

Professional recognition

This degree program provides comprehensive and advanced education on the basic and applied sciences relating to all types of pain. This has obvious relevance to specialty training examinations and CPD.

It is endorsed by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), the leading international body for the study of pain. This is a testament to the programs high quality.

Admission requirements

- ➔ Bachelor's degree in a health discipline.
- ➔ Evidence of academic or professional qualifications considered by the faculty to be sufficient preparation to pursue the course of study.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you MUST demonstrate English language proficiency before admission can be confirmed. More details can be found on the university website: <https://sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/international-students/english-language-requirements.html>

Degree fees

AWARD	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL
Single unit of study	\$4,125	\$6,562.50
Graduate Certificate	\$16,500	\$26,250
Graduate Diploma	\$24,750	\$39,375
Masters	\$33,000	\$52,500

Fees quoted are for tuition costs only and are applicable in 2022. The University's tuition fees are reviewed annually and may be varied during the period of study. FEE-HELP is available for eligible students.

A limited number of Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs) may be available for Semester 1, 2022 (local students only). If available, to be considered you must apply for entry to the course before the CSP closing date stipulated on the website and places will be allocated based on merit.

For more information:

<https://sydney.edu.au/medicine/pmri/education>

About the Institute

The Pain Management Research Institute consists of a multidisciplinary group of health professionals and research staff who are collaborating to improve pain treatment, education, and research in adults and children.

Staff include:

- ➔ Medical specialists in pain medicine, psychiatry, rheumatology, palliative care and orofacial medicine;
- ➔ Registered nurses;
- ➔ Clinical psychologists;
- ➔ Physiotherapists; and
- ➔ Basic and applied scientists.

Clinical treatment, teaching and research activities extend from acute pain (e.g. post operative and trauma) to chronic non cancer pain (e.g. low back pain, post amputation pain, herpes) and cancer pain management.

The Institute facilitates an articulated online Masters program in Pain Management, in association with the University of Sydney. Individuals can access single units of study from this program for continuing education purposes.



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Pain Management Postgraduate Studies 2022

Faculty of Medicine and Health
Specialising in Pain Management



Why study with us?

- Our program offers advanced, evidence-based and clinically relevant education in pain management.
- Our diverse teaching facility and student group provides you with an opportunity to learn with, from and about other health professionals managing pain patients.
- Build your competence and confidence in the assessment and management of a diverse range of pain problems.
- For medical graduates it is an ideal step in preparation for specialist training in Anaesthetics, Pain Medicine, Critical Care, General Practice, Rheumatology and other medical fields managing patients in pain.
- For all health-related discipline graduates it is an ideal career pathway towards becoming an expert in pain and/or a leader in your professional field.

Key features of our program

- Our program is delivered completely online which means you can fit your study around other work and family commitments.
- The learning activities allow you to explore the science, concepts, approaches and procedures relevant to pain management in an interactive multidisciplinary team context.
- Our units of study are developed and facilitated by national and international academic clinicians and researchers. All are widely experienced in pain management and viewed as experts in their field.
- A biopsychosocial perspective and the interdisciplinary team are core concepts that traverse all units of study.
- The program structure, with the four core units that comprise the Graduate Certificate, equips you with a firm foundation in the key concepts and principles underlying the mechanisms and management of pain.
- The range of elective choices provides you with an opportunity to study specific areas of interest in more depth.

Degree options

- **Master of Medicine (Pain Management)**
Available to medical graduates
- **Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management)**
Available to health-related discipline graduates
- **Graduate Diploma in Pain Management**
Available to medical and health-related discipline graduates
- **Graduate Certificate in Pain Management**
Available to medical and health-related discipline graduates
- **Orofacial Pain Pathway**
Designed to meet the needs of dentists and other health professionals working with patients with orofacial pain problems. (Masters level only). See website for more details.
- **Professional Certificates**
Ideal for busy healthcare professionals with just two units of study: Orofacial Pain Science and Psychology of Pain.

Units of study

CORE UNITS	Credit Points
Introduction to Pain Management ¹	6
Pain Mechanisms and Contributors	6
Principles of Pain Treatment & Management	6
Pain Conditions	6
Issues, Controversies in Pain Management (Masters level only)	6
ELECTIVE UNITS (Semester 1)	Credit Points
Acute Pain	6
Clinical Aspects of Neurobiology	6
Musculoskeletal Pain	6
Pain and Sleep	6
Pharmacology of Pain	6
Psychology of Pain	6
Advanced Studies in Orofacial Pain	6
ELECTIVE UNITS (Semester 2)	Credit Points
Pain in the Elderly	6
Pain in Children	6
Cancer Pain	6
Psychological Approaches in Pain Management	6
Disability and Pain Rehabilitation	6
Orofacial Pain	6
Independent Studies in Pain	6
Headache	6
Orofacial Pain in Practice	6

¹ Topics include: Concepts of Pain, Assessment/Classification; Clinical Epidemiology, Research Design, Multidisciplinary Teams, Ethics.

Student testimonials

"I would recommend [the degree program] to others without hesitation. Day-to-day working as an anaesthetist and a pain specialist I see a broad range of problems that the course has given me skills to deal with."

Anaesthetist, Pain Specialist

"All health professionals will find this course extremely valuable. I'd recommend it to anybody. It's helped me a huge amount in what I do."

Physiotherapist

"I know that my patients get a lot of support and help from me in what I do everyday ... [The degree program has] actually made me more effective in what I do by having a broader set of skills."

Osteopath

"The online learning experience is one that is very easy. Working through a training program requires lots of commitment ... and I found the ability to come home in between difficult shift rosters and then continue my education of paramount importance."

Medicine

Requirements at each level of award

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE	GRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS
↓	↓	↓
4 x 6 credit point (cp) core units	As per Graduate Certificate plus 2 x 6 cp elective units	As per Graduate Certificate plus 1 core unit & 3 x 6 cp elective units
↓	↓	↓
Total of 24 credit points	Total of 36 credit points	Total of 48 credit points
12 months	18 months	24 months