

MASTER OF SCIENCE FAMILY MEDICINE (MSC)



TOP REASONS

TO EARN A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY MEDICINE (ONLINE) AT UNIC



**FULL-TIME OR
PART-TIME
OPTIONS,
BASED ON YOUR
SCHEDULE AND
COMMITMENTS**



**DEGREE, RECOGNISED
AND DEVELOPED
IN COORDINATION
WITH THE UK
ROYAL COLLEGE
OF GENERAL
PRACTITIONERS
(RCGP)**



**FIRST UNIVERSITY IN
THE EU TO EARN A
5-STAR RATING FOR
ONLINE/ DISTANCE
LEARNING**

QS World University
Rankings



**UNIC RANKED #32
IN THE WORLD
IN QUALITY
EDUCATION**

Times Higher Education,
2021



Royal College of
General Practitioners

**INTERNATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP
OPPORTUNITY**

Eligible students can
sit RCGP International
Membership assessments



**AFFORDABLE
MSC IN FAMILY
MEDICINE**

with scholarships
available





OUR VISION

The Medical School espouses the holistic concept of One Health, which emphasizes the relationship between the health of humans and animals within a healthy, sustainable environment. We aim to achieve excellence in teaching, research, community service and patient care.

OUR MISSION

We are committed to the provision of innovative, student-centred and high-quality education, which is based on the best available evidence in current medical pedagogy. We are also committed to systematically fostering original research in the basic, clinical, social and behavioural sciences and, to serving and improving the health of the population through outreach, service and patient care services.



We aim to produce competent graduates, committed to life-long learning, who can pursue further training in their field of choice and will be competent and successful practitioners, teachers, administrators and researchers. Our School's graduates make patient care their highest priority.



STUDENT-CENTRED EDUCATION

We strive to maintain a supportive learning environment that promotes and encourages student interaction and feedback. The student-centred curriculum allows for the early development of clinical skills and reasoning, and promotes collaborative learning, critical thinking and reflection, skills that are essential for a career in medicine.



PROFESSIONALISM

We adhere to the highest professional standards and we expect our students to demonstrate professionalism, during their studies and beyond.



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We are committed to the promotion of equality and respect, and embrace the individual, social and cultural diversity of the student community.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

We maintain successful partnerships with leading institutions, which enables the sharing of knowledge and expertise in medical education and research, while providing our students with opportunities to gain international research and clinical experience.



EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CARE

We provide high quality primary care services based on a comprehensive, holistic and evidence-based approach.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We regularly and actively contribute to society through outreach events and other initiatives, with the support of our faculty, staff and students.



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

We deliver teaching and conduct research of the highest quality and we equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in their chosen medical career path. This is achieved by means of the most up-to-date and quality assured curricula and assessments, which are implemented in a multicultural and supportive learning environment.



THE PROGRAMME

MASTER OF FAMILY MEDICINE (MSC)

E-LEARNING/DISTANCE LEARNING

GRADUATE ENTRY DEGREE

| Degree awarded: | Duration of study: | Language of instruction: | Mode of delivery: |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Master of Science in Family Medicine | 3 Semesters | English | Distance Learning |

INTRODUCTION

Today's healthcare challenges require strong primary care, whether strengthening health systems, improving the quality of patient care, or enhancing access to healthcare.

Strong primary care, in turn, requires competent family doctors who are forward-thinking and keen to develop new relationships with patients and other health professionals in primary and secondary care.

To address these global health challenges, the University of Nicosia Medical School offers an online MSc in Family Medicine. This structured continuing professional development programme is designed for physicians working as family doctors or in the community with a specialist role in internal medicine, paediatrics, or gynaecology.

The minimum full-time duration of the programme is 18 months (three semesters), with a flexible part-time option of up to four academic years. The first two semesters consist of eight core clinically-focused modules. Semester three offers two pathways: one primarily research-oriented, allowing students to develop their research skills, and another that lets students select from a range of electives.

The programme is completed online through an electronic platform, which provides access to video-recorded presentations, written material, and lecture notes, while facilitating active learning through interactive seminars, case-based discussions in forums, online quizzes, and workshops.

"Family medicine is one of the most challenging of all the medical specialties. It involves looking after most of the patients with most of the problems most of the time and therefore needs a really high-quality education. The Master of Science in Family Medicine at the University of Nicosia Medical School offers high-quality education for people who are going to take on the challenging work involved in primary care family medicine."

Sir David Haslam

Prof of General Practice
Chair of UK National Institute
For Health and Care Excellence (2013-2019)



CURRICULA ALIGNED WITH CORE FM PRACTITIONER COMPETENCIES

As defined by:

- the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of FM (WONCA)
- the RCGP UK clinical statements



ALL FM AREAS COVERED

- management of chronic diseases and multimorbidities
- mental health
- musculoskeletal health
- child and women's health
- quality improvement
- patient safety



RESEARCH SKILLS

Opportunity to gain research skills and competencies by following the research pathway



SUPPORT FROM DAY ONE

Students receive support from day one, thriving with a personal mentor assigned to them from the start



CUTTING-EDGE ONLINE LEARNING

The programme is delivered entirely online via an e-Learning environment using Moodle. It includes various synchronous and asynchronous activities, such as webinars, online chats, discussion forums, and wikis. Recorded lectures are designed to enhance student engagement and active learning with features like clickable tabs, interactive quizzes, drag-and-drop activities, matching activities, and opinion polls.

The programme employs standardised and validated teaching methods to ensure continuous interaction. This includes tutor-student interaction through webinars, online chats, and discussion forums; student-student interaction through online chats, discussion forums, and wikis; and student-material interaction through recorded lectures and additional resources.

E-LEARNING EXCELLENCE

The University of Nicosia is a regional leader in distance learning education at Bachelor's and Master's level. We use the most up-to-date technologies and state-of-the-art learning design methods to deliver our courses. We are the first university in Europe to have received a triple recognition (5 QS Stars, EADTU, EFQUEL) for excellence in online education. As a testament to the quality of our online programmes, our University has been awarded the highest accolades for e-learning and distance learning education excellence.

Moreover, UNIC is the first European university to be awarded a 5-Star rating for Online/Distance Learning and the 13th university in the world to receive such a distinction. In addition, UNIC received the highest distinction of 5-Stars in Teaching, Facilities, Inclusiveness, Social Responsibility and Internationalisation.



Nicosia Medieval Walls





INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED FACULTY EXPERTS

from around the World with extensive experience



ACADEMIC PATH

The curriculum is aligned with the core competencies for a Family Medicine Practitioner as defined by WONCA and RCGP

| SEMESTER 1 | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 30 ECTS, all courses required | |
| Course code | Title |
| FMED-511 | Communication and Consultation Skills |
| FMED-521C | Evidence-based Practice |
| FMED-533C | Managing Adults' Common Diseases and Multimorbidity |
| FMED-535 | Common Musculoskeletal Conditions |

| SEMESTER 2 | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 30 ECTS, all courses required | |
| Course code | Title |
| FMED-514 | Acute Serious Illnesses and Traumatic Conditions |
| FMED-531 | Women's Health |
| FMED-532 | Paediatrics and Child Health Surveillance |
| FMED-534 | Mental Health |

| SEMESTER 3 | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Course code | Title |
| Option 1 | Research pathway (30 ECTS) |
| FMED-590C | Research Methodology |
| FMED-591C | Research Project |

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| Option 2 | Elective pathway (30 ECTS) |
| FMED-590C | Research Methodology |
| plus elective courses worth 20 ECTS | |
| FMED-512C | Wellbeing in Health and Lifestyle: Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention |
| FMED-537C | Learning and Teaching in Healthcare |
| MPH-514 | Health Protection: Safeguarding Wellbeing in Populations* |
| MPH-515 | Health Promotion: Maintaining Wellbeing in Populations* |
| MPH-522 | Health Policy, Management and Leadership |
| MPH-523 | Health Economics in the Context of Health Services and Systems: Global Perspectives |
| MPH-533 | Population Ageing and Health |
| MPH-535 | Social and Behavioural Dimensions of Health |

The programme is subject to continuous evaluation and improvement, in consultation with students and faculty, and in accordance with the regulations and guidelines of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA), and therefore may be subject to changes.

ASSESSMENT

Assessments for the MSc in Family Medicine have been accredited by the RCGP. The course assessment is based on the following pillars:

For Semesters 1&2

- A written applied knowledge examination
- A workplace-based assessment portfolio

For Semester 3

Either:

- The design, implementation, completion and write-up of a research project or
- The design of a research proposal and written examinations for the chosen elective modules

MRCGP[INT]

Students who successfully complete the first two semesters and meet the RCGP's clinical experience eligibility criteria qualify to take the examination in Cyprus to become an International Member of the RCGP. This exam includes three components:

- a written applied knowledge examination
- a workplace-based assessment portfolio
- a clinical skills examination

Since the course content aligns with the RCGP curriculum, students are well-prepared to take this exam at any RCGP International site.



"Family medicine has always been one of the most essential pillars of the healthcare system, and it will be even more crucial in the years to come. The Master of Science in Family Medicine programme reflects this reality, providing doctors with the most up-to-date, holistic, and evidence-based training to prepare them for a demanding career in primary care."

Dr Dionysios Vaidakis
MSc FM Programme
Coordinator

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



A MEDICAL DEGREE GRANTED BY AN INSTITUTION RECOGNISED IN THE COUNTRY WHERE IT IS OFFERED



An online Interview, which assesses your professional ability and commitment, empathy, initiative and resilience, communication skills, organisational and problem-solving skills, and teamwork.



TWO PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE LETTERS



EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IS REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:

- Overall score of 6.5 in the IELTS (with 6.5 in writing and a minimum of 6.0 in all other elements)
- 79 in TOEFL iBT
- Or grade 5 in the GCSE (or B with the old grading system),
- Or a score of 5 in English in the International Baccalaureate Standard Level (SL),
- Or a score of 8 in English in the European Baccalaureate.

Students whose native language is English and who originate from the UK, Ireland, USA, Australia, New Zealand and Canada (provided that language of instruction at school/ undergraduate/ postgraduate level was English), are exempt from this requirement. Third country nationals who have completed a degree, taught in English, in any of the aforementioned countries, will be required to submit evidence of English language certification as submitted for admission to that degree, to be exempt from the above.



ACTIVE CLINICAL PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF YOUR ENROLMENT IN THE PROGRAMME



EVIDENCE OF CURRENT REGISTRATION WITH A RELEVANT MEDICAL COUNCIL

TUITION FEES

A key objective of our Family Medicine programme is to contribute to the improvement of population health across the globe. In support of this goal, scholarships are available to allow access to the course by doctors in a wide range of countries with varying levels of development.

All students applying for entry in Fall 2025, will be awarded a 20% scholarship reducing tuition to €14,400. Additional scholarships may be granted upon submission of a scholarship application, based on demonstrated financial need, covering up to 30% of tuition costs with instalment plans available. If eligible for a scholarship, total tuition costs can be significantly reduced from the original €18,000.

Our Admissions Advisers can provide more details: admissions@med.unic.ac.cy



STUDENT AND ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



“The programme has allowed me to balance study with work, providing invaluable knowledge for my role as a family doctor in the UK. Its flexible schedule, tailored to individual commitments, and the highly trained, experienced, and supportive faculty are its greatest strengths. Achieving a Master’s in Family Medicine together with a Royal College of General Practitioners qualifications opens global opportunities. This unique programme advances expertise in a speciality with growing demand and innovation, covering all life stages.”

Dr Naresh Kumar Sood
UK



“The MSc in Family Medicine has provided me with knowledge and skills to practise medicine using an evidence-based and patient-centred approach. Professional development is an important part of being a doctor. This programme has given me inspiration to reach higher goals as a Family Physician and instilled in me the desire to be a lifelong learner.”

Dr Maria Avraamidou
Cyprus

“The mental health webinars and accompanying materials have been incredibly helpful and encouraging. I must admit, I never had a strong interest in the subject until I began this course. However, the comprehensive and engaging content has transformed my perspective. It has significantly enhanced my ability to diagnose various cases in my practice. I am genuinely pleased with my progress and the knowledge I have gained.”

Dr Devika Ajay Dandwate
India



“This programme has broadened my scope and has given depth to my understanding of family medicine and its practice. It has helped me develop a reflective, empathetic and structured communication pattern with my patients.

The access to high quality resource materials, the student friendly approach, and the supportive distinguished tutors are only a few of the advantages of this programme.”

Dr Daniel Unegbu
Nigeria



THE UNIVERSITY



The University of Nicosia (UNIC) is a research-oriented university committed to teaching, research, innovation, sustainability, societal engagement, and contributing to culture. It offers more than 100 programmes at the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degree levels, both on-campus and online, to more than 12,500 students from over 100 countries.

UNIC conducts high-quality research in various academic disciplines, with a particular focus on emerging technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and their impact on society. The University actively engages with research centres, industry, and society, its actions resulting in programmes of study that address industry needs and are accredited by relevant professional bodies.

UNIC has an outstanding academic reputation and a global outlook, reflected in its impressive results in the international rankings. Indicatively, the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2024 has recognised UNIC as one of the top 2% of universities in the world.

Located in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, an EU-member state, UNIC's main campus is ideally situated for students who are aspiring to study in a dynamic and multicultural environment while enjoying the benefits of a modern and welcoming city, Nicosia.

TOP 501-600

IN THE WORLD

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION
WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024

#155

IN THE EU

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION
WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024

#1

IN CYPRUS AND GREECE*

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION
WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024

TOP 101-150

IN THE WORLD

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION
YOUNG UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2023

* Along with one Cypriot and two Greek Universities.

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