Diploma of Medical Ultrasonography (DMU)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Membership year: 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

What is the Diploma of Medical Ultrasonography (DMU)?
The DMU is an internationally recognised professional qualification which is awarded by the ASUM Council. The DMU is a popular, self-directed learning pathway for a career in Sonography.

How does the Diploma of Medical Ultrasonography (DMU) Program structured?
The structure of the DMU is detailed in the DMU Regulations.

Who can apply to do the DMU?
The DMU is available to suitably qualified candidates who need to be/become members of ASUM. Membership is free for DMU Students. Candidacy for the DMU is open to post graduates who have completed a three (3) year medical health or medical science degree. The DMU Board of Examiners assesses applications for eligibility.

What date do I need to enrol by?
Please check the DMU Academic Calendar for all important dates. Please note that the academic calendar is frequently updated.

Where are the July assessments held?
The July assessments are held in a venue near you. Please check the myASUM website > Educational Programs > DMU for details.

Where are the November assessments held?
The November assessments are held in Crows Nest, Sydney.

When can I enrol in the DMU?
You may enrol into the DMU anytime throughout the year. However, you may only register for DMU Part 1 and Part 2 assessments (July) in December, January and February. You may register for the DMU Part 1 assessments (November) anytime from 1 May until end August.

I have not completed my 3-year degree, however I wish to enrol. Is this possible?
No, you are required to have completed your 3-year degree prior to enrolling.

What subjects need to be covered to be eligible?
Human Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology, Physics and Instrumentation/Physics

How do I check my eligibility?
You may check to see if you are eligible by posting/emailing your DMU Application to the DMU Coordinator dmu@asum.com.au You will not be charged for the initial assessment and will be notified by email if you are/not eligible.

I have an overseas qualification, will I get accepted?
You need to complete and submit an Overseas Qualification Assessment Application Form to have your qualifications assessed. You may be required to pass a bridging course.
Does the DMU qualify for HECS-HELP?
No, the program does not currently qualify for HECS-HELP.

How do I enrol in the DMU program?
Download the DMU Enrolment and DMU Part 1 Registration forms available in the Education Programs section on our website, as well as a Membership Application form from the Membership section of our website: www.asum.com.au. Complete and post them together with certified copies signed by a JP of: your degree, academic transcript, passport, a recent passport type photo and proof of residency, to the address below.

If I study with ASMI or AUI, do I get exemption from Part 1?
If you have studied with ASMI, QUT or AIU you may be awarded an exemption from Part 1. However, you will be required to complete and submit an Application Form for Advanced Standing, which is found on our website: www.asum.com.au under Education Programs. Please note that you will be required to have 2 years’ clinical placement prior to sitting your Mini-CEX and CBD Assessments.

How do I defer?
Complete and submit the deferral form found in myASUM.com.au prior to your assessment due date.

Can I transfer my specialty?
You may change specialty by emailing dmu@asum.com.au with your request. Please note you may be required to re-sit Part 1 Anatomy.

I cannot logon to myASUM
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.

How do I submit my case-based assignments?
Email your case-based assignments (CBA) to dmu@asum.com.au or post a hard copy to the ASUM office. Your CBA needs to be submitted with the CBA submission form signed by your supervisor.

How do I submit my logbook?
Email your logbook to dmu@asum.com.au or post a hard copy/ CD or USB to the ASUM Office. Your logbook needs to be submitted along with the following documents:
1. Logbook cover sheet
2. Logbook submission form signed by your supervisor

How do I withdraw from the program?
Fill in the Withdraw/Refund form on myASUM.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 DMU enrolments or if you have previously deferred your assessment.

Where is the logbook template located?
The logbook template can be found in myASUM.com.au under 'Course Assessment'.

How do I prepare for Part 1 assessments?
To prepare for Part 1 Assessments follow the learning guide in myASUM.com.au.
You are required to complete the online Physics Tutorial in myASUM.com.au.

**Is there an online tutorial for the anatomy assessments?**
No, currently there is no online tutorial for the anatomy assessments, only the physics tutorial.

**Are there any past assessment papers to use as a guide for the written assessments?**
No.

**How long will it take me to complete the DMU?**
The DMU can be completed in 2-and-a-half years if you do not need to re-sit any assessments and if you have a clinical placement for two years, but you must complete it within the time specified in the DMU Regulations.

**Do I have to attend the DMU Preparation Course?**
Yes, the DMU Preparation Course is compulsory for candidates enrolling in Part 2.

**How many times can I attend the DMU Preparation Course?**
You may attend the DMU Preparation Course as many times as you like.

**Can I start DMU Part 2 without attending the DMU Preparation Course?**
Yes, you may start your DMU Part 2 assessments prior to attending the DMU Preparation Course. You may start either/both the:
1. Logbook
2. Case-based Assignments

**How much does the DMU course cost?**
The DMU course costs approximately $6000

**Does ASUM find clinical placements for students?**
ASUM does not find clinical placements for students. However, as an ASUM member you may advertise for a position on our website.

**How many times can I resit Part 1?**
You must complete all Part 1 assessments within two (2) years. The DMU Board may withdraw you if you fail any assessment more than three (3) times.

**I enrolled before 1 June 2013 and I am supposed to get one year free membership. Why do I have to pay a membership renewal fee each year?**
DMU students who enrolled prior to the 2013-2014 change in membership rules received free membership for one year, or part thereof, and pay membership dues for subsequent years according to a sliding scale.
As from 1 June 2013, newly enrolled DMU Students receive free membership until they qualify as a sonographer, or a maximum of five (5) years, whichever occurs first.

**Where can I access the DMU syllabus?**
You can access the DMU syllabus by logging in to myASUM.com.au and clicking on DMU Programs, Course Assessment. It is also available in the Education Programs section of our website: www.asum.com.au
Can I sit my written assessments overseas?
You may sit your DMU Part 1 written assessments overseas as long as you have found a suitably qualified professional to invigilate and a venue. You will need to contact the ASUM office for an application form.

Is the DMU a post graduate diploma?
Yes, the DMU is a post graduate diploma. However, ASUM is not currently a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

How many times may I resubmit my failed CBAs?
You may resubmit your failed CBAs three (3) times per year.

Does my supervisor have to be present when I sit my Mini-CEX Assessment?
Yes.

If I change my supervisor during the year do I need to advise ASUM?
Yes, your new supervisor is required to complete the Supervisor Declaration Form, available in myASUM.com.au, which is to be submitted to the ASUM office.

When and how do I get my results?
Results will be released on the dates as per academic calendar found under the Education Programs section on www.asum.com.au. You will receive your results by email.

If I have a DMU (Asia) Certificate, can I enrol in DMU in Australia?
You are required to fulfil the eligibility requirements for DMU. If you are awarded the DMU (Asia) certificate and accepted into the DMU Course you will receive Advanced Standing for the following modules:
- DMU Part 1 Assessments.
In some cases candidates are also granted Advanced Standing for the DMU (General) Part 2 Written Assessments. Should this be applicable you will receive notification when you receive your DMU (Asia) Part 2 Written Assessment results.