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**MASTER IN
MEDICAL ETHICS AND LAW
(MD785)**





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Programme Overview

Expectations for doctors and medical professionals have increased along with the advancements in medicine. The roles of Doctors and other health professionals bounded by the institutional expectations and standard of practice. Medicine should not only be focused on discovering and treating illnesses but also ethical and legal aspects surrounding everyday medical practice.

The Master in Medical Ethics & Law programme incorporates various aspects of learning modes that enable enrolled students to be exposed to multiple issues concerning competency, responsibility, ethical behaviour and continuous professional development. This course was first established in 2014 as the Master of Medical Ethics and Medical Jurisprudence and was the first of its kind to be offered in Malaysia. Its curriculum was reviewed in 2020 and is now offered as the Master in Medical Ethics and Law. This is a 40 credit unit fulltime course offered over 3 semesters.

Course Details

Candidates will acquire knowledge, mastery of skills, and develop attitudes and behaviour required in this field through the lectures, tutorials, case studies and dissertation, they will also have the opportunity to be involved in local and international medical ethics and law seminars or conferences.



Programme Educational Objectives

1. Able to **apply knowledge** and skills based on evidence to resolve medico-legal conflicts and controversies in medical ethics

2. Able to **establish professional relationships** among relevant agencies through effective communications

3. Effective in **promoting medical and ethical values** in professional work

4. Competent in **encouraging research** in medical ethics and law to keep abreast with current developments

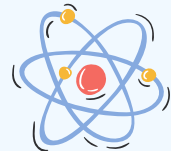
5. Competent in **advicing colleagues** regarding health related ethical issues



Programme Learning Outcomes

01

Demonstrate enhanced knowledge in medical ethics and law



Apply technical skills to address issues on medical ethics and law competently

02

03

Identify and manage problems on medical ethics and law in the community using scientific, legal and critical thinking skills



Understand the social, cultural, ethical and legal issues in medicine today

04

05

Develop research projects ethically and professionally with supervision



Apply the principles of medical ethics and law in managing patients

06

07

Develop the field of medical ethics and law in Malaysia and be able to collaborate with relevant authorities/organisations to improve healthcare services



Course Structure

CORE COURSES (3 credit units)

Semester 1

- MEL711 - Tortious and Criminal Issues Related to Medical Practice
- MEL712 - Medical Ethics Philosophy and Practice-Related Aspects
- MEL713 - Research Methodology
- MEL714 - Ethical and Legal Issues in Mental Health

Semester 2

- MEL731 - Fundamental Aspects of Medical Litigation
- MEL732 - Procedural and Evidentiary Aspects of Medical Litigation
- MEL733 - Clinical Ethics
- MEL734 - Research Ethics

CORE COURSES (12 credit units)

Semester 3

- MEL771- Dissertation



ELECTIVE COURSES (2 credit units)

Semester 1

Choose ONE from any of the following courses:

- MEL715- Ethical and Legal Issues in Critical Clinical Situations
- MEL716 - Ethical and Legal Issues in Forensic Medicine
- MEL717- Ethical and Legal Issues in Public Health Medicine

Semester 2

Choose ONE from any of the following courses:

- MEL735 - Health Policy and Law
- MEL736 - Ethical and Legal Issues in Organ Transplantation
- MEL737 - Ethical and Legal Issues in Reproductive Medicine



Application Criteria

Compulsory Entry Requirements

A. Academic Qualification(s)

- i. Undergraduate medical degree from a university recognised by the Senate of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) with CGPA of ≥ 2.75 , or
- ii. Undergraduate law degree from a university recognised by the Senate of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) with CGPA of ≥ 2.75 , or
- iii. Undergraduate degree in a relevant health-related field from a university recognised by the Senate of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) with CGPA of ≥ 2.75 , or
- iv. Postgraduate degree in a relevant health related field from a university recognised by the Senate of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), or
- v. Applicants with a degree from i-iii with a CGPA of < 2.75 , but possess at least 1-year relevant work experience in medical ethics and/or law, AND are subject to an rigorous internal assessment, or
- vi. Applicants without a qualification/working experience in the related fields, but meet the minimum CGPA based on i-iii, AND pass the pre-requisite courses.

B. English Language Requirements

- i. International Language English Testing System (IELTS)- an overall band score of not less than 6.0 in academic English, with no band less than 6.0 in each section, or
- ii. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)- a score of not less than 550, or
- iii. Malaysian University English Test (MUET)- a score of not less than band 3

C. Fulfil all other university requirements and regulations

Application Criteria

Others Entry Requirements

Applicants who fulfil ALL the above requirements will be shortlisted for a selection interview. In assessing applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- i. Relevant work experience in the field of study, and
- ii. Prior academic performance

Prior to the selection interview, applicants are also REQUIRED to submit the following documents for the Selection Committee's evaluation:

- i. A short essay of 1000-3000 words length in English on any topic relevant to medical ethics and law,
- ii. A personal statement
- iii. A curriculum vitae (CV)
- iv. 2 recommendation letters (using the referee report form)



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Fee Structure

Local

FEES	TOTAL RINGGIT MALAYSIA (RM)
Fees for Semester 1	RM5,398
Fees for Semesters 2 & 3	RM5,325
TOTAL ESTIMATED* TUITION FEES	RM16,048

International

FEES	TOTAL RINGGIT MALAYSIA (RM)
Fees for Semester 1	RM8,180
Fees for Semesters 2 & 3	RM8,070
TOTAL ESTIMATED* TUITION FEES	RM24,320

*Estimated Fees - Subject to change

**Excluding Fees for Convocation - RM210 will be charged at final semester



Career Prospects

The learning outcomes of this program will enable health professionals to carry out their responsibilities in the best possible manner. Through the acquired competencies, they will be able to handle issues related to medical ethics and law in their day-to-day work. They will have the confidence to handle ethical and legal issues independently and will be able to gauge the seriousness of the issue, and consult relevant experts to help solve the problem in those employed in the legal/enforcement units.

