



Australian Association
of Musculoskeletal Medicine

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

AAMM / MEMBERSHIP

Do I need to be a Member to qualify for the Advanced Certificate?

Participants must be AAMM members to register for the Advanced Certificate in Musculoskeletal Medicine. Benefits of Membership include discounted conference registration, access to AAMM Journals and Resources and opportunities to collaborate and network with like-minded practitioners. Instructions on how to become a member can be found at <https://aamm.org.au/membership>

MODULES

What is the benefit of getting the certificate?

The Advanced Certificate was designed to further build on the basic skills learnt within the introductory Certificate in Musculoskeletal Medicine and equips practitioners with advanced skills and knowledge in the treatment of MSK conditions.

Do I have to do all four modules to get the certificate?

Yes. The certificate is made up of three treatment modules and an Enrolment and Assessment Module. While participants are welcome to register for each of the treatment modules individually, to be eligible for the award of the Advanced Certificate of Musculoskeletal Medicine, all four modules must be successfully completed.

Will the modules be held in any other Australian location?

The modules are scheduled in Adelaide and Brisbane due to the concentration of the AAMM senior tutors and convenors in these locations.

Do I have to do the whole certificate in one year?

No. The Advanced Certificate was designed to be completed over a two-year period.

What if i cant attend a module?

The treatment modules will be offered on a two-year rotation, so participants who cannot attend one module, can attempt at the next offering. However the Enrolment and Assessment module will be offered annually to allow all participants to take the assessment soon after they have complete the three treatment modules.

When do I pay for each module?

Participants are required to pay for Modules 1-3 at the time of registration. Registrations will open approximately 1-2 months before each module.

Why are there two payments for the Assessment Module?

The Enrolment Fee is to be paid at the beginning of the first Module. This secures your place in all four modules and allows the commencement of the logbook of procedures and the clinical sessions.

The Assessment Fee covers tutor fees to review and assess the assessment submissions (Log book, case study, MCQ/SAQ) and conduct the online viva examination.

Is the Assessment Module Mandatory?

The Assessment Module is a requirement for completion of the Advanced Certificate, however treatment modules 1-3 can be taken as stand-alone modules by eligible doctors without enrolling in the Advanced Certificate.

Participants who attend Treatment Modules 1-3 will receive an attendance certificate for each module attended, but will not be eligible for the Advanced Certificate until the Assessment Module is completed.

What does the Assessment Module involve?

Participants will be required to complete five elements of assessment:

- Submit a log book of 20 patient procedures
- Submit an involved patient case study
- Complete an online MCQ/SAQ Assessment
- Attend 2x Clinical Observation sessions
- Attend an online viva voce assessment

When are the assessments due?

- Logbook – due 30 days prior to the scheduled MCQ/SAQ assessment
- Clinical observations – will be scheduled with an assigned tutor at a mutually agreed on time. Observations must be signed off and submitted at the time of payment for the Assessment Module fee.
- Patient case study – due 30 days prior to the scheduled MCQ/SAQ assessment
- MCQ/SAQ Assessment – will be scheduled a minimum of 30 days prior to the viva voce examination
- Viva voce examination-Scheduled for November 2024

What if i do not pass an assessment within the assessment module?

Participants who are not successful in an assessment element will be invited to resubmit this component following feedback from the Convenor. Specific instructions and assessment criteria will be provided for each assessment element within the module.

Participants will be allowed one additional attempt at the MCQ/SAQ assessment before the viva voce is scheduled.

Participants who fail the viva voce will be required to re-attempt this assessment the following year.

How long will the viva voce go for?

This assessment will be scheduled for 45mins.

How many assessors will be on the viva voce panel?

There will be two assessors on the viva voce. Participants will be notified if an observer will be present. All viva voces will be recorded.

How do i schedule Clinical Observation sessions?

The AAMM will provide a list of approved tutors/supervisors who are suitably experienced to provide clinical observation. Participants will be required to request a tutor and will then coordinate with the tutor to schedule observations at a mutually agreed time. Where possible, we aim to ensure that observations are conducted in a local venue (Queensland/Adelaide ONLY), however this is dependent on tutor availability.

Participants who have a conflict of interest with a particular tutor will not be required to undertake clinical observation with this person. In this instance, a request from the participant will be made to the Convenor for approval.

The clinical observation sessions may offer opportunities for participants to perform some procedures under observation that can then be recorded in the logbook.

Can I schedule my own clinical observations?

Clinical observations are to be completed with an experienced senior clinician. Therefore AAMM will be responsible for arranging clinical observations for the Advanced Certificate.

What if I register but cannot attend?

Modules 1-3 - Participants who withdraw before the pre-reading is distributed are eligible for a full refund. Participants who withdraw after receipt of pre-reading are eligible for a 75% refund. Participants who withdraw within 48hours of the workshop are eligible for a 50% refund. If the withdrawal after the prereading is due to illness a 75% refund will apply any time before the workshop.

Assessment module – Participants who withdraw before commencement of their first treatment module, will be eligible for a full refund. For withdrawals after the first treatment module undertaken, each element is allocated 20% and the refund is the sum of the elements that have not been commenced. In the case of a request to postpone elements to the following year, the value of the element will carry over to the following year and not be refunded. Requests for postponement of elements for a further year will attract a 20% fee for each element.

Please refer to the AAMM Cancellation Policy for more information.

Are the modules catered?

Yes. Participants will be provided with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as well as tea, coffee and water for each workshop.

What if I have special dietary requirements?

Participants are asked to provide special dietary requirements at the time of registration. These will be submitted to the external caterers.

What if I have a disability or special need?

Please contact Sheridan at aamm.secretary@gmail.com to advise of any special requirements you have. The AAMM will aim to support you as best as possible.

How to I claim CPD?

Participants who complete the Advanced Certificate modules are able to claim individual CPD as per their professional college CPD guidelines.

PRIOR RECOGNITION

What if I have already completed some of the single day injections workshops?

Participants who have completed all four day-long injections workshops are eligible for a prior recognition completion of the second module in the Advanced Certificate.

Are there any other Exemptions that I can apply for?

Participants who feel they are suitably experienced in Musculoskeletal Medicine or related disciplines may request consideration for exemption from the eligibility criterion of completion of the introductory Certificate in Musculoskeletal Medicine.

Requests for prior recognition are sent to the Convenor for review and an outcome will be advised within 2 weeks of submission. Submissions should include evidence of experience including a CV and certificates of completion for any courses or workshops previously completed. Applications for exemptions from individual treatment modules within the Advance Certificate will not be considered.

OTHER

What does my registration fee cover?

Registration fees cover attendance at the workshop including Convenor and Tutor fees, venue fees, all day catering and administration fees.

What do I do, if I want to be more involved in AAMM?

Please contact aamm.secretary@gmail.com to discuss further.