

# Master of Academic Medicine

Creating Leadership through Collaboration

## Earn a Graduate Degree in Academic Medicine

Build the capacity to create, lead, and enhance education for healthcare professionals worldwide. The program builds on more than 45 years of successful faculty development at the University of Southern California including masters-level training for health professions' faculty, from around the world.

## A Masters Program for Today's Challenges

Our goal is to cultivate leaders who will develop and advance educational programs for healthcare professions globally. Health professions education is continuously evolving, which requires leaders that are process experts with a broad repertoire of approaches that can be applied to varied content arenas and situations. The program addresses a challenge in health professions' education – the need for qualified educators who can model and lead change in their respective schools and programs. Graduates will be positioned to guide future generations of health professionals toward better meeting the health needs of our global society.

## Who should apply?

Medical and health professions' faculty, prospective faculty or staff who are focused on education of health professionals at the undergraduate, graduate, or continuing education levels should apply.

## Program Objectives

Graduates will be able to demonstrate skills within academic medicine and health including:

- ◆ Developing, leading and evaluating programs
- ◆ Leading of self and others
- ◆ Designing curricula and assessing learners
- ◆ Addressing policy and accreditation issues and challenges
- ◆ Designing, implementing and studying innovations

## Program Structure

The Master of Academic Medicine is offered through the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California in collaboration with the Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy. The program employs a blended model, combining on-line coursework with annual on-campus face-to-face sessions, one-week each March.

## Most Coursework Completed from Your Own Computer

All you need is a personal computer with an internet connection. You will become part of a vigorous online community of learners growing together as leaders. The majority of sessions will be conducted using interactive computerized delivery methods. This model allows professionals to continue to work full-time throughout the program, while still being part of a cohort of educators from around the world.

## **Annual On-Campus Sessions each March**

All students will spend seven days on campus in March of each year including participation in the Division's annual Innovations in Medical Education Conference in addition to coursework. Small group teaching sessions, led by faculty facilitators, focus on community building, and on development and evaluation of skills. The Division's 2009 Conference is March 14-15 and welcomes attendance to all health professions' educators.

## **International Students**

Special program arrangements can be made for international students in order to fulfill any individual national residency requirements. Please contact the Program Director, if you need such arrangements to be made.

## **Degree Requirements**

A minimum of 32 units of graduate-level course work is required, 26 units of core coursework and 6 units of electives. A faculty advisor will help guide your decision about a program of study including selection of electives.

## **Tuition Cost**

Tuition and fees will be at USC's prevailing course rate.

## **Complete a Degree in 24 Months or 36 Months**

The program can be completed in only six semesters, taking just two courses per semester. Alternately, you can take only one course per semester the entire first year and finish in eight or nine semesters.

## **Sample Course of Study (24 Months)**

### Fall – Year 1 (all activities on-line)

ACMD 501 Introduction to Academic Medicine Worldwide (3 units)

ACMD 511 Competencies in Academic Medicine and Health I (3 units)

### Spring – Year 1 (on-line combined with one week at USC)

ACMD 512 Competencies in Academic Medicine and Health II (3 units)

ACMD 591 Designing Research on Innovations in Academic Medicine (2 units)

### Summer – Year 1 (all activities on-line or at home site)

ACMD 513 Professionalism in Academic Medicine and Health (3 units)

ACMD 598 Field Work in Designing Innovations for the Health Professions (2 units)

### Fall – Year 2 (all activities on-line or at home site)

ACMD 502 Becoming a Leader in Academic Medicine Worldwide (3 units)

ACMD 592 Implementing Research on Innovations in Academic Medicine (2 units)

### Spring – Year 2 (on-line combined with one week at USC)

ACMD 503 Leading Change in Academic Medical Centers (3 units)

ACMD 514 Accreditation and Program Evaluation in Academic Medicine (3 units)

### Summer – Year 2 (all activities on-line)

ACMD 604 Supporting the Educational Enterprise in Academic Medicine (3 units)

ACMD 605 Faculty Development for Health Professions Faculty (2 units)

## Faculty

A world-class faculty will teach in the Master of Academic Medicine program, bringing together a unique combination of perspectives and skills. Below is a partial list of the faculty:

- **Julie G. Nyquist, PhD**, Program Director (Professor, Pediatrics/Medical Education, Program Evaluator for Medical Student Education)
- **Kathleen Besinque, PharmD, MEd** (Director, Professional Experience Program and Office for Teaching Resource, School of Pharmacy)
- **Donna Elliott, MD, EdD** (Associate Dean, Student Affairs)
- **Dixie Fisher, PhD** (Assistant Professor, Pediatrics/Medical Education)
- **Jerry Gates, PhD** (Chair, Department of Family Medicine, USC and Director of the AIDS Education and Training Center for Southern California)
- **Peter Katsufakis, MD, MBA** (Associate Vice President for Postgraduate and Developmental Programs, National Board of Medical Examiners)
- **Lori Marshall, PhD, MSN** (Clinical Manager and Educational Specialist, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles)
- **Win May, MD, PhD** (Associate Professor, Pediatrics/Medical Education; Director, Standardized Patient Program)
- **Jeffrey Ring, PhD** (Clinical Associate Professor, Director of Behavior Science, White Memorial Medical Center, Family Medicine Residency Training Program)
- **Maura Sullivan, PhD, MSN** (Vice Chair of Educational Affairs, Department of Surgery)
- **Dwight Warren, III, PhD, MEd** (Professor, Cell and Neurobiology & Educational Affairs)
- **Beverly Wood, MD, PhD** (Professor, Radiology and Pediatrics/Medical Education)
- **Samuel Yanofsky, MD, MEd** (Assistant Professor Anesthesiology)

## Admission - Apply today

### Pre-Admission Process

All potential applicants should complete the pre-application information at the back of this brochure and email it along with your curriculum vitae to [nyquist@usc.edu](mailto:nyquist@usc.edu) (may also fax it to (323) 442-2051)

Upon successful review of your pre-application information you will be notified. You will then apply through the University of Southern California's graduate application process as a candidate in the Master of Academic Medicine program.

### Criteria for Admission

Applicants for admission to the Master of Academic medicine program are generally expected to have an advanced degree in a health profession. Proof of graduation is required.

For applicants who do not have an advanced degree in a health profession, a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution is required. A grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) is usually expected as well as satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test

For all applicants official transcripts and three letters of recommendation are required.

**For questions or to make an appointment with a faculty advisor:  
Call (323) 442-2372 or send a request to Dr. Julie Nyquist, [nyquist@usc.edu](mailto:nyquist@usc.edu).**

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**PRE-APPLICATION – SUBMIT TODAY –BEGIN IN MAY OR AUGUST**

Summer Classes Begin May 18, 2009

Fall Classes Begin, August 24, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Health Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees Held \_\_\_\_\_ Health Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Statement (200 – 500 words). Answer the following two questions:

1. What are your present educational responsibilities?
2. What do you hope to gain professionally from this degree program?

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