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# Dermatology Australasia and Australasian College of Dermatologists

**Course outline:**

Certificate of Melanography Essentials

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# 1. Course information

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## 1.1 Course aims

This course aims to equip learners with the relevant knowledge and skills in skin assessment and imaging for competent and safe melanography practice.

After successful completion of this course, you will be issued with a Certificate of Melanography Essentials. Completion includes the online modules and attendance at the workshops.

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, students 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 73 hours of student effort. Course access is 16 weeks.

This is broken down into:

- 30 hours of online/self-directed learning which includes a 15 minute end of unit topic quiz.
- 18 hours of assessments, readings, exam preparation

### Compulsory Clinical Competence Workshops

- 7 face-to-face contact hours, including individual tutorial at workshops if required.
- 9 hours of online tutorials and assessments presented over two 4.5-hour webinars.

Week	Module	Activities	Assessments	Study hours	Learning outcomes
1	Module 1: Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system	Online module Reading	Topic quiz	5 hrs	LO1, LO2
2	Module 2: Ultraviolet radiation	Online module Reading	Topic Quiz AT 1: Sun health investigation	5 hrs	LO3, LO4
4	Module 3: Lesion Recognition	Online module Reading Additional video	Topic Quiz AT2: Naevi categorisation activity	6 hrs	LO2, LO6
6	Module 4: Clinical assessment of lesions and dermoscopy	Online module Reading	Topic Quiz AT3: Dermoscopy Quiz	8 hrs	LO2, LO5, LO6, LO7
	AT 4: Multiple Choice Paper 1			2 hrs	ALL
7	Module 5: Melanography imaging procedures	Online module Reading	Topic Quiz	8 hrs	LO8, LO9
8	Module 6: Procedural guidelines for melanography practice	Online module Reading	Topic Quiz	8 hrs	LO1, LO4, LO6, LO7, LO8, LO9
9	Module 7: Safety, security and ergonomics in the clinic	Online module Reading	Topic Quiz	2 hrs	LO10
	AT 5: Multiple Choice Paper 2			5 hrs	ALL
10	Module 8: Legal aspects of melanography	Online module Reading	Topic Quiz	2 hrs	LO10, LO11
11&12	AT 6: Final assessment	Complete assessment	Research Report	8 hrs	ALL
As indicated	3 workshops	Attend all	See workshop section	16 hours	ALL

## 3. Assessment

### 3.1 Assessment tasks

Assessment task	Length	Suggested Submission period	Learning outcome
<b>Online Content</b>			
<b>Assessment 1:</b> Sun health information investigation (f)	2 hours: Online investigation of literature and websites	By the end of Module 2.	Satisfactory-Pass/ Unsatisfactory-Fail
<b>Assessment 2:</b> Naevi Categorization Activity (f)	3 hours: Investigate lesion characteristics and complete table	By the end of Module 3	Satisfactory-Pass/ Unsatisfactory-Fail
<b>Assessment 3:</b> Multiple Choice Paper 1 (s)	1.5 hours plus 2 hrs preparation: 20 multiple choice questions	By the end of Module 4	85%
<b>Assessment 4:</b> Dermoscopy Quiz (s)	2 hours plus 1 hr preparation: 18 multiple choice questions	By the end of Module 4	85%
<b>Assessment 5:</b> Multiple choice Paper 2 (s)	3 hours plus 2 hrs preparation: 50 multiple choice questions	Before completion of Module 8	85%
<b>Assessment 6:</b> Research assignment (s)	1500 words	After Completion of Module 8. Week 10	Satisfactory-Pass/ Unsatisfactory-Fail
<b>Clinical Competence Workshops</b>			
Practical Camera Skills: TBP (s)	30 minutes	During Workshops	Satisfactory achievement/ requires further development
Practical Dermoscope and Camera Skills: Lesion selection and Imaging (s)	30 minutes	During Workshops	Satisfactory achievement/ requires further development
Sun health and skin cancer risk case study presentation	1 hour	During Workshops	Participation required

Assessment task	Length	Suggested Submission period	Learning outcome
Melanography practice clinical assessment (s)	1 hour	During Workshops	Satisfactory achievement/ requires further development

### 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

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If appropriate, additional readings/resources will be provided.

## 5. Administrative matters

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For further information or questions about the course, please contact [enquiries@dermatologyaustralasia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@dermatologyaustralasia.com.au).

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