

MASTER OF MEDICINE (PATHOLOGY) (4750)

Approved Abbreviation: MMed(Path)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4750

AQF Level: 9

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2019 - please refer to 4750.2 Master of Medicine (Pathology) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4750.2>)

For Commencement Year 2017 to 2018 - please refer to 4750.1 Master of Medicine (Pathology) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4750.1>)

The Masters of Medicine (Pathology) program by coursework is offered to local and international medical graduates who are undertaking specialist training in Anatomical Pathology. It is a 2 year program with online learning modules covering both surgical pathology and cytopathology, and is aimed to endow the candidates with the necessary level of diagnostic knowledge which will aid in their successful completion of specialist training in Pathology. Recently qualified pathologists may also find the program useful to consolidate their knowledge and diagnostic skills. All the assessments are online. There is 2 weeks of a non-compulsory conference held every year at the university. Students are urged to attend however the entire content of this conference is available to all students online.

Director of Academic Program - Dr Kate McBride

Study Mode

Two years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Tristan Rutland (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/medicine@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

Accreditation

The program is designed to help meet the expectations required to obtain Fellowship to practice as a qualified Anatomical Pathologist either locally or overseas.

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent requirements for Medicine (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_medicine_courses/)

Admission

Applicants must have

Completed Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or equivalent Australian or overseas degree in Medicine and current employment in a supervised training position in Anatomical Pathology as approved by The Royal College of Pathologist of Australasia (RCPA) or equivalent overseas college. The student must remain in such employment for the 2 year duration of this program.

Or

For applicants who are qualified pathologists, proof of fellowship with Royal College of Pathologist of Australasia (RCPA) or international equivalent and registration with AHPRA or other appropriate regulatory body.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/how-to-apply/postgraduate-students.html>)

For off-shore international students, IELTS 6.5 overall or equivalent is also required.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

It will be required that a candidate is currently in a supervised specialist training in Pathology, and hence be working clinically in a hospital/ laboratory setting. In order to be enrolled in the program it is a requirement to have full-time employment in the cognate professional area and as such students will be engaged in cognate informal learning at their workplace. This workplace based learning will be assessed through case studies based on cases that the candidate encounters during their employment.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed below.

Please note, the program is 2-year program and cyclic. The candidates either start at Year 1 1H or Year 2 1H.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
1H session		
MEDI 7070	General Surgical and Central Nervous System Pathology	10
MEDI 7068	Cytopathology, Small Biopsy and Cardiorespiratory Pathology	10
Credit Points		20
2H session		
MEDI 7073	Surgical Pathology of the Genito-urinary Uract, Salivary Gland and Endocrine System	10
MEDI 7071	Surgical Pathology of Skin, Bone and Soft Tissue	10
Credit Points		20
Year 2		
1H session		
MEDI 7069	General Surgical Pathology and Gastrointestinal Pathology	10
MEDI 7067	Cytopathology, Small Biopsy and Breast Pathology	10
Credit Points		20
2H session		
MEDI 7074	Surgical Pathology of the Head and Neck, Haematopathology and Paediatric Pathology	10
MEDI 7072	Surgical Pathology of the Female Genital Tract	10
Credit Points		20
Total Credit Points		80

Equivalent Core Subjects

The core subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

MEDI 7032 Surgical Pathology 1, replaced by MEDI 7070 General Surgical and Central Nervous System Pathology

MEDI 7013 Cytopathology and Small Biopsy Pathology 1, replaced by MEDI 7068 Cytopathology, Small Biopsy and Cardiorespiratory Pathology

MEDI 7033 Surgical Pathology 2, replaced by MEDI 7073 Surgical Pathology of the Genito-urinary Uract, Salivary Gland and Endocrine System

MEDI 7034 Surgical Pathology 3, replaced by MEDI 7071 Surgical Pathology of Skin, Bone and Soft Tissue

MEDI 7035 Surgical Pathology 4, replaced by MEDI 7069 General Surgical Pathology and Gastrointestinal Pathology

MEDI 7014 Cytopathology and Small Biopsy Pathology 2, replaced by MEDI 7067 Cytopathology, Small Biopsy and Breast Pathology

MEDI 7036 Surgical Pathology 5, replaced by MEDI 7074 Surgical Pathology of the Head and Neck, Haematopathology and Paediatric Pathology

MEDI 7037 Surgical Pathology 6, replaced by MEDI 7072 Surgical Pathology of the Female Genital Tract