### AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA –  
#### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

**Masters Degree (Extended)**

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<th>PURPOSE</th>
<th>The Masters Degree (Extended) qualified individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for professional practice and as a pathway or further learning.</th>
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**KNOWLEDGE**

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Extended) will have:

- a body of knowledge that includes the extended understanding of recent developments in a discipline and its professional practice
- advanced knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the discipline and its professional practice

Graduates of the Doctor of Medicine* will have:

- a body of knowledge that includes the scientific principles underlying the diagnosis of disease and treatment of people, through the integration of patient care, teaching and research
- extended understanding of recent developments in medicine and its professional practice
- knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to medicine and its professional practice.

**SKILLS**

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Extended) will have:

- cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract level

Graduates of the Doctor of Medicine* will have:

- cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of medical theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex medical information, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to medical knowledge or practice, including identifying and attempting to solve problems related to individual and community health
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex medical ideas and concepts at an abstract level
- communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional medical decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about medical developments that contribute to professional practice, using new sources of information and adopting technologies in a critical manner
Doctor of Medicine

**APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**

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<th>Graduates of a Masters Degree (Extended)</th>
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<td>• cognitive and technical skills to design, use and evaluate research and research methods</td>
<td>• with creativity and initiative to new situations in medical professional practice and/or further learning in medical education</td>
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<td>• communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences</td>
<td>• with high level personal autonomy and accountability and a commitment to scientific inquiry and research methodologies</td>
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<td>• technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice</td>
<td>• with competence and empathy for patients, to plan and execute a substantial professional medical learning experience focusing on the integration of health promotion and disease prevention with the management of illness and injury</td>
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<td>• with commitment to service and teamwork during group work, hospital rotations, community placements.</td>
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*The Doctor of Medicine is an Extended Masters program (AQF Level 9).