

## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED STUDYING FOR A MASTERS DEGREE OR A PHD IN WOMEN'S HEALTH?

### WHY DO A MASTERS?

- to expand your knowledge and research experience;
- to help you critically appraise the evidence that underpins our practice of medicine;
- to undertake further research into those unanswered questions raised in your medical practice;
- to consider a future in academic medicine, research, tertiary teaching.

Postgraduate research is often a College requirement. Have you considered continuing on to complete a Masters degree? This research experience may also spark a deeper interest and provide further opportunities for involvement in research, teaching, and academic medicine. Think about it...

### PATHWAYS TO A MASTERS DEGREE

The University of Otago has two Masters programmes available for those with an interest in Women's Health:

- Master of Medical Science (**MMedSc**)
- Master of Health Science (**MHealSc**)

Candidates for the **MMedSc** must have graduated MBChB or BMedSc(Hons). This degree requires successful completion of a thesis, and a Research Methods paper is recommended if candidates do not have research experience (see diagram).

The **MHealSc** can be completed through a range of pathways (see diagram). This provides more flexibility and feasibility to the Masters degree depending on the amount of research the candidate wishes to undertake. The research options include successful completion of a thesis, a dissertation or a project. The PGDipOMG or other approved postgraduate diploma may qualify as 120 points towards the MHealSc. A paper on Research Methods will be required unless the candidate is granted exemption based on prior research training.

There is a wide range of health sciences papers potentially available to complete the other points required. In addition, papers from other areas such as gender studies, nutrition, etc, may be available. The choice and combination of papers will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

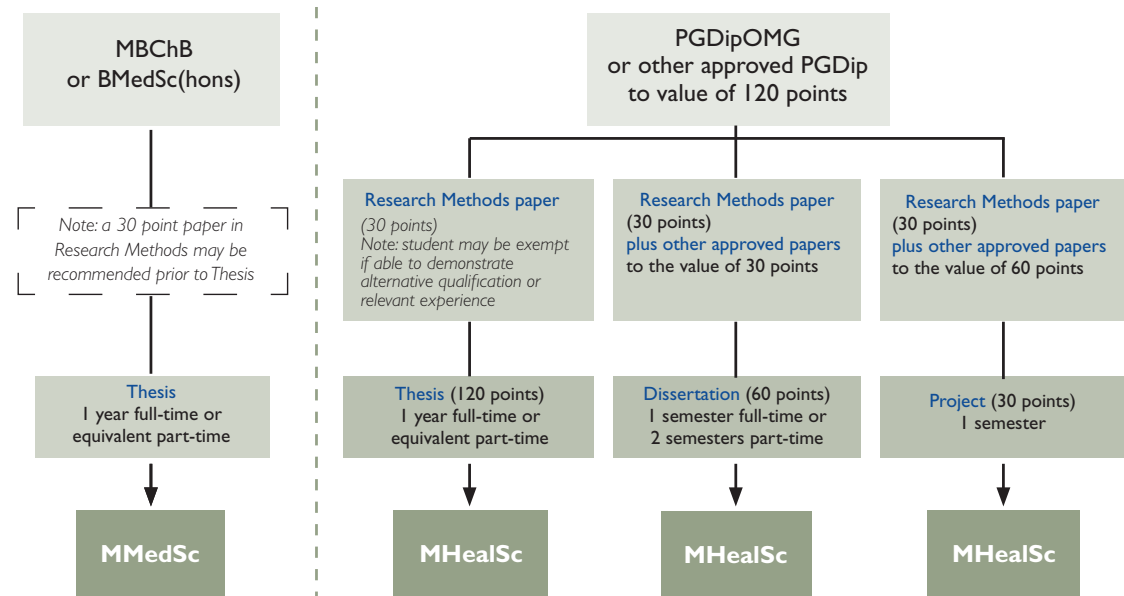
### AND IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A PHD...

A PhD requires 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time research study to complete a thesis.

### LOCATION

Study can be undertaken through the Department of Women's and Children's Health, Dunedin School of Medicine; the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Otago, Christchurch; and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Otago, Wellington. Many papers are distance-taught, including Research Methods, and a Masters thesis, dissertation or project may be available with distance supervision on a case by case basis. If you wish to undertake a Masters degree while living overseas, and you are a New Zealand citizen or a permanent New Zealand resident, please contact us about study options available. Supervisors with a wide range of interests and expertise in Women's Health are available from the University of Otago.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of postgraduate scholarships are available – more details are available on the following weblinks:

- Scholarships in Women's Health, Dunedin School of Medicine:
  - ~ Dunbar Scholarship  
<http://dnmeds.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships.html#dunbar>
  - ~ Lady King Scholarship  
<http://dnmeds.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships.html#lady>
  - ~ Postgraduate Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
– for information, please email [o-and-g@otago.ac.nz](mailto:o-and-g@otago.ac.nz)
- For University of Otago scholarships, please see:  
[www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/postgraduate\\_scholarships.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/postgraduate_scholarships.html)
- For RANZCOG scholarships, please see:  
[www.ranzcog.edu.au/research/index.shtml](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/research/index.shtml)

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