

Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics (Course Code OP43)

The Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics is designed to provide training to allow optometrists in Queensland to use a range of topical ocular pharmaceuticals for the treatment of eye disease. The course has been accredited by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand.

The design and implementation of this course was in direct response to legislative changes in Queensland to allow suitably qualified optometrists to use a range of S4 drugs to treat eye disease. The specific drugs to be available for use by optometrists are determined by the Queensland Government and can vary over time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the course must hold a four-year degree in Optometry from a recognised school of optometry, **or have equivalent standing**, and be currently registered as an optometrist in any State or Territory of Australia or New Zealand.

COURSE COORDINATOR COURSE DETAILS

Associate Professor Peter Swann

The course consists of two units:

OPP001	Ocular Therapeutics 1	(24 Credit Points)
OPP002	Ocular Therapeutics 2	(24 Credit Points)

OPP001 (to be offered in Second Semester 2006) consists of 80 hours of formal lectures and workshops, and will take place over three four-day sessions.

OPP002 (to be offered in First Semester 2007) consists of clinical training and case discussions. Enrolment in OPP002 requires successful completion of OPP001.

FEES

For 2006/2007, fees are \$140.00 per credit point. Total cost for the course is \$6720 (that is, \$3360 each semester for two semesters).

Fees are due only after acceptance into the course. No notification of amounts due is sent to students by mail. A Statement of Account is available via QUT Virtual.

DATES

The dates for the three (3) four-day sessions for OPP001 are:

04 – 07 August 2006
25 – 28 August 2006
15 – 18 September 2006

These sessions will be held at the Kelvin Grove Campus of QUT. Details for the second component on clinical training (OPP002) will be provided during OPP001.

The final examination for OPP001 will take place on 4 November 2006.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms (QUT PG Form) are available from QUT Student Centres or from the QUT Website:

<http://studentservices.qut.com/help/forms/forms.jsp>

Applications are considered on a progressive basis. **QUT's deadline for receipt of forms for this course has been extended to 30 June 2006.** However, because places in the course are limited (the quota is 40), applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

A \$50 late fee must be paid at the time of lodgement of an application if it is lodged after 30 June and prior to 17 July. No new applications will be accepted after 17 July 2006.

Applications should be forwarded to:
QUT Student Business Services
Victoria Park Road
Kelvin Grove Qld 4059

or delivered to:
Student Centre (Level 4 K Block)
Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove

Please note that

- offers will be made on the basis of receipt of applications, however **YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACE IN THE COURSE IF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR APPLICATION.**
- delays caused when additional documentation has to be requested may result in a missed opportunity to undertake the course.
- applications cannot be submitted electronically or faxed.
- QUT graduates need not provide evidence of qualifications.
- you must provide certified copies of your qualification (if not QUT or QIT) and your registration.
- if your name in your documents is different from your present name (eg female applicants who have married since graduation), you must provide evidence of your name change (eg copy of marriage certificate, deed poll).
- you must be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or New Zealand citizen.
- if you are an Australian Permanent Resident, you must provide documentary evidence of permanent resident status.
- New Zealand Permanent Residents are NOT eligible to apply.
- referees (see item 8 of PG Form) are NOT required.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

QUT School of Optometry
Phone: 07 3864 5739
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FUTURE OFFERINGS

It is anticipated that the course will be offered next in Second Semester 2007.