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Dear Candidates, Censors, Jurisdictional Coordinators of Training, Supervisors and Preceptors

Notice of Changes to the Fellowship Training Program Masters Requirements

We would like to provide you with an update on changes to Fellowship Training Program (FTP) Masters requirements that will be implemented from 2025. In addition, what these changes mean for current Candidates and for those commencing in 2024.

In July 2023, the RACMA Board approved the following:

- From 2025 Candidates do not need to complete a full Masters degree to meet the requirements of the FTP, however at their own discretion may choose to complete a full Masters degree.
- From 2025 Candidates only need to complete approved Masters level study in the following five (5) core subjects:
 - Evidence Informed Decision Making
 - Financial Management in Health
 - Health Care Systems
 - Health Law and Ethics
 - Leadership
- Current Candidates, and those commencing in 2024, may choose to meet their Masters requirements by completing only the five core subjects from one of the [approved Masters Programs](#) as listed on the RACMA website. There have been no changes to the approved Masters Programs.

For Candidates commencing from 2025 there will be a requirement to complete a Masters level subject in Evidence Informed Decision Making. A Candidate may complete a relevant Masters subject in Research Methodology, Evidence Informed Decision Making, Epidemiology and Statistics or similar as long as it meets the minimum learning outcomes as defined by RACMA.

In recommending changes to Masters requirements, the FTP Renewal Project Working Group considered the need for completion of formal academic studies as part of the renewed FTP. They also considered the need for increased flexibility regarding how Candidates choose to meet Masters requirements based on their individual needs, circumstances and motivations. Broad consultation on the proposed changes was undertaken with members of key College Education Committees and all Candidates.

The arrangements to implement these changes have not been finalised. Work will be conducted over the coming months to operationalise these changes. Current Candidates will be provided further information including details on how to formally opt into the new Masters requirement as soon as available.

Please direct any questions to ftpadmin@racma.edu.au or +61 3 9824 4699 (option 2).

Yours sincerely

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