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ABOUT LASER TRAINING WITH AACDS

Australasian Academy of Cosmetic Dermal Science (AACDS) delivers a series of Professional Certificates in laser procedures for the purpose of laser licensing requirements in Western Australia. AACDS has over ten years experience in delivering laser training as part of their nationally accredited qualifications on the east coast of Australia. AACDS is a Registered Training Organisation, provider number: 51373.

PERTH TRAINING FACILITIES

The Aspire Training Clinic is a fully functional clinic catering for students undertaking nationally accredited training in dermal therapies, cosmetic injectables and light-based therapies. The Aspire Training Clinic utilises a range of medical-quality laser equipment, specifically; Primelase Nd: YAG Hair Reduction, M22 Multi-Spot Nd: YAG vascular laser, Pastelle Q-Switched Nd: YAG pigment and tattoo removal laser.

The Aspire Training Clinic, located in the Perth CBD, provides a safe learning environment for students to complete their hands-on laser training and supervised hours.

Please Note: AACDS is not financially or otherwise aligned with any laser supplier or manufacturer. The lasers used in the Aspire Training Clinic have been specifically chosen based on quality, efficacy and suitability for training.
Dr Cuong Danh MBBS, RACGP CFCA, CERT IV TRAINER AND ASSESSOR

Dr Danh is a practicing Cosmetic Physician at Academy Face and Body specialising in cosmetic, dermatologic and gynaecological laser procedures. He is also a Senior Lecturer and Trainer/Assessor for AACDS in cosmetic injectable procedures.

Dr Danh is the supervising doctor at the Aspire Training Clinic.

Lisa Edwards Grad. Dip. Dermal Therapies, CERT. IV TRAINER AND ASSESSOR

Lisa has many years experience as a laser clinician practising in Queensland. She worked four years at Image by Laser and three years at Skinworx with Dr Richard Keys and has clocked over one thousand hours performing laser procedures for vascular, pigment, tattoo removal and skin rejuvenation.

Jacquie Kelly RN, CERT. IV TRAINER AND ASSESSOR

Jacquie brings a wealth of laser experience to Perth from the UK. She practiced for twelve years with Skin Clinics UK performing a range of cosmetic laser and medical procedures, especially tattoo and pigment removal, vascular lesions including congenital birthmarks. Jacquie also has ten years experience in surgical assisting and pre/post treatment care for fully ablative laser resurfacing procedures.

Ekta Tandon RN, ADV. DIP. COSMETIC DERMAL SCIENCE, CERT. IV TRAINER AND ASSESSOR

Ekta currently practices laser at Pier St Cosmetics under the supervision of Dr Charl du Plessis. Ekta’s area of expertise is laser hair reduction, especially treatment of darker complexions and well as vascular, pigment and skin rejuvenation procedures.
STUDY LOANS APPROVED COURSE

STUDENTS CURRENTLY WORKING UNDER A LICENCEE

For students currently working under the supervision of a cosmetic professional holding a WA Laser Licence in Superficial Cosmetic Procedures, you may be exempt from completing the supervised hours with AACDS. In this circumstance, the licencee at your workplace will provide your supervised hours.

ADVANCED STANDING FOR AACDS GRADUATES

For graduates holding a qualification from AACDS, you will be exempt from the units completed within your AACDS course. However, we do recommend you complete a refresher on the unit ‘Analyse the principles of light-based therapies in a cosmetic medical context’. You will be provided free access to this online unit to refresh prior to your practical training.

*ENDORSED CPD POINTS

CPD points endorsed by the ACN are available for these units.

FURTHER LEARNING PATHWAYS

Students who successfully complete all four units may achieve advanced standing/credit into the following nationally accredited courses:

- 52707WA GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF DERMAL THERAPIES
- 52707WA GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF COSMETIC NURSING
- 10510NAT ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF COSMETIC DERMAL SCIENCE

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL LASER PROCEDURES

(SUPERFICIAL COSMETIC PROCEDURES)

This Professional Certificate is developed for aesthetic professionals to obtain a licence from the Radiological Council of WA to perform superficial cosmetic laser procedures including treatment of benign pigmented lesions, vascular lesions and diffuse erythema and non-ablative skin rejuvenation. The course provides a holistic approach to laser practice within a cosmetic medical setting, encompassing units in:

- Laser and light physics
- Laser Safety
- Cosmetic dermatology
- Infection control
- Hands-on laser training in a 2:1 Student to Trainer ratio
- Required supervision hours for WA laser licensing

The course provides a holistic approach to laser practice within a cosmetic medical setting

**UNIT TITLE AND CODE** | **STUDY MODE** | **DURATION** | **COST**
---|---|---|---
Analyse the principles of light-based therapies in a cosmetic medical context* | Online theory | 30 hrs | $750
Laser Safety Certificate* (included in the above unit) | Online theory | | 
Analyse the principles of cosmetic dermatology* | Online theory | 20 hrs | $650
Perform light-based therapies for the purpose of skin rejuvenation | Hands-on training in the Aspire Training Clinic | 2 days | $2000
Perform non-ablative fractionated laser (delivered with the above unit) | Hands-on training in the Aspire Training Clinic | | 
Supervised hours (Students already working under a licenced laser operator may not have to complete this unit) | Hands-on supervised hours in the Aspire Training Clinic | 84 hrs over a maximum of 18 weeks | $8400

Total fee for the Professional Certificate in Cosmetic Laser Procedures (Superficial Cosmetic Procedures) = $11,800
**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL LASER PROCEDURES**

**(LASER HAIR REDUCTION)**

This Professional Certificate is developed for aesthetic professionals to obtain a licence from the Radiological Council of WA to perform hair reduction using class 3B and 4 laser modalities. The course provides a holistic approach to laser practice within a cosmetic medical or beauty setting, encompassing units in:

- Laser and light physics
- Laser Safety
- Infection control
- Hands-on laser training in a 2:1 Student to Trainer ratio
- Required supervision hours for WA laser licensing

**PREREQUISITES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You must hold an industry relevant qualification such as the Advanced Diploma of Cosmetic Dermal Science, Graduate Diploma of Dermal Therapies, Graduate Diploma of Cosmetic Nursing, Certificate IV or Diploma of Beauty Therapy, Diploma of Enrolled Nursing OR Bachelor of Nursing.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

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Total fee for the Professional Certificate in Cosmetic Laser Procedures (Laser Hair Removal) = $3750

**STUDENTS CURRENTLY WORKING UNDER A LICENCIREE**

For students currently working under the supervision of a cosmetic professional holding a WA Laser Licence in Superficial Cosmetic Procedures, you may be exempt from completing the supervised hours with AACDS. In this circumstance, the licencree at your workplace will provide your supervised hours.

**ADVANCED STANDING FOR AACDS GRADUATES**

For graduates holding a qualification from AACDS, you will be exempt from the units completed within your AACDS course. However, we do recommend you complete a refresher on the unit 'Analyse the principles of light-based therapies in a cosmetic medical context'. You will be provided free access to this online unit to refresh prior to your practical training.

***ENDORSED CPD POINTS**

CPD points endorsed by the ACN are available for these units.
This Professional Certificate is developed for aesthetic professionals to obtain a licence from the Radiological Council of WA to perform tattoo removal using Q-Switched, class 3B and 4 laser modalities. The course provides a holistic approach to laser practice within a cosmetic medical setting, encompassing units in:

- Laser and light physics
- Laser Safety
- Infection control
- Hands-on laser training in a 2:1 Student to Trainer ratio
- Required supervision hours for WA laser licensing

**PREREQUISITES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You must be currently registered with AHPRA as a Division 1 Registered Nurse AND have a minimum of five years nursing experience.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

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<td>Supervised hours (Students already working under a licenced laser operator may not have to complete this unit)</td>
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Total fee for the Professional Certificate in Cosmetic Laser Procedures (Laser Tattoo Removal) = $7600

**STUDENTS CURRENTLY WORKING UNDER A LICENCEE**
For students currently working under the supervision of a cosmetic professional holding a WA Laser Licence in Superficial Cosmetic Procedures, you may be exempt from completing the supervised hours with AACDS. In this circumstance, the licencee at your workplace will provide your supervised hours.

**ADVANCED STANDING FOR AACDS GRADUATES**
For graduates holding a qualification from AACDS, you will be exempt from the units completed within your AACDS course. However, we do recommend you complete a refresher on the unit ‘Analyse the principles of light-based therapies in a cosmetic medical context’. You will be provided free access to this online unit to refresh prior to your practical training.

**FURTHER LEARNING PATHWAYS**
Students who successfully complete all four units may achieve advanced standing/credit into the following nationally accredited courses:

- 52707WA GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF DERMAL THERAPIES
- 52709WA GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF COSMETIC NURSING
- 10510NAT ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF COSMETIC DERMAL SCIENCE

**ENDORSED CPD POINTS**
CPD points endorsed by the ACN are available for these units.

**STUDY LOANS APPROVED COURSE**
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN
CLINICAL LASER PROCEDURES

(FRACTIONATED ABLATIVE LASER)

This Professional Certificate provides Aesthetic Doctors with the knowledge and hands-on skills to perform fractionated laser procedures for the purpose of skin rejuvenation and specific dermatologic conditions. The course provides a holistic approach to laser practice within a cosmetic medical setting, encompassing units in:

- Laser and light physics
- Laser Safety
- Hands-on laser training in a 2:1 Student to Trainer ratio
- 12-month mentorship program

PREREQUISITES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You must be currently registered with AHPRA as a Medical Doctor.

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<td>Analyse the principles of cosmetic dermatology*</td>
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<td>Perform fractionated ablative laser procedures</td>
<td>Hands-on training at Academy Day Hospital</td>
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<td>Supervised Mentorship to be tailored on an individual basis</td>
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Total fee for the Professional Certificate in Cosmetic Laser Procedures (Fractionated Ablative Laser) = $6400

ADVANCED STANDING FOR AACDS GRADUATES

For graduates holding a qualification from AACDS, you will be exempt from the units completed within your AACDS course. However, we do recommend you complete a refresher on the unit ‘Analyse the principles of light-based therapies in a cosmetic medical context’. You will be provided free access to this online unit to refresh prior to your practical training.

CPD POINTS

The Australasian Academy of Cosmetic Dermal Science is an approved RACGP CPD provider. CPD points are available through self-directed learning for the units within this course.

TRAINING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Academy Day Hospital is an accredited Day Hospital specialising in a range of cosmetic surgical procedures. Training will take place in the surgical theatre using medical laser equipment.
1) WHO DO THE NEW LASER REGULATIONS APPLY TO?
The new regulations apply to enrolled or registered nurses, or holders of a Diploma or Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy or equivalent. This includes AACDS Graduates who hold an Advanced Diploma, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma. Medical Doctors are still required to apply for laser registration and licence, however the new licence exemptions do NOT apply to them.

2) WHAT IS AN EXEMPTIONS LICENCE?
Prior to May 2018, only Medical Doctors could hold a licence to operate a class 3B or 4 laser. Non-medical practitioners can now apply to use a laser but be exempt from holding a medical qualification. There are three new types of exemptions from licence issued for cosmetic use of lasers for practitioners who have the qualification mentioned in point 1.

1. Hair reduction
2. Superficial cosmetic procedures, which covers:
   + Vascular (excluding varicose veins)
   + Pigmentation (excluding any raised lesions)
3. Tattoo removal
If the candidate meets the criteria and has completed a specified number of hours in training, they may apply for an exemption licence (exempt from holding a medical licence).
3) HOW TO APPLY FOR THESE EXEMPTION LICENCES:

1. Hair reduction:
   - Be an Enrolled or Registered Nurse or hold an Advanced Diploma of Cosmetic Dermal Science, Vocational Graduate Certificate in Dermal Therapies, Graduate Diploma of Dermal Therapies, Diploma of Beauty Therapy or Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
   - Recognised laser safety certification (LSO)
   - 25 hours practical training under immediate personal supervision

2. Vascular and pigmentation:
   - Be an Enrolled or Registered Nurse or hold an Advanced Diploma of Cosmetic Dermal Science, Vocational Graduate Certificate in Dermal Therapies, Graduate Diploma of Dermal Therapies, Diploma of Beauty Therapy or Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
   - Recognised laser safety certification (LSO)
   - 50 hours practical training for each indication (that is 50 hours for redness, 50 hours for vascular and 50 hours for pigmentation)
   - There are no exemptions licences at this stage for skin tightening or ablative laser procedures.

3. Tattoo removal:
   - Must be a Division 1 Registered Nurse ONLY
   - Minimum of 5 years nursing experience
   - Tattoo removal course
   - 50 hours of Medical Doctor supervision

4) HOW DO I COMPLETE MY REQUIRED TRAINING HOURS?

For students currently working under the supervision of a cosmetic professional holding a WA Laser Licence in Superficial Cosmetic Procedures, you may be able to complete your supervised hours at your workplace, if the licence holder has the correct licence category and has the time to supervise you.

AACDS is pleased to announce that we will be offering Professional Certificates including supervised hours to help you gain your licence without inconveniencing your workplace and to help ensure you have all the correct documentation to make your application to the Radiological Council.

5) WILL I GET CREDIT INTO THE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES IF I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED A COURSE WITH AACDS?

For graduates holding a qualification from AACDS, you will be exempt from the units completed within your AACDS course that map across to the Professional Certificate. However, we do recommend you complete a refresher on the unit Analyse the principles of light-based therapies in a cosmetic medical context. You will be provided free access to this online unit to refresh prior to your practical training.

6) DO I NEED TO HOLD AN INFECTION CONTROL UNIT – AS PER THE OLD LICENCE REQUIREMENTS?

At this stage the Radiological Council have not requested this. As an AACDS student, this is already included in your qualification and you will be able to demonstrate this to the Council if they decided to change the licence exemption criteria in future.

7) WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THESE NEW REGULATIONS?

As these changes have only recently been introduced, there may be some changes to the licence exemption criteria that Radiological Council will need to review. AACDS are working closely with the Council and will pass on any information or changes received as soon as possible.

8) DO I NEED TO GET ADDITIONAL INSURANCE IF I AM USING A LASER?

Employees are often covered under the Indemnity Insurance of their employer, but it is up to you to clarify this with them and ensure the policy identifies the use of lasers for cosmetic purposes and operated by whom.

Clinic owners and managers must inform their insurance broker of the new laser equipment/ procedure(s) prior to commencing laser procedures.

9) DO THE NEW REGULATIONS ALSO AFFECT IPL AND OTHER LIGHT-BASED THERAPIES?

The regulations for the use of IPL, radio frequency, infra-red or LEDs have NOT changed. There are no plans at this stage to review this.

10) CAN ONLY REGISTERED NURSES PERFORM TATTOO REMOVAL?

Following the introduction of these new regulations, ONLY level 1 Registered Nurses and Medical Doctors can use lasers for the laser tattoo removal. The exemptions licence information is covered in question three of this document.

11) WHAT DOES DIRECT SUPERVISION MEAN?

Direct supervision means that the person required to exercise such supervision must be present and directly observing the use of the laser. All hours must be registered in a logbook.

12) IF I DECIDE TO APPLY FOR MY LASER LICENCE, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

YES; you need to be aware that:

- A medical practitioner will be required to be involved with setting up the protocols and procedures relating to cosmetic laser treatments (condition of registration)
- A skin check and letter from a Medical Doctor is required before each new course of superficial cosmetic treatment can be performed.

13) WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

If you would like to know more about completing your hours with AACDS, please contact us on:

(08) 9328 6760 or email enquiries@aacds.edu.au

Information about the changes can be found through the Radiological Council:

www.radiologicalcouncil.wa.gov.au/Pages/FAQ/Lasers.html