

# MASTER OF MEDICINE (ALLERGIC DISEASES) (4753)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MMed(AllergicDis)  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4753  
**AQF Level:** 9

## Master of Medicine (Allergic Diseases)

The Master of Medicine (Allergic Diseases) equips medical practitioners in clinical practice with advanced theoretical knowledge and clinical expertise in allergic diseases and core epidemiological research methods. Students will build on and integrate skills through online and face to face learning activities over a three year program. The program will enable students to competently diagnose and manage patients with allergic diseases, and critically appraise new concepts and evidence for clinical and research use. Students will gain the fundamental epidemiological and statistical concepts and skills required to design and conduct studies and pursue further research training in allergic diseases.

# Director of Academic Program - Dr Kate McBride

### Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 4755 Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-allergic-diseases/>) or on completion of 80 credit points with a 4754 Graduate Diploma in Allergic Diseases (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-allergic-diseases-exit-only/>)

### Study Mode

Three years part-time

### Program Advice

Dr Miriam Codarini ([medicine@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto: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

## Admission

Applicants must be qualified and registered medical practitioners (doctors) in current clinical practice in Australia or New Zealand. Only local applicants who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia or citizens of New Zealand will be eligible to enrol in this program.

Applicants for the Masters program will follow one of three admission pathways

1. Applicants with no prior postgraduate qualification or training in allergic diseases will enrol through the standard admission pathway.
2. Applicants with a Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases qualification from Western Sydney University will enrol through one of two pathways

- a. Students who completed the degree between 2012 and 2017 must apply for recognition of prior learning for 40 credit points (Allergic Sciences, Clinical Allergy). If approved, students will be eligible to enrol in Year 2 of the Masters program, and must successfully complete Reflective Clinical Allergy Practice before undertaking successive subjects (Nutritional Aspects of Allergic Diseases, Mental Health Aspects of Allergic Diseases) MEDI 7002 Allergic Sciences 1  
MEDI 7009 Clinical Allergy
  - b. Students who completed the degree from 2018 onwards with a minimum credit grade average must apply for recognition of prior learning for 40 credit points (Allergic Sciences 1, Allergic Sciences 2). If approved, students will be eligible to enrol in Year 2 of the Masters program.
3. Applicants with prior postgraduate qualifications or training in allergic diseases from a tertiary institution other than Western Sydney University or an accredited professional organisation (e.g. Royal Australasian College of Physicians) must apply for recognition of prior learning. If approved, students will be eligible to enrol in the Masters program at the level determined by their prior learning.

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.

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 form ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement\\_of\\_Service.PDF](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF))

### Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students must supply a certified copy of their medical degree (MBBS, MBChB or equivalent qualification) and current medical registration, and proof of proficiency in English (if medical qualification was obtained overseas) at the time of application.

In addition, students for the Graduate Diploma in Allergic Diseases (exit only) and Master of Medicine (Allergic Diseases) must be qualified and registered medical practitioners in clinical practice, and be able to access a specialist Immunology and Allergy clinic.

Note that students who attend public hospital clinics of the NSW Health Service for the clinical placement component of the MEDI7009 Clinical Allergy subject must fulfil NSW Health's compliance requirements first. For example, proof of up-to-date vaccination

status and working with children check will be required before clinic attendance is permitted.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence.

Note: The yearlong subject MEDI 7009 Clinical Allergy will consist of supervised consultation of patients with allergic disease within the setting of a specialist Immunology/Allergy clinic. Students will also need to attend the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) Annual Scientific Meeting and the annual MacArthur Series in Immunology and take part in two program-specific workshops.

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
1H session		
MEDI 7002	Allergic Sciences 1	20
Credit Points		20
2H session		
MEDI 7003	Allergic Sciences 2	20
Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases <sup>1</sup>		
Credit Points		20
Year 2		
1H session		
For new students:		
MEDI 7022	Nutritional Aspects of Allergic Diseases	10
MEDI 7009	Clinical Allergy	10
For students with existing Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases qualification:		
MEDI 7029	Reflective Clinical Allergy Practice	
Credit Points		20
2H session		
MEDI 7021	Mental Health Aspects of Allergic Diseases (for all students)	10
Select one of the following:		10
For new students:		
MEDI 7009	Clinical Allergy	
For students with existing Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases:		
MEDI 7022	Nutritional Aspects of Allergic Diseases	
Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Allergic Diseases <sup>2</sup>		
Credit Points		20
Year 3		
1H session		
PUBH 7015	Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology	10
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	10
Credit Points		20

2H session	
Choose one capstone Subject AND one alternate Subject from the lists below	20
Credit Points	20
Total Credit Points	120

Capstone Subjects		
Subject	Title	Credit Points
PUBH 6004	Applied Epidemiology Research Design	10
PUBH 7010	Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Diseases	10
PUBH 6003	Applied Clinical Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7011	Health Advancement and Health Promotion	10

Alternate Subjects		
Subject	Title	Credit Points
PUBH 7002	Analytic Approaches in Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7006	Data Management and Programming for Epidemiology	10
PUBH 6001	Epidemiology of Climate Change	10
PUBH 7010	Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Diseases	10
PUBH 7025	Statistical Methods in Epidemiology	10
PUBH 6004	Applied Epidemiology Research Design	10
PUBH 6003	Applied Clinical Epidemiology	10
HLTH 7015	Qualitative Research Methodology in Health	10
PUBH 7011	Health Advancement and Health Promotion	10

- 1 4755 Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-allergic-diseases/>)
- 2 4754 Graduate Diploma in Allergic Diseases (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-allergic-diseases-exit-only/>)

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
1H session		
MEDI 7002	Allergic Sciences 1	20
Credit Points		20
2H session		
MEDI 7003	Allergic Sciences 2	20
Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases <sup>1</sup>		
Credit Points		20
Year 2		
1H session		
For new students:		
MEDI 7022	Nutritional Aspects of Allergic Diseases	10
MEDI 7009	Clinical Allergy	10
For students with existing Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases qualification:		

MEDI 7029	Reflective Clinical Allergy Practice	
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>2H session</b>		
MEDI 7021	Mental Health Aspects of Allergic Diseases (for all students)	10
Select one of the following:		10
For new students:		
MEDI 7009	Clinical Allergy	
For students with existing Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases:		
MEDI 7022	Nutritional Aspects of Allergic Diseases	
Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Allergic Diseases <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
Select one of the following:		10
PUBH 7015	Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology	
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	
And select one of the following		10
PUBH 7011	Health Advancement and Health Promotion (Capstone subject)	
HLTH 7015	Qualitative Research Methodology in Health (Capstone subject)	
Select one alternate subject from the list below		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>2H session</b>		
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	10
And select one of the following capstone subject (if not done in 1H session)		
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	
Or choose one alternate subject from the list below		
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> 4755 Graduate Certificate in Allergic Diseases (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-allergic-diseases/>)

<sup>2</sup> 4754 Graduate Diploma in Allergic Diseases (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-allergic-diseases-exit-only/>)

## Alternate Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
PUBH 7002	Analytic Approaches in Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7006	Data Management and Programming for Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7008	Environmental Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7010	Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Diseases	10
HLTH 7015	Qualitative Research Methodology in Health	10
PUBH 7025	Statistical Methods in Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7033	The Social Determinants of Health	10