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Course outline:

Certificate of Melanography Essentials
(Online)

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1. Course information

1.1 Course aims

The aim of Melanography Essentials course is provide the participant to with the relevant knowledge and skills in skin assessment and imaging which are required for competent and safe Melanography practice.

After successful completion of this course, you will be issued with a Certificate of Melanography Essentials.

Please be sure to read all the information below so that you understand the requirements of the course.

1.2 Learning objectives (LOs)

At the successful completion of this course you should be able to:

- LO1: Apply knowledge of skin anatomy, physiology and histopathology to Melanography practice
- LO2: Describe skin cancer pathology and relate this to visible lesion features
- LO3: Explain the effects of ultraviolet radiation on the skin
- LO4: Provide education to patients about skin cancer and its prevention
- LO5: Conduct a thorough visual skin cancer assessment of a patient
- LO6: Recognize skin lesions using clinical and dermoscopic criteria
- LO7: Accurately identify skin lesions that require photographic imaging for diagnosis and or surveillance
- LO8: Demonstrate competent skin photography skills
- LO9: Carry out total body and individual lesion photography in accordance with a quality standard.
- LO10: Identify key elements for a melanographer to run a clinic efficiently and safely.
- LO11: Outline legal consideration pertinent to Melanography practice

2. Course structure and content

This Course consists of a total of approximately 70 hours of participant effort. This is broken down into

- 36.5 hours of online/self-directed learning which includes eight, 15 minutes end of Module knowledge quiz.
- 22 hours of theory assessment preparation and theory assessments

Plus:

two online Clinical tutorials via webinar

- 2 x 2 hours of online via webinar plus 2 x 2 hours of preparation (recorded presentation viewing and pre set reading)

The table below provides an overview of estimated participant effort hours allocated to each Module

Module	Activities	Assessment (f=formative, s=summative)	Participant effort	Learning outcome
1. Skin: Anatomy Physiology and Pathology	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f)	4 hours	LO1, LO2
2. Ultraviolet radiation: Sun health and skin cancer risk.	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f) • Online Sun health information investigation (f)	3 hours 2 hours	LO3 LO4
3. Skin Lesion Recognition	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f) • Naevi categorisation worksheet (f)	6.5 hours 3 hours	LO2 LO6
4. Assessment of Lesions for Melanography Imaging	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f)	7 hours	LO2 L5 LO6 LO7

Module	Activities	Assessment (f=formative, s=summative)	Participant effort	Learning outcome
		- Dermoscopy Multiple Choice quiz (s) - Theory content: Multiple choice Paper 1 (s)	2 hours + 1hour prep 1 hour + 1 hour prep	
CLINICAL TUTORIAL 1 (Webinar)	Preparation: pre- recorded presentations viewed before tutorial at participants own pace. Activities and discussion: - The skin assessment sequence - Lesion assessment - Melanocytic lesion dermoscopy - Imaging principles	Attendance and participation in activities required (f).	Preparation 2 hours 2 Hours attendance	LO4, LO5, LO6, LO7
5. Imaging Techniques	Online module Reading	Module Knowledge Quiz (f)	5 hours	LO8 LO9
CLINICAL TUTORIAL 2 (Webinar)	Preparation: pre- recorded presentations viewed before tutorial at participants own pace. Activities and discussion:	Attendance and participation in activities required (f).	Preparation 2 hours 2 Hours attendance	LO3, LO4, LO6, LO7

Module	Activities	Assessment (f=formative, s=summative)	Participant effort	Learning outcome
	- Sun health education - Imaging Technologies - Non pigmented lesion dermoscopy - Privacy and data handling			
6. Melanography Procedures	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f)	5 hours	LO1 LO4 LO6 LO7 LO8 LO9
Practical Case Studies Marked Assignment	Completion of x 3 case studies.	Case study template provided (s)	4 hours	LO2, LO3, LO5, LO6, LO7, LO8, LO10, LO11
7. Clinic Safety Security and Ergonomics	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f) • Theory content: Multiple choice Paper 2 (s)	3 hours 2 hours + 1 hour prep	LO10
8. Medicare and Legal Consideration	Online module Reading	• Module Knowledge Quiz (f) • Research report (s)	3 hours 3 hours + 2 hours prep	LO10, LO11

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment tasks

There are a range of formative and summative assessments in this course. Each Module has an end of section knowledge quiz that participants complete. While these do not form part of the overall mark, they will assist in the ongoing learning progress and preparation for other assessments.

To successfully complete the course, participants must complete the assessments outlined below. Each assessment task, and any associated information, is available on the ePortal.

	Assessment task Summative assessment=(s) Formative assessment=(f)	Length	Weight (%)	Due date	Learning outcome
Online Content Assessments					
1	Assessment 1 Module 2 Assignment: Sun health information investigation (f)	2 hours: Online investigation of literature and websites	10	By the end of Module 2.	L01, L02 L03, L04
2	Assessment 2 Module 3 Assignment: Naevi Categorization Activity (f)	3 hours: Investigate lesion characteristics and complete table	10	By the end of Module 3	L06 L07
3	Assessment 3 Multiple Choice Paper 1 (s)	1.5 hours plus 2 hrs preparation: 20 multiple choice questions	10	By the end of Module 4	L01, L02, L03, L06, L07
	Assessment 4 Practical: x 3 case studies (s).	3 hours plus 1 hr preparation Completion of Case study template for 3 cases:	15	By the end of Module 5	L02, L03, L05, L06, L07, L08, L010, L011
4	Assessment 4 Dermoscopy Quiz (s)	2 hours plus 1 hr preparation: 18 multiple choice questions	15	By the end of Module 4	L06 L07
5	Assessment 5 Multiple choice Paper 2 (s)	3 hours plus 2 hrs preparation: 50 multiple choice questions	15	Before completion of Module 8	All
6	Assessment 6 Final Assignment: Literature research assignment (s)	1500 words	15	Before Completion of Module 8	All

3.2 Academic integrity, referencing and plagiarism

Be sure to provide a list of references whenever you draw on someone else's words, ideas or research to inform your own work. Not referencing other people's work can constitute plagiarism.

Please read the '[ACD Academic Misconduct policy](#).' This policy is available on the ACD Website.

4. Readings and resources

Reading and Resources for examinable material will be provided within the course content. Some extended readings and resources need to be independently sourced.

5. Administrative matters

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For further information or questions about the course, please contact enquiries@dermatologyaustralia.com.au.

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