

Certification in Maternal Fetal Medicine (CMFM)

Scholarly Elective: Non-Research Stream Core Framework and Approval for Trainees



A *Prospective Approval of Scholarly Elective Proposal and Timeline* must be submitted and approved by the CMFM Committee Research Advisors/Chair. This will be based on the merit of each application and be within the current research project guidelines.

CMFM trainees who chose to submit a Scholarly Elective: Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline form, are required to provide a statement discussing in detail how the chosen course will *progressively build* on the CMFM training and benefit their future career.

[Core Course Framework and Requirements](#)

The Non-Research Stream course framework must follow the requirements and guidelines as follows:

- Minimum requirements of:
 - Australia Framework Qualification (AQF) Diploma Level 5
 - New Zealand Framework Qualification (NZQF) Diploma Level 5
- The course must progressively build on any previous RANZCOG training and have future vocational relevance and must submit a statement about how their chosen course will build on their CMFM training and benefit their future career
- The course *cannot be merely a repetition of a part* of the current CMFM curriculum. Information on the CMFM Curriculum can be found here: [CMFM Training Program Handbook](#)
- The course must provide *complementary skill or educational development* to the CMFM Training Program noting that the course is to:
 - Prepare practitioners for their future careers; and/or
 - Broaden their education and educational opportunities.
- Limited to one course only (not a combination of several courses)
- The course submitted must be recognised at a Tertiary Institute or Professional College within Australia or New Zealand
- All *Prospective Approval of Scholarly Elective Proposal and Timeline* and /or *Special Consideration Applications* must be approved by the CMFM Chair or nominated Research Stream / Non-Research Stream Committee Advisor
- All trainees need to have an approved Mentor who is appropriately qualified
- Trainees may take time off to complete the course; however, the Accreditation timetable may be impacted
- Trainees may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for previous courses completed subject to CMFM Committee approval.

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[Proposal and Timeline Application Form Approval](#)

Scholarly Elective Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline form must be submitted within 46 weeks of commencing the CMFM Training Program, by the CMFM Chair or the nominated Research Advisor.

If the Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline application form is submitted and does not meet the framework requirements, feedback to the trainee will be provided.

[Submission of Completed Course](#)

All trainees who have elected the Non-Research Stream, must complete their course within three (3) years of completing the clinical component of training.

Trainees are required to submit progress reports at six-month intervals until successful completion of the course.

To satisfactorily complete the Non-Research Stream training requirement, all trainees must submit a Certificate of completion of the prospectively approved course. Evidence of completion will be approved by the CMFM Committee. In all cases, the assessment of satisfactory completion rests with the CMFM Committee.

All assessment related components of the Non-Research Stream will be independent of RANZCOG and will rest solely with the institution with whom the training is conducted.

[Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\)](#)

Where a course equivalent to that required in the Non-Research Stream has been completed within six (6) years prior to Subspecialty training it may be approved as meeting the requirement for satisfactory completion of the Non-Research Stream of the scholarly elective.

To be considered for RPL the trainee must meet the following criteria:

- The course must have future vocational relevance to the MFM Subspecialty
- The course must be complementary and not supplementary to the current CMFM Training Program curriculum.
- Limited to one course of study (not a combination of several courses)
- The course of study submitted must be recognised at a Tertiary Institute or Professional College.

Assessments for all RPL in the Non-Research Stream will need to be sanctioned by the CMFM Subspecialty Committee.

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Core Course Additional Features

Structured assessment tools that may be part of the course.	Exams	
	Workplace assessment	
	Ongoing progress reports	
	Submission of thesis and/ or assignments	
	Other	
Subjects There is no limit on topics – subject to CMFM approval noting that the topic must build progressively on previous studies/ training and must have future vocational relevance	Anthropology	Management
	Business Administration	Medical Administration
	Clinical chemistry	Microbiology / infectious disease
	Commerce / health economics	Pathology
	Education	Pharmacology
	Epidemiology	Philosophy
	Ethics	Politics
	Genetics (Advanced knowledge)	Psychological Medicine
	Grief or Bereavement Counselling	Public Health
	Information technology / systems engineering	Sociology
	Law	Other

Non-Research Stream Ideas

Title of Qualification and Course Name	Duration of Course
Māori Health Postgraduate Diploma in health Sciences	Part-time over 3years
Graduate Certificate in Clinical Education	6 months full-time, up to 2 years part-time. Aiming to complete in 1.5 years
Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Genomics and Precision Medicine	3 years part time / 1 year full time
Graduate Certificate of Health Professional Education	1 year part-time
Diploma in Psychology (Level 5) NZ	2 years
Master of Bioethics	3 years