



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY  
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PHARMACY  
PRACTICE (*Master*)

2017

# What Is IMU's Pharmacy Practice Programme About?

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## Overview

The Master of Pharmacy Practice (MPP) Postgraduate degree programme provides an opportunity for pharmacy graduates to address their training needs as a modern primary care pharmacist. The MPP programme is unique and the first of its kind offered by a Malaysian private institution to local as well as international students. There will be three specialisations in Pharmacy Practice namely,

- Clinical Pharmacy
- Social & Administrative Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Management

This master degree programme will better equip graduates with the fundamental knowledge and skills to enhance their career opportunities as clinical or consultant pharmacists in the field of Clinical Pharmacy or Social & Administrative Pharmacy or Pharmacy Management.

This course is just perfect for those pharmacists looking to create an impact on their professional practice and take the next step in their careers - whilst continuing to work.

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## DEGREE / DURATION

**Master of Pharmacy Practice**

**Full time: 1.5 years**

**Part time: Minimum 2 years and maximum 4 years**

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## COMMENCEMENT

**March and September**

## A Word from the Programme Director

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“The pharmacy profession is undergoing evolution worldwide, and ‘Modern day pharmacists extending their professional roles to meet the changing health care needs around the world’. This Master’s programme can help pharmacy graduates to develop into an advanced practitioner, with enhanced leadership and research skills. The programme is offered in a blended mode, which means that you can continue in practise whilst undertaking postgraduate education.”

**DR MARI KANNAN MAHARAJAN - Lecturer and Programme Director**  
PhD (SASTRAU), MPharm (AU), BPharm (TNMMU)

# How Does the Programme Work?

## Pharmacy Practice Programme Structure

The programme is offered in a blended mode, which means that you can undertake much of the study online, with some weekend on-campus sessions to attend face to face teaching and learning sessions. The online platform will allow you to access all the contents anytime anywhere. The face to face teaching and learning sessions will be scheduled on weekends to allow the working pharmacists to continue their job/practice and complete the master's degree.

CLINICAL PHARMACY	SOCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE PHARMACY	PHARMACY MANAGEMENT
Biostatistics & Research Methodology	Biostatistics & Research Methodology	Biostatistics & Research Methodology
Pharmacotherapeutics I	Health care Ethics	Health care Ethics
Pharmacotherapeutics II	Quality Assurance in Pharmacy	Quality Assurance in Pharmacy
Health care Ethics	Biopsychosocial pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Marketing
Evidence Based Pharmacotherapy	Evidence Based Pharmacotherapy	Biopsychosocial pharmacy
Quality Assurance in Pharmacy*	Complementary and Alternative Medicines*	Complementary and Alternative Medicines*
Complementary and Alternative Medicines*		Evidence Based Pharmacotherapy*
Pharmacotherapeutics III	Pharmacoeconomics	Pharmacoeconomics
Pharmacotherapeutics IV	Pharmacy Education	Business and People Management
Pharmacoepidemiology & Pharmacovigilance	Business and People Management	Information System and Operation Management
Health Wellness and Disease Prevention	Information System and Operation Management	Management of Healthcare Institution
Pharmacoeconomics*	Management of Healthcare Institutions*	Pharmacoepidemiology & Pharmacovigilance*
Pharmacy Education*	Pharmacoepidemiology & Pharmacovigilance*	Health Wellness and Disease Prevention*
	Health Wellness and Disease Prevention*	Pharmacy Education*
Research	Research	Research

■ Semester 1   
 ■ Semester 2   
 ■ Semester 3   
 \* Optional Modules

## Assessment

Mainly as continuous assessment – projects, critical reviews, assignments in first two semesters. A research dissertation is assessed in Semester 3.

## Entry Requirements

A Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy or its equivalent with minimum cGPA 2.75 and above as accepted by the HEP Senate; or

A Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy or its equivalent with minimum cGPA of 2.50 and not meeting cGPA of 2.75, can be accepted subject to rigorous internal assessment; or

A Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy or its equivalent not meeting cGPA 2.50, will be subjected to a minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience after graduation.

## English Language Requirements

The Standard English Proficiency requirements for IMU programmes are usually, overall band scores of IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 550 (PBT) or 79 (IBT), TOEIC 620, Pearson 55 (PTE), Cambridge 45 (CPE) or 52 (CAE) or MUET band 4 or any other recognised English language qualification. IMU also admits international students from countries in which English is the first language or from any Malaysian or international institutions where the curriculum is conducted fully in English.

All students at entry who do not have proof of any of the above recognised competencies in the English language will be required to sit for an English Placement Test to assess their language competency. If any of the students fail the English Placement Test then they will be required to attend a course on Academic Writing. The English Placement Test and the Academic Writing Module are offered at a cost.



**Top:** A competent pharmacist with professionalism is required for the pharmacy profession in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Left:** Effective communication in practice has a profound effect on health outcomes as well as patient satisfaction and experience of care.

**Bottom:** Blended learning mode is able to personalise education and offers the conveniences of online learning combined with the social and instructional interactions.



# Why Study Pharmacy Practice at IMU?

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## An Established Private Healthcare University

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and healthcare university with over 25 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. IMU offers a range of postgraduate programmes in a number of subject areas related to health and healthcare. Postgraduate degrees are completed solely by a research-based thesis, or by a combination of coursework and a completion of a research-based thesis.

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## Specialisation Options

The Master of Pharmacy Practice (MPP) degree programme offered by IMU is unique because areas of specialisation are offered, namely Clinical Pharmacy, Social & Administrative Pharmacy and Pharmacy Management. The choice of specialisation is based on the candidate's preferences, their career needs and aspirations. Learning from MPP can be immediately applied into practice.

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## Advantageous Blended mode

The programme is offered in a blended mode, which means that you can undertake much of the studies online, with some weekend on-campus sessions to attend face to face teaching and learning sessions. In MPP, the majority of the content will be delivered using IMU online portal. The percentage may vary between the modules, based on the contents and the type of teaching and learning activities. Most of the face-to-face sessions will be on Saturdays. This will allow you to continue your practice whilst undertaking postgraduate education with the potential to significantly build your career.

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## Research facilities and Options

Students will benefit from the university's research collaborations with various local and foreign institutions. Close links have been established with Hospitals and Pharmacies in Malaysia. With the help of research supervisors, the students will be able to design their research projects, including but not limited to Clinical Pharmacy, Community Pharmacy, and Pharmacy education.

The research topics can be selected by the student based on their specialisation, and the working pharmacists have an option to do their research projects at their workplace. The research supervisors from IMU will help you throughout your research period and you will be able to publish the results of the study at the end of research semester. Students can expect personalised attention from the research supervisors.

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## Flexible Schedule

MPP is available full-time as well as part-time. A part-time student may complete the course in 2 years minimum, and can extend up to 4 years. The tuition fee for a full-time and a part-time candidature are the same. For a part-time candidate, the schedule for the fee payment is based on his/her selection of the modules in a particular semester. Both full-time and part-time mode will allow the working pharmacist to continue their job and continue their studies. The students can access the content of the course through online anytime, anywhere and contact their tutors when needed.

# How Much Does It Cost?

## Pharmacy Practice Programme Fees

All fees quoted are in Ringgit Malaysia unless stated otherwise.

All IMU alumni who are self-funding their postgraduate studies and meet the eligibility criteria will be eligible for a reduction in tuition fees.

### FEES OVERVIEW

Fees	Amount (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Application Fee	150	450
Registration Fee	1,100	3,400
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000
Student Association Fee per Semester	40	40
Tuition Fee	40,000	53,650

- Application fee is payable upon submission of application.
- Registration fee and refundable caution deposit are payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office.

### FEES BY SEMESTERS

Semester	Total (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Semester 1	10,000	13,300
Semester 2	10,000	13,400
Semester 3	20,000	26,950
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>53,650</b>

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## Programmes at IMU

### Pre-University

Foundation in Science  
KPT/JPT(N/010/3/0186)09/2018

### Undergraduate

Medicine  
KPT/JPT(R/721/6/0033)09/2019

Dentistry  
KPT/JPT(R/724/6/0010)10/2020

Pharmacy  
KPT/JPT(R/727/6/0050)09/2019

Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
KPT/JPT(R/442/6/0003)01/2018

Dietetics with Nutrition  
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0021)09/2017

Nutrition  
KPT/JPT(N/726/6/0011)06/2017

Biomedical Science  
KPT/JPT(R/421/6/0011)12/2017

Medical Biotechnology  
KPT/JPT(R/545/6/0014)09/2017

Psychology  
KPT/JPT(R/311/6/0013)09/2017

Chiropractic  
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2019

Chinese Medicine  
KPT/JPT(R/721/6/0059)01/2020

Nursing Science  
(for registered nurses)  
KPT/JPT(R/723/6/0101)01/2019

Teaching Methodology  
(Post Basic Certificate)  
KPT/JPT(N/723/3/0121)09/2019

### Postgraduate

Public Health (MSc)  
KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0077)09/2020

Analytical & Pharmaceutical  
Chemistry (MSc)  
KPT/JPT(N/442/7/001)01/2017

Molecular Medicine (MSc)  
KPT/JPT(N/421/7/0010)07/2017

Pharmacy Practice (Master)  
KPT/JPT(N/727/7/0051)03/2019

Medical & Health Sciences  
(MSc & PhD by Research)  
KPT/JPT(R/721/8/0043)01/2020  
KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0049)06/2019

Health Professions Education (HPE)  
(Postgraduate Certificate/  
Postgraduate Diploma/Master)  
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0066)09/2020  
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0064)09/2020  
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0070)09/2020

Implant Dentistry (Postgraduate Diploma)  
KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0019)06/2021



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