



Postgraduate study by distance education

RESPIRATORY SCIENCE

ASTHMA & RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT

CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

Background

The Faculty of Science at Charles Sturt University (CSU) offers a range of degree and postgraduate courses by external study in the area of biomedical and clinical sciences. The School of Biomedical Sciences developed respiratory science and asthma management as specialty areas in 1995. These courses were developed in collaboration with the Australian and New Zealand Society of Respiratory Sciences (ANZSRS) and the Asthma Educators' Association (NSW) to provide the first professional qualifications in these disciplines at the postgraduate level in Australasia. In 2008, the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Neurophysiology, developed in cooperation with the Association of Neurophysiology Technologists of Australia (ANTA) was first offered.

The Graduate Certificate courses, involving one year of part-time study by the distance education mode, are the standard entry point. Successful students may then be eligible to continue on to a coursework Master of Health Science, with credit for the postgraduate certificate subjects. This will involve a further year of part-time coursework by distance education mode plus a further year to carry out a major research project conducted at an approved workplace. Students may elect to exit prior to the research project and qualify for a Graduate Diploma in Health Science.

In the undergraduate Bachelor of Medical Science program, the Clinical Physiology strand includes the respiratory, cardiovascular and neurophysiology subjects that form the graduate certificates.

Study Mode and Entry Requirements

Charles Sturt University is a recognised leader in distance education at the tertiary level. The Graduate Certificate courses are only offered by this mode.

To qualify for candidature into these postgraduate programs, an applicant would be expected to hold a minimum of (i) a bachelor degree in a relevant discipline *or* (ii) a relevant diploma or associate diploma along with substantial professional experience. Students entering the postgraduate program will be enrolled in the Graduate Certificate course and will need to apply to enter the Masters program subject to successful completion of the Graduate Certificate. Postgraduate applicants should apply directly via the CSU Admissions Office (as detailed below).

Note also that undergraduate applicants for full-time on-campus study should apply via the University Admissions Centre (UAC) whereas distance education undergraduate applicants should apply directly via the CSU Admissions Office.

Course Details

Specific details of the course structures and subject descriptions can be found online at <http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/science/courses.htm>

Postgraduate Fees

For citizens of Australia and New Zealand, a general fee is charged for each subject (currently \$1256 per standard 8 point subject) to cover tuition, resource material, internet access and statutory charges such as government, student and library fees. Students located elsewhere overseas may incur additional fees, such as examination centre charges. However, because these are fee-paying courses, there is no liability for the Federal Government's Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS). Furthermore, self-education expenses may be tax deductible.

Residential schools and laboratory work

For the respiratory science and asthma & respiratory management courses, in the first session there is a compulsory residential school, a 4-day on-campus period to provide the opportunity to carry out practical-based components of subjects, such as laboratory exercises, as well as tutorials. These schools also provide the opportunity for students to meet with their peers and the staff to establish dialogue on a more individual basis.

There will be laboratory-based assignments associated with the subjects in the second half of the year and these are designed to be completed at the place of work (or where facilities and/or equipment are limited, at a nearby clinical facility arranged in conjunction with CSU).

Applications and further information

Application Forms:

Admissions Office
Charles Sturt University
Locked Bag 676
WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2678
Ph: (02) 6933 2121 or 1800 334 733
Fax (02) 6933 2063
Email: admissions@csu.edu.au
Web: <http://www.csu.edu.au/forms/admin.pdf>

Further information:

School of Biomedical Sciences
Charles Sturt University
Locked Bag 588
WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2678
Ph: (02) 6933 2958
Fax: (02) 6933 2587
Email: bmswagga@csu.edu.au
Web: <http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/science/biomed/>

Intakes and Application Deadlines:

For the *Grad Cert Clinical Neurophysiology* and for the *Grad Cert Asthma & Respiratory Management* courses there are Autumn and July intakes whereas for the *Grad Cert Respiratory Science* course there is only an Autumn intake.

Applications for distance education courses are assessed on a continuous basis and offered to the next available intake. Applicants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this by lodging their application as early as possible, noting the closing dates shown below. Places are offered to eligible applicants on a first-received basis and if the course offering is subject to a quota, applications received after the closing date will only be considered where places remain available.

Autumn Session (February - June)

On-time closing date 30 September

Late (and final) closing date 10 December

Spring Session (July-November)

On-time closing date 1 May

Late (and final) closing date 10 June