

Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound (361JA.2)

Please note these are the 2024 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	Blended
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Medical Radiation
UAC code	880846
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0, with no band score below 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

International students

Academic entry requirements	<p>To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.</p>
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[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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About this course

A rewarding career that combines technical skill, patient care and medical knowledge

Use ultrasound to assist in the diagnosis of a wide range of medical and health conditions with a Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound. This course will teach you the principles of ultrasound technology and give you the skills to undertake a range of examination practices including abdominal, obstetric, vascular and musculoskeletal ultrasound.

With a major shortage of trained and qualified Accredited Medical Sonographers you will be in-demand from the moment you graduate.

Note: To join the course you must source an industry based, supervised clinical ultrasound training position.

Study a Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound at UC and you will:

- be able to apply knowledge of the physical principles, instrumentation, and skills in the use of medical ultrasound equipment
- be able to integrate your understanding of anatomy, standard variants, and pathology as depicted in medical ultrasound

- apply and demonstrate knowledge of ultrasound scanning techniques, image and information acquisition and perform ultrasound examinations
- critically evaluate your sonography practice skills and undertake ultrasound examinations in a professional, safe and ethical manner
- upon completion, become a recognised Australian trained, ASAR Accredited Medical Sonographer
- be confident that you have the necessary skills and qualifications required to be accepted at almost any entry-level Medical Sonographer position anywhere in the world.

Work Integrated Learning

To gain entry to the Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound you must provide evidence that you have a clinical training placement in an appropriately supervised ultrasound department.

Your concurrent clinical work and online study will enhance your employability and ensure you have the right mix of skills, knowledge, and experience to move seamlessly into your chosen career.

This course requires the completion of 2000 hours of supervised ultrasound experience under the supervision of an Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR) Accredited Medical Sonographer. Applicants are responsible for organising their own training position.

Career opportunities

There is currently a major world shortage of experienced and qualified medical sonographers; and with an ever-increasing aging population, the deficit is expected to get worse.

There has never been a better time to consider a career as a medical Sonographer, especially one with UC qualification. Our smaller, more personal study environments offer students the chance to get a more tailored training experience resulting in a higher level of qualified graduates.

A career as a medical sonographer will allow you to work in the following areas in both Australia and overseas:

- public hospitals
- private hospitals
- private radiology practices
- Applications Specialist
- research, teaching, education and more.

Professional accreditation

The Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound is accredited by the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR).

Admission requirements

Applicants for the Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound must meet the following criteria:

- A) a completed bachelor degree in medical radiation science; or
- B) a completed bachelor degree in any field and successful completion of at least two units of degree level anatomy and physiology;
- C) provide evidence of an ultrasound training position under the supervision of an Accredited Medical Sonographer.
- D) submit a Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound Applicant Agreement Form

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/faculties/health/study/supplementary-forms>

Please note that if you have not secured a training position under the supervision of an Accredited Medical Sonographer, you can apply for the Graduate Certificate in Ultrasound Studies.

Applicants for the Graduate Certificate in Ultrasound Studies must meet one of the following criteria:

- A) a completed bachelor degree in medical radiation science; or
- B) a completed bachelor degree in any field and successful completion of at least two units of degree level anatomy and physiology;

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	✓	
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound (361JA) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

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Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation PG (10159) | 3 credit points – Level P

Introduction to Ultrasound PG (10160) | 3 credit points – Level P

Abdominal Ultrasound PG (10161) | 3 credit points – Level P

Obstetric Ultrasound PG (10162) | 3 credit points – Level P

Vascular and Postoperative Ultrasound PG (10163) | 3 credit points – Level P

Paediatric and Superficial Parts Ultrasound PG (10164) | 3 credit points – Level P

Musculoskeletal Ultrasound PG (10165) | 3 credit points – Level P

Sonographic Practice Capstone PG (10166) | 3 credit points – Level P

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Introduction to Ultrasound PG \(10160\)](#)

[Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation PG \(10159\)](#)

Semester 2

[Abdominal Ultrasound PG \(10161\)](#)

[Paediatric and Superficial Parts Ultrasound PG \(10164\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Obstetric Ultrasound PG \(10162\)](#)

[Vascular and Postoperative Ultrasound PG \(10163\)](#)

Semester 2

[Musculoskeletal Ultrasound PG \(10165\)](#)

[Sonographic Practice Capstone PG \(10166\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Introduction to Ultrasound PG \(10160\)](#)

[Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation PG \(10159\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Abdominal Ultrasound PG \(10161\)](#)

[Paediatric and Superficial Parts Ultrasound PG \(10164\)](#)

Semester 2

[Musculoskeletal Ultrasound PG \(10165\)](#)

[Vascular and Postoperative Ultrasound PG \(10163\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Obstetric Ultrasound PG \(10162\)](#)

[Sonographic Practice Capstone PG \(10166\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years part time. Maximum 4 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion. This course is only available for part-time enrolment.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
3. Apply and demonstrate knowledge in ultrasound scanning techniques, image and information acquisition in medical ultrasound examinations;	UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills. UC graduates are lifelong learners:

	<p>Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and</p> <p>Evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
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5. Critically evaluate their own sonography practice skills and undertake ultrasound examinations in a professional, safe and ethical manner.

UC graduates are professional:

Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;

Communicate effectively;

Use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;

Work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict;

Display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and

Take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

UC graduates are global citizens:

Think globally about issues in their profession;

Adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries;

Understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures;

Communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;

Make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; an

Behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.

UC graduates are lifelong learners:

	<p>Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; and</p> <p>Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
<p>Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound course will be able to:</p> <p>1. Apply and synthesise knowledge of the physical principles and instrumentation and skills in the use in medical ultrasound equipment;</p>	<p>UC Graduates are professional:</p> <p>Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.</p> <p>UC Graduates are lifelong learners:</p> <p>Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and</p> <p>Evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
<p>2. Integrate knowledge of embryology, anatomy, normal variants and pathology that is depicted in medical ultrasound;</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional:</p> <p>Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.</p>
<p>4. Practice as a beginning level sonographer in medical ultrasound examinations; and</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional:</p> <p>Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills;</p> <p>Communicate effectively;</p> <p>Use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; and</p> <p>Work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens:</p> <p>Adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners:</p>

	<p>Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development;</p> <p>Be self-aware; and</p> <p>Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound	GradDip MedUltrasound

Alternative exits

Students may exit this course with a Graduate Certificate in Ultrasound Studies on successful completion of the following units:

Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation PG (10159)
 Introduction to Ultrasound PG (10160)
 Abdominal Ultrasound PG (10161)
 Paediatric and Superficial Parts Ultrasound PG (10164)

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	Email: Health.Student@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.