

## **Master of Emergency Medicine**

### **School of Enterprise**

#### **1 Background**

The School of Enterprise proposes to introduce a new post graduate award, known as the Master of Emergency Medicine. This course would allow students to progress from the Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Medicine that is already offered by the School of Enterprise with the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and Western Health.

The School of Enterprise in partnership with Western Health has already established the Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Medicine Program. It has become evident that some candidates, particularly those from overseas hoping to obtain training and qualifications in Emergency Medicine before returning home, are keen for a period of more advanced training focusing on quality, safety and administrative issues. It is also apparent that this cohort feel that a 'Masters' would be more highly valued by their home health systems.

#### **2 Course/Program Objectives**

On completion of this course, participants should:

- Have the knowledge, technical understanding and skills to manage most emergency presentations,
- Have well developed team leadership skills suitable for them to manage a small-medium sized clinical team,
- Have the knowledge and problem-solving skills to deal with Emergency Department management challenges in particular quality and safety systems within an Emergency Department.
- Have developed skills in practice-based learning and application of evidence-based medicine techniques eg. to design of local clinical practice guidelines,
- Be able to articulate their expertise in an appropriate form,
- Be capable of independent action and leadership of clinical teams within an Emergency Medicine situation,
- Appreciate how to create and acquire knowledge within the field of Emergency Medicine,
- Realise how the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge within the field of Emergency Medicine are intimately related; and
- Be able to design and conduct research activities to assess and improve ED processes and treatments.

#### **3 Entry Requirements**

To be eligible for selection for this course, applicants must:

1. Have a degree in Medicine from a university acceptable to the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science, AND
2. Have a minimum of two years relevant experience in a health service setting, including no less than one year in Emergency Medicine AND
3. Be eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in the State of Victoria, AND
4. Be fluent in English equivalent to a level of no less than IELTS 7 overall and with a score of no less than 7 in speaking and listening. AND

5. Be nominated by a hospital participating in the course.

#### **4 Course/Program Structure**

To satisfy the requirements of the Masters award (by coursework) students will complete subjects and a minor research thesis accumulating a total of 150 points.

The following subjects should normally be completed as part of the Postgraduate Diploma:

Principles of Emergency and Critical Care	12.5 points
Emergency Medicine: Clinical Placement 1	37.5 points
Clinical Emergency Medicine	12.5 points
Emergency Medicine: Clinical Placement 2	37.5 points
AND	
Emergency Medicine Learning Projects	25 points
Clinical Research Project	25 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>150 points</b>

#### **5 Availability of Course**

The course will be available from semester 1, 2007, to fee-paying overseas students, fee-paying Australian students, and CSP students.