



## Master of Clinical Education (by Research)

### Information for new students

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The Master of Clinical Education (by Research) is part of the suite of postgraduate clinical education courses offered in the [Prideaux Discipline of Clinical Education](#), College of Medicine and Public Health at Flinders University.

It is a recognised Higher Degree by Research at Flinders University and aims to enable health professionals to make a significant contribution to research and scholarship in health and clinical education. On completion, the MCE/R provides a pathway into a PhD.

More information about the MCE/R is available at:

<https://handbook.flinders.edu.au/courses/2023/MCER?year=2023>

### Closing date for applications (to the University)

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- 31 Dec of the preceding year for semester 1 enrolment
- 30 April for a semester 2 enrolment.

Prospective applicants are advised to allow 2- 3 months (before the University closing dates) for research proposal development and review.

### Program of study

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#### **Coursework component (4 coursework topics; semester-based enrolment):**

[HLED9101](#) Foundations of Learning and Teaching in Health and Clinical Education, &

[HLED9108](#) Research Skills in Clinical Education - Evidence Synthesis

[HLED9113A](#) Research Project in Clinical Education 1

[HLED9113B](#) Research Project in Clinical Education 2

AND

#### **Thesis component (24 months part time or 12 months fulltime)**

[HLED9114](#): Clinical Education Thesis.

## MCE/R application process

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**STEP 1:** Contact the course coordinator Dr Gillian Kette (contact details overleaf) to discuss your plans and research ideas.

**STEP 2:** Develop a brief research proposal. The course coordinator will provide guidance on proposal development and provide feedback on your draft proposal. This process of developing and refining your proposal can take between 2 to 3 months, so please commence the process well in advance.

Your research proposal (2-3 pages) should contain the following information:

### Title page

- Student name and brief biography including current role and any previous research experience
- Research project title
- If you are interested in using the MCE/R as a pathway into a PhD, please indicate this
- Names of proposed supervisors (if known)

### Introduction

- What is the educational problem/issue that you plan to research? What is known about it and what is not known? What is the gap in knowledge that your project aims to address?
- Why do this research project? For example, who is likely to benefit from the research? How does your research align with your current or future role or any personal, professional, or organisational priorities or needs in education?
- Theoretical framework (optional)
- Research aims and research question/s

### Methods

- Research design (quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods)
- Setting/context for the study
- Participants (sampling and recruitment)
- Data collection methods
- Data analysis methods

### Reference list

- Use any referencing style but be consistent.
- Referencing styles can be found [here](#).

As you develop your research proposal, please consider the following:

- how does your research align with your current or future role or workplace priorities or needs? Discuss your research proposal with your manager or employer and get their support.
- is there a colleague from your organisation who can provide local supervision or mentorship? This is a key ingredient for success.
- are you going to undertake the thesis as a full or part time student? A full-time thesis equates to 40 hours of study a week and a part-time thesis equates to approximately 20 hours of study per week. If you are working more than 30 hours a week, you will need to study part-time. The Office of Graduate Research may require a letter from your employer stating their support.

**STEP 3:** Submit final research proposal for review. Your proposal will be sent to prospective supervisors for review. Aspects being reviewed include:

- Educational significance, scientific quality, and feasibility of the proposed research project
- Alignment with Prideaux areas of research, and supervisory interests and expertise
- Supervisor availability

A recommendation will be made as to whether you:

- a) Are to be accepted into the MCE/R program. A primary supervisor will be recommended. You will need to liaise with them to finalise your research proposal

and get their sign-off prior to submitting a formal Higher Degree by Research application directly to the university, Please refer to the [How to Apply](#) webpage for additional information and the steps involved in applying.

- b) Are not to be accepted into the MCE/R. Feedback will be given about whether you need to undertake preparatory work before you can be considered for the MCE/R.

## **Contacts**

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