The Faculty of Health Sciences at Flinders University is delighted to advise that the first intake of students for the new Masters of Physiotherapy will begin in February 2012. The introduction of a Masters of Physiotherapy expands on the strong education and research program in health that Flinders University has established in South Australia and across Australia. The new course complements and further develops the Flinders University’s significant presence in allied health.

The Master of Physiotherapy aims to prepare students for professional practice as physiotherapists across a range of settings, including rural and remote areas. The course will prepare students to become contemporary, client-centred health professionals able to work effectively within interdisciplinary teams.

Learning outcomes

Graduates of the Flinders Master of Physiotherapy will be able to:

• Identify and apply key theoretical and practice approaches within physiotherapy.
• Integrate physiotherapy knowledge and skills to manage disorders across the lifespan in a wide variety of settings with both individuals and populations including rural and remote health.
• Collaborate and communicate with clients to meet their health needs in a culturally sensitive manner.
• Select physiotherapy interventions relevant to the needs of clients using reflective and evidence-based practice.
• Apply physiotherapy skills in the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of clients and in health promotion and disease prevention.
• Collaborate and communicate effectively with other health professions in providing high quality health care.
• Reflect on their practice and plan their ongoing professional development as life-long learners.

Study program

The Master of Physiotherapy is a two-year course which builds on the three-year Bachelor of Health Sciences offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences at Flinders University. Students can enter the physiotherapy stream within the Bachelor of Health Sciences that leads to the Master of Physiotherapy or apply with another degree that meets the prerequisites in clinical and social sciences.

The program will be mainly based at the new state-of-the-art Flinders University Building located at the Repatriation General Hospital. The location in a hospital setting will allow student learning experiences to take place in clinical and academic environments. Students will have access to facilities at Flinders Bedford Park campus including anatomy labs, library and Flinders Rural Clinical School facilities.

Our intention is to focus our student clinical placements in the southern region of Adelaide as well as country regions of South Australia supporting the University strategic plan for close partnerships and development in these areas. To this end, we will offer an annual sub-quota for applications from rural and remote areas who wish to practice in rural and remote regions across Australia.

A formal launch of the Physiotherapy Program will be held on Flinders University’s Bedford Park University campus during October 2011.

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