

# MASTER OF SCIENCE FAMILY MEDICINE (MSc)



UNIVERSITY  
*of* NICOSIA | MEDICAL  
SCHOOL



World  
University  
Rankings  
2024 TOP 600

# 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**

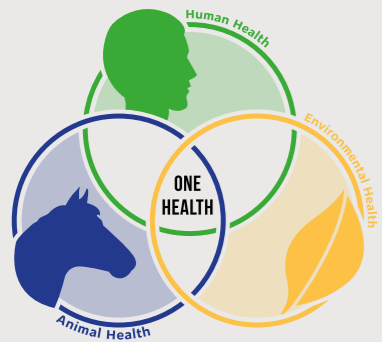
Eligible students can sit RCGP  
International Membership  
assessments



**AFFORDABLE  
MSC IN FAMILY  
MEDICINE**

with scholarships  
available





**OUR VISION**

The Medical School embraces the holistic concept of One Health, which emphasises the relationship between the health of humans and animals within a healthy, sustainable environment. We strive for excellence in teaching, research, community service and patient care.



**STUDENT-CENTRED EDUCATION**

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



**PROFESSIONALISM**

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

**OUR MISSION**

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



**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

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



**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

We maintain successful partnerships with leading institutions, enabling the sharing of knowledge and expertise in medical education and research, and providing our students with opportunities for 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.



We aim to produce competent graduates committed to lifelong learning, capable of pursuing further training in their chosen fields, and becoming successful practitioners, teachers, administrators, and researchers. Our School's graduates make patient care their highest priority.



**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We actively contribute to society through outreach events and other initiatives, supported by our faculty, staff and students.



**EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH**

We deliver teaching and conduct research of the highest quality equipping students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in their chosen medical careers. This is achieved through up-to-date, quality assured curricula and assessments, 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



#### RESEARCH SKILLS

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



#### ALL FM AREAS COVERED

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



#### 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

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

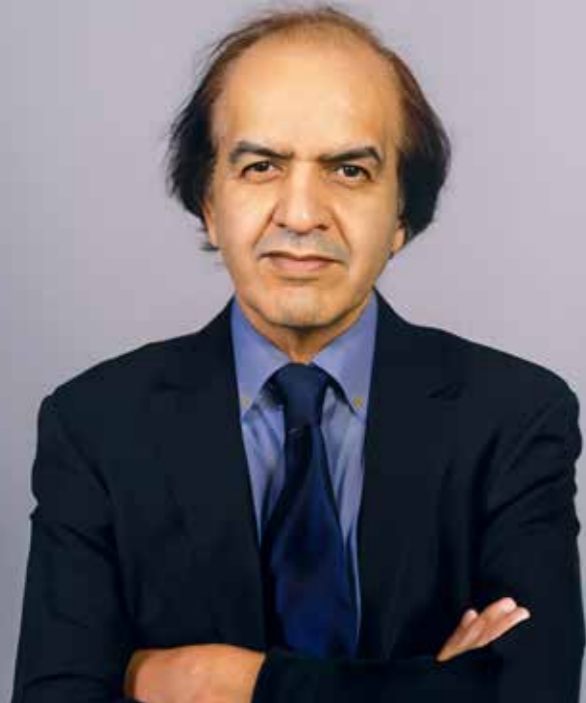
A key objective of our Family Medicine programme is to contribute to the improvement of population health across the globe. In support of this goal, scholarships are available to allow access to the course by doctors in a wide range of countries with varying levels of development.

All students applying for entry in Fall 2024, 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](mailto: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 cultural contributions. 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 across various academic disciplines, with a particular focus on emerging technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and their impact on society. The University actively collaborates with research centres, industry, and the broader community, 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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