

# South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society Diploma of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine

## Requirements for candidates

In order for the Diploma of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine to be awarded by the Society, the candidate must comply with the following conditions:

1. The candidate must be medically qualified, and be a current financial member of the Society of at least two years' standing.
2. The candidate must supply evidence of satisfactory completion of an examined two-week full-time course in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine at an approved facility. The list of approved facilities providing two-week courses is provided on the SPUMS website.
3. The candidate must have completed the equivalent (as determined by the Education Officer) of at least six months' full-time clinical training in an approved Hyperbaric Medicine Unit.
4. The candidate must submit a written proposal for research in a relevant area of underwater or hyperbaric medicine, and in a standard format, for approval by the Academic Board *before* commencing their research project.
5. The candidate must produce, to the satisfaction of the Academic Board, a written report on the approved research project, in the form of a scientific paper suitable for publication. Accompanying this written report should be a request to be considered for the SPUMS Diploma and supporting documentation for 1-4 above.

## Additional information – prospective approval of projects is required

The candidate must contact the Education Officer in writing (Email is acceptable) to advise of their intended candidacy, seek approval of their courses in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine and training time in the intended Hyperbaric Medicine Unit, discuss the proposed subject matter of their research, and obtain instructions *before* submitting any written material or commencing a research project.

All research reports must clearly test a hypothesis. Original basic or clinical research is acceptable. Case series reports may be acceptable if thoroughly documented, subject to quantitative analysis, and the subject is extensively researched and discussed in detail. Reports of a single case are insufficient. Review articles may be acceptable if the world literature is thoroughly analysed and discussed, and the subject has not recently been similarly reviewed. Previously published material will not be considered.

It is expected that all research will be conducted in accordance with the joint NHMRC/AVCC statement and guidelines on research practice (available at <http://www.health.gov.au/nhmrc/research/general/nhmrcavc.htm>) or the equivalent requirement of the country in which the research is conducted. All research involving humans or animals must be accompanied by documented evidence of approval by an appropriate research ethics committee. It is expected that the research project and the written report will be primarily the work of the candidate, and that the candidate is the first author, where there are more than one

The Academic Board reserves the right to modify any of these requirements from time to time. The Academic Board consists of: Associate Professor David Smart, Education Officer, Associate Professor Mike Davis and Dr Simon Mitchell.

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## Key words

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