Successful Career in Health and Medical Science with RMIT.

Health and medical science at RMIT boasts strong industry links and purpose-built facilities, producing health practitioners with skills that are valued in Australia and around the world.

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The Health Sciences Clinic is now open at University Hill.

The Clinic offers quality Chinese medicine, chiropractic, osteopathy and psychology services to the public.

As a teaching clinic, we provide clinical training for students who are supervised by registered practitioners and RMIT academic staff.

The Clinic provides clinical diagnosis, health advice and treatment for a range of conditions at a discounted cost.

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www.rmit.edu.au/healthsciences/clinic
Influence Lives Through Research

RMIT University has world-leading strengths across a wide variety of areas in applied and theoretical research.

Nursing and Complementary Medicine

With a long history as a technological and vocational institution, RMIT is young in terms of research. Yet, within a relatively short space of time, the School of Health Sciences has become widely recognised for its innovative and translational research, forging strong industry and research partnerships.

World-Class Research

The latest Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) ranking system, released in May 2013, rates the School well above the world standard in clinical sciences and above world standard in pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences. Staff also contributes significantly to public health and health service research, which is a new area in the School and a category for which RMIT University is rated as internationally competitive.

Ageing and Chronic Diseases

The financial burden associated with providing health care to the aged sector and to those with chronic diseases is escalating as the Australian population grows older.

The disciplines of Chinese medicine, chiropractic, nursing, osteopathy and psychology are all committed to establishing an evidence base for the quality, safety and effectiveness of interventions for the ageing population and those with chronic diseases.

Psychology

Psychology at RMIT has research expertise in the areas of clinical and health psychology, behavioural neuroscience, lifespan developmental psychology, and cross-cultural psychology. New areas of research include a focus on chronic disease and the ageing population.

Main areas of focus include the psychobiology of cognition; stress, fear and anxiety; wellbeing and resilience; development across the lifespan; innovations in clinical interventions; and mental health.

Psychology principally concerns the study of mental functions and behaviour. Biological, psychological (thoughts, emotions and behaviours) and social factors play significant and interactive roles. This biopsychosocial approach drives the research activities. RMIT shares the focus of the College of Science, Engineering and Health on providing practical solutions to real-life problems, developing and applying knowledge and new ways of thinking about health and wellbeing, and better understanding the ever increasing role that technology plays in how we function.

Medical Sciences

RMIT’s researchers are among the best in the world. By completing a research degree at RMIT, you will hone your knowledge and skills under guidance from leaders in your field.

Research at RMIT aims to address issues of global importance and have an impact at local, national and international levels. RMIT adopts a collaborative approach to identify innovative, timely and ground-breaking solutions that benefit society.

RMIT’s research strengths and expertise cover a broad range of areas, including:

- biochemistry
- haematology
- pathology
- pharmacology
- toxicology
Masters and PhD by Research

You will undertake a research project under the guidance of your supervisor, culminating in the submission of a thesis or project. A master by research is completed over four semesters full-time, while a PhD is completed over eight semesters full-time.

RMIT’s modern laboratories, sophisticated industry-standard equipment and collaborative environments will enable you to deliver practical solutions to real-world challenges. You will be connected with RMIT’s research institutes, international research institutions, and partner organisations such as CSIRO.

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You can find further details about individual programs by typing in the specific URL listed above.
Master of Applied Science
Acupuncture

If you are a healthcare practitioner, this program offers you a unique opportunity to do a clinical education program in acupuncture. The program integrates Chinese acupuncture with modern neurophysiology and evidence-based medicine. This is the only and the longest running masters degree at the entry level to acupuncture in Australia. The program was developed 16 years ago to meet the increasing demand for qualified acupuncturists. It incorporates Western medicine diagnosis with Chinese medicine theory for the clinical management of various conditions.

Learning and Teaching
Workshops are run to provide you with a firm theoretical basis, and clinical practice is incorporated to enhance skills and learning.

Program Structure
The Master consists of 144 credit points. The following is an example of courses offered:

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Career
You will be suitably prepared for private or group practice.

Professional Recognition
The Master of Applied Science (Acupuncture) is approved by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. The program is also recognised by the following professional bodies:

- Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA)
- Acupuncture Association of Victoria Inc. (AAV)
- Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia (FCMA)
- Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (AACMA)

Pathways
Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer are ways that RMIT recognises applicants’ skills and knowledge gained through formal and informal education and training, work experience, and/or life experience. If you have studied an approved Chinese medicine program and are working as a registered Chinese herbal medicine practitioner, you may be eligible for some exemptions.

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree in health sciences or equivalence that satisfies the following prerequisites:

- cell biology (biosciences)
- human physiology
- human anatomy (full body)
- pathology
- immunology
- microbiology
- clinical practice

English Language Requirements
- A minimum IELTS (academic module) overall score of 6.5, with no band below 6.0, or equivalent.
Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing

This program prepares midwives for advanced practice in community child and family health. RMIT is one of the oldest providers of nursing education in Australia and continues to be at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a range of postgraduate programs to meet the current challenges facing practice and research.

You will develop the ability to critically analyse and apply principles of primary health care to help you secure a rewarding role as a maternal and child health nurse.

This program offers experience across a broad range of practice within the framework of early childhood services.

Learning and Teaching
You will experience a range of learning approaches including learner-centred curriculum, learning activities and projects.

You will be exposed to a range of learning and teaching opportunities including face-to-face lectures, online learning, and field experience across a broad range of practice, all within the framework of early childhood services.

Learning is supplemented by independent study and clinical experiences.

Program Structure
The Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing consists of 96 credit points.

The program is structured to enable you to:
— critically analyse and apply the principles of primary health care related to child and family health
— analyse and evaluate nursing strategies designed to promote and maintain wellbeing for children and their families
— apply evidence-based practice to primary care within the scope of the Maternal Child Health service
— critically examine key ethical issues relevant to professional healthcare practice in community settings

Clinical Practice
To meet requirements, you are expected to do a minimum of 300 hours in an approved maternal and child health setting, in addition to the program’s theory component.

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<td>Primary Health and Assessment of the Young Child</td>
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Career
Graduates work in maternal and child health nursing in local government, early parenting centres and community services.

Professional Recognition
You may wish to join professional organisations such as the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

Pathways
Upon successful completion of this program you may be eligible to proceed to a masters by research.

Entry Requirements
Applicants must normally:
— hold a Bachelor of Nursing degree or equivalent, and a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery or Bachelor of Midwifery degree or equivalent
— hold current registration with AHPRA as both a Nurse and a Midwife

You should be able to demonstrate recent clinical experience, defined as having worked in nursing or midwifery for a minimum of one year in the past five years.

Successful Applicants
In order to undertake the compulsory clinical placements, the following current documents must be provided:
— Working with Children Check
— National Police Check
— Immunisation status

Program Code Campus
GD159 Bundoora campus

Duration
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.

2016 Tuition Fee
Full-Fee Places $18,240 per year full-time.

Please refer to Fees Explained on page 18.

How to Apply
Apply directly to RMIT University at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct. Please refer to How to Apply on page 19.

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URL
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/gd159
This program offers a new pathway for all primary healthcare practitioners and science graduates (clinical diagnosis is required) to qualify for Chinese herbal medicine practice. This is the only and the longest running masters degree at the entry level to Chinese herbal medicine in Australia. You will study the theory and practice of Chinese herbal medicine, medicinal chemistry, botany, pharmacology and toxicology, and clinical practice as well as the interaction of herbs and drugs. As a graduate of the program, you will meet the requirements set by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia.

**Learning and Teaching**

Workshops are run to provide you with a firm theoretical basis, and clinical practice is incorporated to enhance skills and learning. The program emphasises skills to address real patients in clinical settings.

**Program Structure**

The Master consists of 144 credit points. The following is an example of courses offered:

- **Courses**
  - Chinese Materia Medica and Formulae
  - Chinese Medicine Theory
  - Classic Literature in Chinese Medicine
  - Clinical Conference (Chinese Herbal Medicine)
  - Clinical Chinese Medicine
  - Pharmacology and Toxicology
  - Research Project
  - Supervised Clinical Practice

**Career**

The combination of theoretical knowledge, practical skills, clinical experience and recognised qualifications prepares you for a career in Chinese herbal medicine, which may involve independent practice, employment in a multi-discipline healthcare clinic, teaching and/or research.

**Professional Recognition**

The program is approved by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. The program is also recognised by:

- Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA)
- Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia (FCMA)
- Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (AACMA)

**Pathways**

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer are ways that RMIT recognises applicants’ skills and knowledge gained through formal and informal education and training, work experience, and/or life experience. If you have studied an approved acupuncture program at another institute and are a registered acupuncturist you may be eligible for some exemptions.

**Entry Requirements**

You must hold an appropriate bachelor degree in the healthcare profession or medical sciences or equivalence that satisfies the following prerequisites:

- cell biology (biosciences)
- human physiology
- human anatomy (full body)
- pathology
- immunology
- microbiology
- clinical practice

**English Language Requirements**

- A minimum IELTS (academic module) overall score of 6.5, with no band below 6.0; or equivalent.
I was attracted to study Chinese herbal medicine at RMIT because they offered a coursework program I could fit in with my full-time work as an acupuncturist and it was the only masters of Chinese herbal medicine in Victoria.

I am currently the founder and director of my own company, EsoLab. I have a clinic in South Melbourne that has Chinese medicine doctors who have undertaken study at RMIT as well as adjunct therapies such as massage. I am a registered herbal dispenser as well as a registered herbalist, and the clinic stocks over 300 single herbs in its dispensary.

My five-year plan is to open another full-time Chinese herbal dispensary run by Chinese medicine doctors in the heart of Sydney. I will continue expanding and outreach to the community so they are more aware of the benefits of Chinese medicine.

I love what I do because I help people with a safe and effective natural medicine and I get to work for myself.

Jennifer Price
Master of Applied Science
(Chinese Medicine)
Bachelor of
Health Sciences (Honours)

Honours will expand your bachelor degree training in health sciences and deepen your knowledge and research skills in preparation for a higher degree by research. The healthcare and community sectors are experiencing increasing demand for research and evidence-based practice. This program will allow you to participate in an original research project, investigating a crucial gap in our knowledge of health science. It will also introduce you to research theories, methods and ethics and teach you the skills to critically analyse, interpret and write about your work in the context of existing knowledge. As a graduate from this program you will acquire a basis for lifelong learning in a changing world.

Learning and Teaching
You will principally work with a primary supervisor to conduct an original research project. You will also experience a range of learning environments, including workshops, lectures and individual research within a laboratory or clinical environment. Learning is self- and supervisor-directed. Lectures are also used in the program to communicate knowledge and guide your learning and are complemented by online learning materials where appropriate. These methods and approaches are used so that you will be equipped to undertake postgraduate studies in research and have the skills required to adapt to and work competently in the health science industry.

Program Structure
The Honours consists of 96 credit points. The program will provide you with a thorough education in scientific disciplines and introduce you to research applications.

The following is an example of courses offered:

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Industry Connections
RMIT University is committed to providing you with an education that strongly links formal learning with professional or vocational practice.

Career
As a graduate you will be able to apply to enrol in a masters or doctoral level degree by research or seek employment. Employment opportunities exist in academia, research and development, pharmaceutical industries, government organisations or clinical practice in specialised areas.

Professional Recognition
The Honours program will equip you with research skills and is not subject to any external accreditation by a professional association. Through its research programs, the School of Health Sciences has established numerous links with the healthcare and community sectors.

Pathways
This program prepares you for postgraduate research at RMIT. Upon successful completion of this program you may be eligible to apply for a masters by research program. Graduates who achieve first class honours or equivalent may be eligible to apply for a PhD by research program.

Note: This program is not accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). If you complete this program you will not meet prerequisites to apply for psychology masters by coursework or doctoral programs.

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree, or equivalent, completed within the last five years, with a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.6 out of 4.0 in a health science-related discipline, including but not limited to nursing, psychology, Chinese medicine, osteopathy or chiropractic.

Applicants who completed their program more than five years ago should submit evidence of professional development related to industry experience.

Note: The Honours program has a significant research component. Prior to submitting your application, please contact the School of Health Sciences to confirm a supervisor and a research topic.
Master of Laboratory Medicine

This program suits graduates from general science or biomedical science degrees with a biological science focus. It will allow you to specialise in two clinical pathology discipline streams from the following options:

- Clinical Biochemistry
- Cytopathology
- Haematology
- Histopathology
- Medical Microbiology
- Transfusion and Transplantation Science

On completion, you will have high-level skills in analysis and knowledge integration relevant to your area of specialisation.

Learning and Teaching

RMIT offers a variety of learning and teaching approaches including lectures. Ongoing assessment throughout the semester includes examinations, essays, laboratory reports, oral classes, presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

Program Structure

The Master consists of 192 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points). The following is an example of courses offered:

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Entry Requirements

- An Australian bachelor degree in a cognate discipline (laboratory medicine, biomedical or biological sciences or medicine) with a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 out of 4.0; or
- An Australian bachelor degree in a cognate discipline with at least five years of relevant work experience in diagnostic pathology.

International qualifications are assessed according to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Industry Connections

During the final semester of study, eligible students may, subject to placement opportunities, undertake one full semester of supervised practice in either a medical research laboratory or a diagnostic pathology laboratory.

Career

Graduates are employed as medical scientists in the field of diagnostic pathology, academia or in medical research.

Medical scientists work in hospital laboratories, private pathology laboratories, state health laboratories and universities. In larger hospitals and private laboratories, medical scientists usually specialise in one of the professional disciplines.

The ageing of the Australian population is expected to drive strong demand for pathology services and medical scientists. It’s projected that between 2013 and 2018, employment of medical scientists will increase 13.7 per cent above the projected increase across all occupations (7.2 per cent). There is also a shortage of medical scientists in a number of countries worldwide.

Professional Recognition

The Master of Laboratory Medicine is accredited by the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS) and the Institute of Biomedical Science, UK (IBMS). These professional bodies represent biomedical pathology scientists in Australia and in the UK.

The School of Medical Sciences has extensive links with industry through their program advisory committees (PACs), and through research projects and consulting. Employers and industry professionals are members of these advisory committees, and have contributed to both the initial development and ongoing improvement of this program. Their involvement ensures that the program remains relevant to your needs as a graduate and to the needs of graduate employers.

Many of the teaching staff within the program are (or have been) practising industry professionals with extensive industry experience and contact networks. This experience, when integrated into learning and teaching practice, enriches your learning environment.
Graduate Diploma in
Mental Health Nursing

This program prepares you for specialty mental health nursing practice. You will study advanced individual and group counselling, mental health treatment, contemporary nursing issues and research.

RMIT Nursing is one of the oldest providers of nursing education in Australia and sits at the forefront of nursing education and research.

Learning and Teaching
You will experience a range of learning approaches including learner-centred curriculum, learning activities and projects, and working in multidisciplinary teams.

You will be exposed to a range of learning and teaching opportunities including distance education packages, online learning, and face-to-face lectures and learning experiences. All lectures are video recorded to allow the flexible delivery of this program.

Your courses are offered via distance education/online and face-to-face classes are supplemented by online material.

Program Structure
The Graduate Diploma consists of 96 credit points. You must complete eight courses (12 credit points each). The program is structured to enable you to:

- critically analyse the impact of ideological and political discourses on the development of Australian healthcare policies and practices
- critically analyse the impact of changing technologies on clinical practice
- conceptualise future directions in healthcare policies and practices
- explore the nature and implications of moral and legal accountability, responsibility and liability in professional practice
- discuss the nature and implications of human rights and social justice considerations in healthcare domains
- examine critically key ethical and legal issues relevant to professional health care practice in institutional and community-based settings
- critically describe the models of health education, and the principles of adult learning and health promotion
- analyse the concept of multiculturalism as applied to Australia with particular reference to the healthcare system
- examine critically different approaches to healthcare research

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Career
Graduates pursue careers in mental health nursing in a wide range of hospital and community settings across metropolitan and rural areas.

Professional Recognition
You can join the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses and cite this qualification as part of your application for credentialing. Credentialed mental health nurses can be funded for employment under the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Programme.

Graduates can apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, which will allow you to obtain a provider number for private practice or practice in any Australian state or territory. To register you need English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or equivalent within the two years prior to registration.

Pathways
After successfully completing this program you may be eligible to proceed to a masters by research. You can apply for credit if you have completed a recognised psychiatric graduate nurse program (that was at least 12 months long) and/or are a Division 3 nurse with advanced standing and experience.

Entry Requirements
Applicants must normally:

- hold a bachelor degree in nursing or psychiatric nursing. A diploma may be considered equivalent in the case of nurses with senior experience in mental health
- hold current registration (or be eligible for registration) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a registered nurse
- have completed 840 hours of supervised clinical practice in the field of mental health nursing or be doing this concurrently during the program
Bachelor of Applied Science
Psychology (Honours)

Program Code  Campus  
BH000  Bundoora campus

Duration  
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.

2016 Tuition Fee  
Full-Fee Places  
$24,960 per year full-time.*

* Commonwealth supported places are available.

How to Apply  
Apply directly to RMIT University at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct. Please refer to How to Apply on page 19.

Further Information  
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Email: healthsciences@rmit.edu.au  
Info Corner  
330 Swanston Street (cnr La Trobe Street)  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Tel. +61 3 9925 2260

URL  
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bh000

This cognitive behavioural-focused honours program introduces you to professional issues, theories and methods of data analysis in contemporary research psychology.

The program will prepare you for further postgraduate studies in the Master of Psychology.

Learning and Teaching  
You will experience a range of learning environments – lectures, individual research and group work. Lectures are used extensively in the program to communicate knowledge and guide student learning and are complemented by online learning materials where appropriate. These methods and approaches have been selected so that you will be equipped to undertake postgraduate studies in psychology or have the skills required to adapt to and work competently in workplaces that value knowledge and training in psychology (e.g. human resources, psychosocial rehabilitation).

Program Structure  
The program consists of 96 credit points. You will complete six courses (a mix of 12 or 24 credit points each).

The program will provide you with a thorough education in the scientific discipline of psychology and introduce you to the application of the discipline.

As a graduate you will have sound evidence-based knowledge as a foundation for entering either employment, where the knowledge and approaches of psychology can be used, or advanced level psychology programs (e.g. Master of Psychology or a postgraduate research degree). The following is an example of courses offered:

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Career  
Graduates may either apply to enrol in a masters level degree or seek employment. Human services organisations offer many work opportunities. Typically, provisional psychologists work in education, human services and in community medicine supervised by an experienced registered psychologist.

Professional Recognition  
The program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). Graduates are eligible for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and are eligible to apply for provisional registration, allowing you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

To be eligible to apply for full registration as a psychologist, you must complete the Master of Psychology.

The Psychology Board of Australia standards and guidelines determine that all applicants for registration need English language skills at IELTS academic level 7.0, or the equivalent, within the two years preceding registration.

Pathways  
You may be eligible to apply for the Master of Psychology.

Entry Requirements  
Applicants must normally:

- have successfully completed an Australian Psychological Society approved 3 year sequence of study Psychology degree with a Grade Point Average of at least 2.0 out of 4.0 and a cumulative percentage average of 70 – 75% in each year of study; or
- have any undergraduate degree and successful completion of an Australian Psychological Society approved 4th year of study Graduate Diploma, with a cumulative percentage average of 70 – 75% in each year of study

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URL  
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bh000
Master of Clinical Psychology

Program Code: MC002
Campus: Bundoora campus

Duration: 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time.

2016 Tuition Fee:
Full-Fee Places: $24,960 per year full-time.

How to Apply:
Apply directly to RMIT University at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct.

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Program Structure:
The program consists of 192 credit points. The main areas of focus in psychology at RMIT are:
- mental health of children, adolescents and adults
- clinical interventions
- motor and cognitive development in children and adolescents
- wellbeing and resilience
- cognitive, blended and e-health innovations

Program Code

This program offers you the necessary training to become a registered psychologist. It is oriented towards cognitive-behavioural psychology and you will be trained and expected to work according to the scientist-professional model.

Learning and Teaching:
You will experience a range of learning environments – lectures, individual and group work. Lectures are used extensively in the program to communicate knowledge and guide student learning.

A large proportion of time is spent under supervision in the on-campus psychology clinic treating clients presenting with a variety of psychological, educational and developmental problems.

In addition, you will be required to undertake two practicum placements off campus in supervised psychological practice (minimum of 40 days and 60 days, respectively) in agencies such as hospitals, clinics and other health facilities.

Casework courses and field placements comprise a minimum of 132 days of practicum experience. You will also do a supervised research thesis.

Career:
Clinical psychologists are specialists in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems and mental illness.

You will work in:
- private practices
- hospitals
- universities
- general medical practices
- community health centres
- mental health services

Professional Recognition:
This program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

On completion of the program you will be eligible for membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and associate membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists.

On completion of the program you will also be eligible to apply for registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practice in any Australian state or territory. Specialist endorsement as a clinical psychologist is possible after two years of supervised practice.

Entry Requirements:
You must have completed an APAC-approved fourth year of study in psychology (honours or graduate diploma) with an average of 75% or higher.

Selection Tasks:
You will need to complete the Psychology supplementary information form available from www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc002, including two confidential referee reports. Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview.
Graduate Diploma in
Wellness

Become a leader of the wellness revolution in this dynamic postgraduate program. Wellness represents a cluster of industries with a growing need for highly skilled professionals. This diverse program will equip you with the qualifications and personal wellness skills required to be successful in this field.

Learning and Teaching
Delivery of the program is primarily online. Some elective courses require on-campus attendance but you are able to choose electives that are fully online. Not all electives are offered in every semester. Availability of electives is dependent on student numbers.

Program Structure
The Graduate Diploma consists of 96 credit points. This is made up of five core courses, a choice of two research methods courses and two electives of your choice.

The following is an example of courses offered:

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Career
Graduates find work in:
— the spa and wellness industry
— the complementary healthcare sector
— conventional healthcare and community health settings
— the corporate sector
— private practice as a wellness consultant

Pathways
Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma you may be eligible to apply for a masters by research program.
If you have successfully completed Master of Business Administration (MBA) electives, you may be credited towards an RMIT MBA if an application is made within five years.

Entry Requirements
You must have successfully completed a bachelor degree (in any discipline).
Note: This program is not available to international onshore students as online programs do not meet ESOS regulatory requirements.
Being able to provide the right level of care can make a huge difference in someone’s life.

The level of care required for people with mental illness can be complex and challenging, which was why I wanted to specialise in the field.

I was particularly interested in RMIT’s Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing as the course had a strong focus on psychotherapeutic interventions.

I’ve really enjoyed the opportunity to learn in a specialised field. I felt relaxed and supported throughout the course because our educators were very understanding of our needs.

I’m currently working as a mental health nurse – being able to work with and support someone on their recovery journey is very rewarding to me.

My advice to prospective students is to talk to your employer and educators, as you will need support in maintaining a healthy work-life balance while studying. There is a lot of support available!

I’m committed to and passionate about making a difference in people’s lives.

In the future, I’d love to keep studying, write a book, travel and do a PhD.

Susan Hua
Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing (page 12)
The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. Fees for 2016 are listed in this brochure or visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees from October 2015.

RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees for full-fee places on an annual basis by an amount that will not exceed 7.5% each year (subject to rounding). For higher education fees, tuition fees are rounded up to the nearest $10 per credit point increment. The absolute fee increase may exceed 7.5%.

The table below shows a student’s annual tuition fee for a full-time study load in 2016, for students in a full-fee place. For information about full-fee places and other fees and expenses, refer to Fees Explained on page 18.

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<td>Graduate Diploma in Wellness</td>
<td>1 year full-time</td>
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* Commonwealth supported places are available.

# This program is usually run on a part-time basis.

Profile

“When I graduated from my Bachelor of Science I realised that a postgraduate qualification would improve my job prospects. I’d been interested in laboratory medicine ever since I was an undergraduate, so I knew that I studying this speciality would take my career further.

“I chose RMIT because it has the best track record for producing graduates who can move fluidly from university into the workforce. I knew that placements were part of the program and felt that securing a job was not far off from that.

“A highlight of my studies so far has been learning about and understanding fields in parallel to my own – like histopathology.

“Having previously worked extensively in microbiology, I find it fascinating to learn how the body works at a microscopic level.

“Studying the masters has helped me to develop strong skills in time management, precision, accuracy, patience and a greater capacity to think logically and analytically.”

Christina Lobo
Master of Laboratory Medicine (page 11)
Fees Explained

Postgraduate Studies by Coursework
What you pay will depend on whether you are offered a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) or a full-fee place. Financial assistance is available to eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)
A Commonwealth supported place is a place at university where the tuition fee is jointly paid by you and the Australian Government. Your share of the fee (student contribution) is set by the government and is determined by the discipline areas (bands) of your individual enrolled courses, not the overall program. For more information about what fees you will pay in 2016 visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees.
The Australian Government has announced changes to the funding of CSPs. These may affect the proportion of the fee paid by student contribution from 2016. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees and www.studyassist.gov.au.

Full-Fee Places
Students in full-fee places are required to pay a tuition fee that covers the full tuition costs of their program. The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. Financial assistance may be available through the FEE-HELP scheme (see right for details).

Only students who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or hold an Australian Permanent Resident Visa are eligible for a domestic full-fee place. Students who do not meet these citizenship and residency requirements may be offered a place as an onshore international student.

Fees for 2016 are listed under each program in this booklet or visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees from October 2015.

Honours Degrees
All honours degrees have Commonwealth supported places available. See coursework degrees.

Postgraduate Degrees by Research
If you are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen you may be eligible for a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place where your tuition costs are funded by the Commonwealth Government and you therefore have full exemption from tuition fees.
Acceptance in an RTS place is very competitive and places are granted on the condition that you meet progress requirements and complete within the allotted time for your program and your status as a part-time or full-time candidate.
www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch

Other Fees and Expenses
In addition to tuition fees, you will be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF), which is indexed annually. Eligible students can defer payment of the fee through SA-HELP. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/ssaaf.
You may also be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips, specified textbooks and equipment. These expenses vary from program to program. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees.

Financial Assistance

Scholarships
Before you let financial constraints or living arrangements get in the way of your decision to study, find out about the range of RMIT scholarships available.
Coursework Scholarships Office
Tel. +61 3 9925 2811
Email: scholarships@rmit.edu.au
www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships

HECS-HELP
HECS-HELP assists eligible students in a Commonwealth supported place to pay their student contribution. To learn more about HECS-HELP visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/hecs-help.

FEE-HELP
FEE-HELP is an optional loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their tuition fees. To learn more about FEE-HELP visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/fee-help.

Income Support
The Commonwealth Government has approved a number of RMIT University postgraduate programs for student income support payments. The list of approved programs is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/masters.

To check your eligibility for student income support or rent assistance, please contact Centrelink or visit www.humanservices.gov.au.

Income Tax Deductions
Students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website at www.ato.gov.au provides guidance on the taxation treatment of your fees.
Postgraduate Studies by Coursework and Honours Degrees

Entry Requirements
To be considered for admission you must meet the RMIT University entry requirements as well as any program entry requirements. Entry requirements for each program can be accessed via www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us

Direct Application
Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct.
Semester 1 timely applications for coursework programs open on Open Day (9 August) and are due by 10 November.*
Semester 2 (Midyear) applications open 1 May and are due by 31 May.*
*Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Postgraduate Degrees by Research

Entry Requirements
To be considered for admission you must meet RMIT University entry requirements as well as any program entry requirements. Refer to the program URL on page 5 for entry requirements before applying. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/research.

Finding a Supervisor
Before you apply, you need to find qualified supervisors with similar research interests to you and discuss a research proposal with them. It is recommended that you start by contacting the Higher Degrees by Research Coordinator in the academic school to which you are applying, as they can direct you to appropriate potential supervisors. The supervisors will read and comment on your proposal and indicate if they are willing to supervise you. Your research proposal must be included in your application.
For more information about finding a supervisor visit www.rmit.edu.au/research/search-supervisors.

Application Process
Application for candidature involves three steps:
1. Find a program and confirm eligibility.
2. Seek academic advice and secure the support of qualified supervisor(s).
3. Complete and submit the application form and supporting documents.
For detailed information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/research or contact the School of Graduate Research at www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch.

Application Timelines
Applications to higher degree programs are accepted all year round. There are two scholarship rounds.
Applications for 2016 scholarships are open from 1 July until 31 October 2015. For more information visit http://www.rmit.edu.au/research/phds-and-other-research-degrees/scholarships-and-support/.

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Why Postgrad?

A Competitive Edge

Employment opportunities increase by 85% after completing a postgraduate qualification.*

Increase Your Earnings

On average, a postgraduate qualification will up your long-term earnings by more than 15%.

Turn Career Dreams into Reality

Almost 50% of people feel like they are in the wrong career. A postgraduate qualification will empower you to follow your passion.

Why RMIT?

1. **Take your career to the next level**
   RMIT was ranked 79th in the world by global employers for graduate employability in the 2014 QS World University Rankings.

2. **Flexibility that works for you**
   40% of RMIT’s 11,700 postgraduate students study part-time with many flexible learning options.

3. **Broaden your horizons**
   RMIT offers exchange opportunities at over 200 institutions across 41 countries.

4. **Open doors to worldwide opportunities**
   RMIT has over 200 research collaborations with overseas partners and industry. RMIT graduates are employed in more than 100 countries around the world.

5. **Transform the future through research**
   RMIT is ranked as one of the top five Australian universities for excellence in key research disciplines, and was awarded more than $19 million in research funding in 2014.

6. **Education that packs a punch for your prospects**
   RMIT is ranked as one of the world’s top 35 universities for key subject areas in the 2015 QS World University Rankings.

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