



The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

Raising Standards, Protecting Patients

Diploma of Cosmetic Medicine

The Diploma of Cosmetic Medicine is an educational initiative of the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery designed for doctors working to enhance their skills specifically in cosmetic medicine.

The aim of this course is to develop and refine awareness of the particular requirements of cosmetic medicine. The course should enable a doctor to practice in the area of cosmetic medicine with more understanding and appreciation of the requirements.

It should also give doctors the requisite knowledge and understanding to counsel potential patients and impart a proper understanding of procedures and realistic expectations of outcomes.

Candidates must have completed a minimum of five years post graduate College accredited medical experience and are required to be medically competent prior to entry to the training program.

Course Requirements

This program comprises the following;

- Compulsory workshops
- Attendance at accredited conferences and meetings
- Ongoing mentorship
- Private study
- Completion of set exercises
- Maintenance of Log Books of practice activity
- Participation in an approved body of research

The course requirements can be achieved over two years. Any extension of time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances as approved by the ACCS Council.

Attendance

Each participant must accumulate 50 points of attendance at the rate of one point per hour. Attendance points will apply only to scheduled workshops as detailed by ACCS or other conferences by approval of ACCS. Validation of effective participation in these meetings will be required.

Course work

Throughout the course exercises or assignments will be set requiring completion in a specified time frame. Successful completion of six such exercises will be required to complete this element.

Conferences

Accredited conferences for this course are as follows;

- Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery Annual meeting
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Annual Meeting
- International Master Course on Ageing Skin Annual Meeting
- International Society of Laser Cosmetic Surgery Annual Meeting
- Others by application and approval

Attendance at one of these meetings each year of the Diploma course is compulsory.

Log Books

Log books must be kept of all procedures showing;

- Date of procedure
- Nature of procedure
- Place of procedure
- As Primary physician/ assistant/observer
- Complications
- Outcome

Research / Presentation

One piece of research as approved by the College. The research must be substantially the work of the candidate although the ultimate work may be a collaboration.

Examination

Candidates who successfully complete all other elements will be invited to sit the final examination. The examination will consist of a Written MCQ type examination, practical examination and a viva voce examination.

Successful completion of all elements will result in the awarding of the Diploma of Cosmetic Medicine. Maintenance of the Diploma will require adherence to and completion of the College CME and Recertification Programme and observance of College Constitution and By-Laws as amended from time to time.

Award of the Diploma does not signify membership of the College although such membership may be available under current criteria.

This diploma does not determine expertise as a clinician or counsellor but recognizes the satisfactory completion of the designated curriculum.

CME

The ACCS Diploma of Cosmetic Medicine requires adherence to a CME program to maintain this qualification.

A total of 100 CME points are to be accumulated over a three year period.

Allowable elements;

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| • Attendance at approved workshops and seminars, | 10 points per day
5 points per evening
or half day |
| • Attendance at annual ACCS meeting | 30 points |
| • Presentation of workshop or paper at an approved meeting | 20 points |
| • Acceptance of article in approved peer reviewed journal | 20 points |
| • Participation in an approved body of research | 10 points |
| • Maintenance of clinic log book | 10 points |

Yearly maintenance of Affiliate membership of the College is \$690. This includes subscription to the Australian Journal of Cosmetic Surgery and recertification and CME administration fees.

Included Benefits of the Diploma of Cosmetic Medicine

Tangible financial benefits include;

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| • Affiliate status of the ACCS over the two year program | \$1380 |
| • Two year subscription to the Australian Journal of Cosmetic Surgery | \$580 |
| • Complimentary registration fees to the annual ACCS meetings over two years | \$2800 |
| • Registration fees for approved workshops and seminars over two years | \$8000 |

Intangible benefits include;

- Professional pride and sense of accomplishment of successfully completing a rigorous course of study
- Self esteem and confidence in practice

Priceless!