Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU)?
The ASUM Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU) is an internationally accepted professional qualification certifying those specialist clinicians performing diagnostic ultrasound services. The DDU is a self-paced course, whereby candidates prepare for a range of assessments in their own time using a variety of learning materials.

Who can apply to do the DDU?
The DDU is available to suitably qualified candidates who need to be/become members of ASUM. Enrolment into the DDU is based on applications meeting the DDU requirements as stated in the DDU Regulations. The DDU Board of Examiners assesses applications for eligibility.

When can I apply to do the DDU?
Applications for enrolment into the DDU are accepted all year round.

How do I enrol in the DDU program?
Enrolment forms are available under course documents on the ASUM DDU webpage asum.com.au/ddu. Complete and submit both the DDU Enrolment and ASUM Membership Application forms, include certified copies signed by a JP of all documents requested on the enrolment form.

What are the DDU Specialties?
The Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU) can be awarded in the following specialties:
- General Ultrasound (Radiology, Surgery, Nuclear Medicine and Paediatric Medicine)
- Cardiology
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G)
- Vascular Studies Critical Care (Intensive Care and Anaesthesia)
- Emergency Medicine
- Critical Care

Do I have to pay ASUM membership fees?
Yes, you must be a current financial ASUM member to be enrolled in the DDU. Membership fees are due by 30 June each year.

How long will it take me to complete the DDU?
The DDU can be completed within 2 years.

How much does the DDU Program cost?
Please refer to the course fees on our website: asum.com.au/education/fees

How do I defer?
Complete and submit the deferral form found on the ASUM DDU website asum.com.au/ddu prior to the closing date.
I cannot logon to myASUM.com.au
The membership year is valid from 1 July to 30 June. Have you updated your membership recently? If you are unsure, please contact the ASUM office.

Where can I access the DDU Syllabi?
The DDU Syllabi are available on the DDU ASUM Website and myASUM.

MODULE 1

What is the Module 1 Assessment?
Module 1 there is an online assessment comprising of 120 multiple choice questions over two (2) hours on the following topics:
- Physical principles of ultrasound and instrumentation (70% of available marks)
- Principles of image/data collection and optimisation (15% of available marks)
- Professional, ethical and legal Issues (15% of available marks)

When is the Module 1 Assessment?
The Module 1 Online Assessment is offered biannually in May and November. Please refer to the DDU Academic Calender asum.com.au/ddu for assessment registration closing dates.

How do I prepare for Module 1 Assessment?
You will study Module 1 using a wide range of learning materials, working in your own time and at your own pace. To prepare for the Module 1 Assessment you:
- Must refer to the DDU Module 1 Syllabus.
- Can use the Module 1 online tutorials available on myASUM.com.au.
- Attend the DDU technical seminar held in March/April each year.

How do I sit the Module 1 Assessment?
In order to sit the online assessment you must;
1. Have access to a reliable computer and high speed (i.e. broadband) internet connection,
2. Ensure that you are able to login and are familiar with myASUM.com.au,
3. Arrange an assessment supervisor – a registered professional (e.g. Doctor, Nurse, Lawyer etc.) to supervise you undertaking this assessment.

You will receive detailed information on how the assessment is conducted and how to access the assessment once you have registered for the DDU Module 1.

How many times can I sit the Module 1 Assessment?
You may attempt the Module 1 Assessments a maximum of 3 times.

MODULE 2

What are the Module 2 Requirements?
You must have access to a high quality clinical ultrasound practice relevant to your chosen DDU for a period of not less than two (2) years. As a guide, you will be expected to be actively involved in clinical ultrasound practice for a minimum of 500 hours in total over two (2) years.
The Module 2 Assessments are:

1. Two (2) formative Case Studies (to be submitted at least 6 months post enrolment)
2. Two (2) formative Supervisor Assessments of Clinical Competence (to be submitted at least 6 months post enrolment)
3. Three (3) summative Case Studies (to be submitted at least 12 months post enrolment)
4. Three (3) summative Supervisor Assessments of Clinical Competence (to be submitted at least 12 months post enrolment)
5. A Logbook with specified numbers and types of scans to be completed
6. The completion of two (2) years Diagnostic Ultrasound experience

**Does ASUM find clinical placements and supervisors for candidates?**

ASUM does not find clinical placements or supervisors for candidates.

**Who can be my supervisor?**

For the DDU Supervisor requirements please refer to the DDU Supervisor Guidelines available on the ASUM DDU webpage asum.com.au/ddu and myASUM.com.au.

**If I change my supervisor during the year do I need to advise ASUM?**

Yes, your new supervisor is required to complete a “Nomination of Supervisor” form available on the ASUM DDU webpage asum.com.au/ddu and myASUM.com.au.

**How do I submit my Logbook?**

Your logbook must be completed using the appropriate DDU Logbook Pro-forma. You must post a hard copy to the ASUM Office. Your logbook needs to be submitted with a “Verification of Clinical Experience Form” available on myASUM.com.au.

**Where do I find the DDU Logbook Pro-forma?**

Please log in to myASUM.com.au and follow the links:
Educational Programs >Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound >Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound >Course Assessment >Logbook

**How do I find the DDU Case Study Guidelines?**

Please log in to myASUM.com.au and follow the links:
Educational Programs >Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound >Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound >Course Assessment >Case Studies

**What is the difference between formative and summative case studies?**

Please refer to the DDU Case Study Guidelines.

**How do I withdraw from the program?**

Send an email to DDU@asum.com.au. If you withdraw 12 weeks prior to the assessment you receive a 70% refund of the assessment fee paid. If you withdraw 6 weeks prior to the assessment you will receive a 40% refund of the assessment fee paid. No refunds are given for DDU enrolments or Membership dues.

**When and how do I get my results?**
Results will be released on the dates as per Academic Calendar found on the ASUM DDU webpage asum.com.au/ddu and myASUM.com.au. Results are sent via email and a hard copy is posted to you.

MODULE 3

What are the Module 3 Assessments?
You will be required to pass two (2) summative assessments:
1. A Written Assessment (Short-Answer Questions)
2. An Oral Assessment (Viva Voce)

RECERTIFICATION

Does the DDU have a CPD Requirement?
Yes, maintaining an active DDU requires DDU holders to maintain active ASUM membership and demonstrate 75 credit points per three (3) years via MOSIPP or their college or equivalent CPD scheme.

Please refer to the DDU MOSIPP Handbook available on the ASUM Website: asum.com.au/cpd/mosipp

How do I recertify?
Please complete the “DDU Recertification Form” available on the ASUM MOSIPP webpage asum.com.au/cpd/mosipp and submit to ASUM with evidence of your ultrasound related CPD.