Graduate Certificate in Podiatric Therapeutics

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QUT’s Graduate Certificate in Podiatric Therapeutics course responds to legislative changes that allow podiatrists to use a range of drugs to treat podiatric conditions. The course integrates theoretical, online case studies and supervised practice components to allow students to progress towards meeting the requirements of the Podiatry Board of Australia for endorsement in the use of scheduled medicines for the treatment of podiatric conditions. The course is supplementary to general or specialist registration as a podiatrist.

**Why choose this course?**
Nationally and internationally, workforce shortages in medicine and an ageing population mean that there will be increasing demand for podiatrists to provide a wider scope of practice to manage foot and related lower limb problems in the future.

This unique course includes both theoretical and practical elements for practising podiatrists who are seeking to advance the scope of their clinical practice in podiatry, with prescribing.

**Entry requirements**
**Academic entry requirement**
A completed recognised four year degree (or equivalent) in podiatry; and

Current registration with the Podiatry Board of Australia (or equivalent).

**Course structure**
Offered on a part-time basis over two semesters, there will be on-campus intensive sessions for the discussion of key content, peer review and interaction, practical sessions, and assessment. These intensives will be supplemented by sophisticated online resources using case scenarios to simulate key dilemmas and challenges in clinical practice. A revision of the fundamental biomedical sciences related to pharmacology and pharmacotheapeutics is also incorporated at the start of the program.

The case studies and other learning activities highlight the National Prescribing Service competencies required to prescribe medicines and enable self-reflection and assessment of podiatric therapeutic practice skills for continuing quality improvement.

In the final semester, you will acquire the clinical decision-making practical skills required for prescribing scheduled medicines, through on-campus clinic sessions where you will: discuss medical and medication histories with experienced clinicians; participate in supervised external placements, online case simulations, workshops and assessment.

Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of the elements of safe prescribing and the core information sources and guidelines for this scope of practice, so that in your podiatric practice you will be able to remain abreast of developments in the field of medication and pharmacological issues.

**Career outcomes**
The Graduate Certificate in Podiatric Therapeutics is designed to allow graduates to meet a significant proportion of the requirements of the Podiatry Board of Australia for endorsement in the use of scheduled medicines as a practising podiatrist.

Accurate as at 05/07/2019. For the latest information see: [https://www.qut.edu.au/courses/graduate-certificate-in-podiatric-therapeutics](https://www.qut.edu.au/courses/graduate-certificate-in-podiatric-therapeutics)
Professional recognition
The Graduate Certificate in Podiatric Therapeutics is an approved program of study recognised by the Podiatry Board of Australia for meeting the Endorsement in Scheduled Medicines (Part A) theory requirement. The Board has announced in 2016 that the accreditation standard for courses for Part B Supervised Practice has been repealed and a new standard will be developed. Currently, podiatrists seeking Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines Part B are required to follow the Podiatry Board of Australia requirements which include submission of logbook case studies for assessment by the Board. Podiatrists enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Podiatric Therapeutics begin collating logbook case studies as part of their studies, making progress towards completing the Board’s requirements for endorsement in the use of scheduled medicines. Graduates need to organise a number of external supervised practice sessions outside the course in order to meet all requirements of the Board.

Fees
FEE-HELP
You may be eligible for FEE-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the FEE-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- Equity scholarships scheme