Master of Academic Medicine

Creating Leadership Through Collaboration

A Masters Program for Today’s Challenges

Our goal is to cultivate leaders who will develop and advance educational programs for healthcare professions globally. Health professions education is continuously evolving, which requires leaders that are process experts with a broad repertoire of approaches that can be applied to varied content arenas and situations. Health professions’ education requires qualified educators who can model and lead change in their respective schools and programs. Graduates will be positioned to guide future generations of health professionals toward better meeting the health needs of our global society.

Earn a Graduate Degree in Academic Medicine

Build the capacity to create, lead, and enhance education for health-care professionals worldwide. The program builds on more than 45 years of successful faculty development at the University of Southern California, including masters-level training for health professions’ faculty from around the world.

Who should apply?

Medical and health professions’ faculty, prospective faculty or staff who are focused on education of health professionals at the undergraduate, graduate, or continuing education levels should apply.

“I clearly improved as an educator but my patient care skills improved as well as I created and held various faculty and fellowship development modules and efforts. Interestingly my faculty development sessions are now better attended, allowed more time in faculty meetings and advice heeded by faculty.”

— Michael Brown, MD, MACM 2010 Graduate

“We are fortunate to have such great mentors and leaders to guide our steps along this amazing journey and who are continuously helping us to embrace and enjoy being lifelong learners. There is no doubt that this is a proof that the MACM faculty are helping us, the students, to ‘preserve the passion.’”

— Stefan Bughi, MD, MACM 2011 Graduate

“Graduating from the USC Master in Academic Medicine program enriched both my professional and personal life. I received a great education in my training as a physician but as a teacher I was flying by the seat of my pants. Now I have learned the science behind educational techniques.”

— Linda Waggoner-Fountain, MD, MACM 2010 Graduate

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Program Objectives
Graduates will be able to demonstrate skills within academic medicine including:
- Addressing policy and accreditation issues and opportunities
- Developing, implementing and evaluating programs
- Designing curricula, teaching and assessing learners
- Developing personal and team leadership skills
- Leading faculty in their continuing professional development
- Designing, implementing and studying innovations

Program Structure
The Master of Academic Medicine (MACM) degree is offered through the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California in collaboration with the Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy. The program employs a blended delivery model, combining online coursework with annual on-campus face-to-face sessions one-week each February.

Most Coursework Completed from Your Own Computer
All you need is a personal computer with an internet connection. You will become part of a vigorous online community of learners growing together as leaders. Each course meets weekly in our interactive online classroom. This model allows professionals to continue to work full-time throughout the program, while still being part of a cohort of educators from around the world.

Annual On-Campus Sessions each February
All students spend seven days on campus in February of each year. The 2014 onsite dates are February 19 – 26. Small-group teaching sessions, led by faculty facilitators, will focus on community building, and on development and evaluation of skills. The on-campus time also includes participation in the Division’s annual Innovation in Medical Education Conference. The 2014 Conference is scheduled for February 22 - 23 and welcomes attendance from around the globe.

Degree Requirements and Tuition Cost
A minimum of 32 units of graduate-level course work is required, 26 units of core coursework and 6 units of electives. A faculty advisor will help guide your decision about a program of study including selection of electives. Tuition and fees will be at USC’s prevailing rate. The current tuition rate is $1526 per unit.

Complete a Degree in 24 Months or 36 Months
The program can be completed in only six semesters, taking just two courses per semester. Alternately, you can take only one course per semester the entire first year and finish in eight to ten semesters.

Sample Course of Study (24 Months)

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<td>ACMD 605 Faculty Development for Health Professions Faculty (2 units)</td>
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<td>ACMD 621 Developing and Presenting an MACM Capstone Portfolio (1 unit)</td>
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Faculty
A world-class faculty will teach in the Master of Academic Medicine program, bringing together a unique combination of perspectives and skills. Below is a partial list of the faculty:
- Julie G. Nyquist, PhD, Program Director (Professor, Pediatrics/Medical Education, Program Evaluator for Medical Student Education)
- Sigmund H. Abelson, DDS (Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, Director, Oral Health Center, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC)
- Kathleen Besinque, PharmD, MSeD (Assistant Dean, Curriculum & Assessment; Director, Professional Experience Programs, USC School of Pharmacy)
- Donna Elliott, MD, EdD (Associate Dean, Student Affairs)
- Dixie Fisher, PhD (Assistant Professor, Pediatrics/Medical Education)
- Jerry Gates, PhD (Chair, Department of Family Medicine, USC and Director of the AIDS Education and Training Center for Southern California)
- Lori Marshall, PhD, MSN (Administrator, Patient Family Education and Resources, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles; Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatrics)
- Win May, MD, PhD (Professor, Pediatrics/Medical Education; Director, Standardized Patient Program)
- Jeffrey Ring, PhD (Clinical Professor, Director of Behavior Science, White Memorial Medical Center, Family Medicine Residency Training Program)
- Niurka Rivero, MD (Director, Fellowship in Critical Care Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles)
- Maura Sullivan, PhD, MSN (Associate Chair of Educational Affairs, Department of Surgery)
- Beverly Wood, MD, PhD (Professor Emeritus, Radiology and Pediatrics/Medical Education)
- Samuel Yanofsky, MD, MSeD (Program Director, Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellowship, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles)
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Pre-Admission Process
All potential applicants should complete the pre-application information below and email it along with your curriculum vitae to nyquist@usc.edu (may also fax it to (323) 442-2051).

Upon successful review of your pre-application information you will be notified. You will then apply through the University of Southern California’s graduate application process as a candidate in the Master of Academic Medicine program.

Criteria for Admission
Applicants for admission to the Master of Academic Medicine program are generally expected to have an advanced degree in medicine or other health professions. Proof of graduation is required.

For applicants (e.g. program managers) who do not have an advanced degree, a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution is required. A grade point average of 3.0 (A=4.0) is usually expected as well as satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.

For all applicants, official transcripts and three letters of recommendation are required.

For questions or to make an appointment with a faculty advisor:
Call (323) 442-2372 or send a request to Dr. Julie Nyquist, nyquist@usc.edu

PRE-APPLICATION – SUBMIT TODAY – BEGIN IN JANUARY, MAY or AUGUST

Winter classes begin January 14, 2014 • Summer classes begin May 5, 2014
Fall classes begin August 18, 2014

Name __________________________________ Health Profession __________________________

Current Position ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

Work Phone Number ___________________ Cell Phone Number _________________________

Email Address ________________________ Degrees Held ______________________________

Estimated Undergraduate GPA: ______________________

Personal Statement (250 – 500 words). Answer the following two questions:
1. What are your present educational responsibilities?
2. What do you hope to gain professionally from this degree program?

Email the information and personal statement to
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