Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound

Year: 2021
QUT code: CS60
Total credit points: 96
Domestic fee (indicative, subject to annual review):
  2021: CSP $4,900 per year part-time (48 credit points)
  2020: CSP $4,800 per year part-time (48 credit points)
Course contact: askqut@qut.edu.au 3138 2000
Duration: 2 years part time
Start months: February

QUT’s Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound is designed to be accessible to rural and regional Queenslanders and interstate students seeking a nationally accredited sonography qualification.

This course is offered as a two year, part-time program.

Over its duration, students are only required to attend three, one-week intensive blocks at QUT’s Gardens Point campus. To complement their learning, students will access new ultrasound simulators and online interactive resources.

The Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound course gives students the scientific basis for understanding, using and evaluating relevant equipment and techniques as a sonographer.

Entry requirements
Academic entry requirements
A recognised bachelor degree (or equivalent) in a relevant allied health field (e.g. medical radiation, nursing, podiatry or physiotherapy); and access to suitable clinical experience in medical ultrasound for the duration of the course demonstrated by providing a completed Clinical Supervisor form (PDF file, 108 KB) with your application.*

*Students will need to maintain access to suitable clinical experience for the duration of the course. In accordance with the Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR) Program Accreditation Guidelines, it is recommended that students be engaged in medical ultrasound practice for a minimum of three days/week over a two year period, full-time equivalent, in an Australian or New Zealand clinical setting.

Overseas qualifications
QUT will consider equivalent overseas qualifications for admissions purposes. If you have tertiary qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency.

English language proficiency
QUT requires students to demonstrate that they can speak, write, read and comprehend academic English to a specified standard.

Heather
Real student

‘The thing about being able to apply knowledge straight away in a clinical environment is that you’re not just studying for an exam, then writing the exam and forgetting all about it. You’re actually applying it and remembering it so it’s information that you’re going to have for your future career.’

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QUT’s English proficiency requirements for this course are:

- IELTS (Academic): 7.0 or better overall with no sub-score below 6.5
- PTE: 65 or better overall with no sub-score below 58
- TOEFL (IBT): 98 or better overall with a writing sub-score of 24 or better, and no other sub-score lower than 20
- CAE: 185 or better overall with no sub-score below 176

The test must have been completed within 2 years prior to the proposed course start month.

Course structure
The graduate diploma takes four semesters of part-time study to complete. All students are required to attend an intensive one-week block of classes at the beginning of the first three semesters. Students undertake clinical experience throughout the semester and need to maintain access to suitable clinical experience for the duration of the course.

Careers and outcomes
This course is ideal for professionals working in a health science field, who are seeking to become a qualified sonographer and have at least one year of clinical experience in their current field.

Professional recognition
This course is accredited with the Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-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 HECS-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.