Set yourself up for a range of careers, from general practice and geriatric medicine through to pathology, pediatrics and surgery. Unlike most other universities, at Deakin the Doctor of Medicine has an emphasis on rural and regional medicine and aims to satisfy the critical shortage of doctors in regional areas – making graduates very employable.

Gain professional accreditation
The Doctor of Medicine is accredited with the Australian Medical Council (AMC). Graduates who satisfactorily complete pre-registration training will qualify as Registered Medical Practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

Experience a range of health settings
There is currently a significant medical workforce shortage throughout Australia, particularly in rural, regional and outer metropolitan locations. To help address this, our course has a rural and regional focus. All of our students complete part of their clinical practice in a rural setting, developing networks in regional areas and becoming familiar with the way medicine is practised in the country, along with the challenges and rewards associated with it.

Strong clinical partnerships with a number of metropolitan-based healthcare organisations mean that you can also undertake clinical placements in Melbourne, as well as interstate and, in some instances, overseas.

Access our growing health precinct
The medical precinct at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus has had a significant boost with Epworth HealthCare’s private hospital based within walking distance of the campus. These facilities enhance the educational possibilities for Deakin’s medicine students by offering a supportive environment for supervised clinical placements.

Secure your place in the future of medicine
Problem-based learning is a key theme of medicine at Deakin, meaning that while you are at university you will learn to solve the kinds of problems that you will encounter when you’re working in industry.

Our course also includes placements in a range of medical environments, from hospitals and general practices to community healthcare settings in the Geelong region. For the third and fourth years of the course, you will have the opportunity to preference one of four clinical schools in Geelong, Ballarat, Warrnambool and Box Hill, with the additional option in third year of the Rural Community Clinical School. An elective in fourth year also provides the opportunity to study overseas or interstate to broaden your horizons.

Get work ready – we are the #1 university for skills development
Ranked the #1 university for skills development in Victoria*, Deakin’s course curriculum integrates real world expertise with practical skills to give our students a competitive edge.

* 2016 Student Experience Survey
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Accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC), the Doctor of Medicine is a four-year graduate-entry course for students wishing to qualify as medical practitioners. Learn about anatomy, physiology and pathology, plus clinical procedural skills, public health issues and managing chronic diseases.

There is a focus on the early development of clinical, communication and procedural skills, diagnosis and management of chronic diseases, and multidisciplinary teamwork, as well as an emphasis on rural and regional medicine.

The first two years of the course use a systems approach and problem-based learning seminars, with a focus on interprofessional learning. During this time you are based at Deakin’s Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, as well as attending clinical sites (hospitals, general practices and community health centres) in the Geelong region.

During year three most students undergo intensive clinical training within health services attached to one of five clinical schools – the Greater Green Triangle Clinical School (centred on Warrnambool); the Grampians Clinical School (centred on Ballarat); the Greater Geelong Clinical School (centred on Geelong); the Eastern Health Clinical School in Box Hill, Melbourne; and Deakin’s Rural Community Clinical School.

The course concludes in year four with two five-week rotations – an elective that can be taken in Australia or overseas and a pre-internship hospital rotation in which the student experiences day-to-day life of an intern.

Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS)
A small cohort will attend our Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS), where they will be based in GP clinics with local hospital visiting rights across a number of towns in western Victoria.

The RCCS gives some third-year students the opportunity to spend an entire year of study attached to a general practice in one of a number of regional centres in western Victoria, including Ararat, Bacchus Marsh, Camperdown, Casterton, Colac, Daylesford, Hamilton, Horsham and Stawell, where students are able to develop strong community engagement.

Why you can confidently choose Deakin
Our medicine graduates perform extremely well in terms of graduate employment outcomes, with 100% of the 2017 graduates employed. In order to qualify as registered medical practitioners with the Australian Medical Council (AMC), these graduates are currently undertaking accredited internships at a number of Victorian and interstate hospitals.

Following successful completion of their intern year, our graduates will be able to apply for entry to specialty training programs for a diverse range of medical careers.

What is a Bonded Medical Place (BMP)?
If offered a BMP you sign an agreement with the Australian Government to work in a district of workforce shortage (as determined by the Department of Health and Ageing) of your choice for four years. More information is available at www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme.

Why the most satisfied students – 8 years in a row
At Deakin, we pride ourselves on the satisfaction of our students and the success of our graduates. To us, the experience of each student matters, from the quality of teaching they receive to their ongoing employability. When Deakin scores highly in a number of rankings year on year, it’s thanks to many thousands of these great individual experiences.

Course themes
Our Doctor of Medicine has four major themes that underpin your study across the four years of the course.

Knowledge of Health and Illness
The biological and behavioural sciences underpinning the practice of medicine.

Doctor and Patient
The clinical skills required to practise medicine.

Public Health Medicine
A broad theme that includes biostatistics and epidemiology, population and public health, health systems and the effect of culture on health, particularly Indigenous health.

Ethics, Law, Professionalism
The ethical, professional and legal basis of medical practice.
Applying to Deakin

Admission to the Doctor of Medicine is determined by a combination of grade point average (GPA) in an approved undergraduate degree, Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) score, eligible bonuses and interview performance.

Step 1
Complete bachelor’s degree with the weighted GPA of at least 5.0
A completed undergraduate degree from an Australian university or a higher education institution recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework, or a recognised bachelor’s degree qualification listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) Guide. No preference is given to graduates with particular bachelor’s degrees. Deakin encourages individuals from diverse educational backgrounds, who will bring to the profession a variety of talents and interests.

A minimum weighted GPA of 5.0; the GPA score is based on academic grades during the final three full-time equivalent years of the most recent undergraduate degree (including an honours year if applicable). Undergraduate degrees must have been completed in the last 10 years. Years are progressively weighted x1, x2 and x3, to give greater weight to the most recent results.

Deakin does not recognise two-year bachelor’s degrees or one-year conversion degrees for the purposes of admission to the medical course, however accelerated degrees completed over two years are accepted.

Step 2
Register and complete the GAMSAT
Minimum entry requirement is an overall GAMSAT score of 50, with a minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections. Please refer to the GAMSAT website for details of testing dates: https://gamsat.acer.org.

Step 3
Apply through GEMSAS
All applications for the Doctor of Medicine must be made via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) www.gemsas.edu.au. Applications open in early May and close at the end of May.

Note: All applications via the Indigenous Entry Stream should be directed to medinfo@deakin.edu.au.

Step 4
Invitations to interviews are released
In early September invitations to interview will be sent to up to 220 applicants based on GAMSAT + GPA score (50:50) with additional weighting for bonuses.

Step 5
Interviews at Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
Deakin Medical School uses the multiple-mini interview (MMI) process. Each applicant undergoes a series of five-minute interviews at 10 stations, using standardised questions and scoring procedures. The stations are designed to assess applicant attributes, such as:

- communication skills
- commitment to rural and regional practice
- evidence-based practice
- self-directed learning
- teamwork
- motivation for a career in medicine
- a commitment to social justice
- professionalism
- effective use of resources.

Step 6
Offers into medicine are released
In November, the School of Medicine will offer 93 Commonwealth Supported Places and 37 Bonded Medical Places to successful applicants.

Indigenous Entry Stream
In partnership with the Institute of Koorie Education, the School of Medicine offers an Indigenous Entry Stream, with up to seven Commonwealth Supported Places available to Indigenous students.

Minimum entry requirements
- Completion (or in the final year) of an undergraduate (bachelor’s) degree from an Australian higher education institution. Undergraduate degrees must have been completed in the last 10 years.
- A Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 out of 7.0 (approximately 70% grade average).
- Applicants must demonstrate Indigenous background.
- Successful interview. The interview panel may request that some applicants complete a multiple-mini interview (MMI) and/or a written reflection as additional evidence of suitability.
- Applicants must complete an Indigenous Entry Stream application form and provide a resume with the application.

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Research at a glance

Research at Deakin is making a difference across the health spectrum in areas such as medicine, ageing and chronic illness, physical activity, infant and child health, nutrition, disability and social and mental health. Deakin is a key partner in the Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases – Australia’s first ‘One Health’ facility. It takes a new, multidisciplinary approach to managing infectious diseases in people, animals and the environment.

In a world-first, our researchers have pioneered the industrial production of high-value short fibre materials. The potential of these tiny fibres is hugely promising – already, discoveries in stem cell expansion are set to improve leukaemia treatment across the globe.

Our research in autism has led to the adoption of improved diagnostic and treatment guidelines by the international medical community. In the mental health domain, teams of scientists are collaborating on major programs to improve understanding and treatment of psychiatric disorders. Deakin researchers are also overseeing Australia’s longest-running longitudinal study on child development. Insights gleaned from this project will improve public health policy and potentially break inter-generational cycles of disadvantage. For more research stories, visit deakin.edu.au/research/improving-health-and-wellbeing.

‘One of the School of Medicine’s key visions is social accountability and we aim to provide opportunities for students to join us from all walks of life to learn how to become excellent doctors. The deep understanding of health and wellbeing held by Indigenous people provides a valuable model for Australia as a whole. As such, Deakin students learn about the benefits of Indigenous health education and the advantages that cultural training and education can bring – in particular if we are to Close the Gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and populations, both within Victoria and Australia-wide.’

Candice McKenzie
Academic Coordinator for Indigenous Medical Education

Research groups

The Deakin Medical School houses a vibrant program of research, including more than 200 research staff and students, with a strong international profile.

Centre for Molecular and Medical Research (CMMR)
Research focus is on the molecular basis of health and disease, spanning basic gene discovery and molecular analysis through to pre-clinical development, including translational research into novel strategies for optimising health and new therapeutic targets.

Metabolic Research Unit – principally involved in research into metabolic diseases, particularly type 2 diabetes and obesity, muscle biology and neuroscience.

Molecular Medicine Research Facility – focused on the basic biology of the immune system, infectious agents, cancer and development at the molecular level, and how this can be exploited for the generation of new therapeutic agents.

Research staff are also located in our key research partners, CSIRO (AATL) and Barwon Health. For more information about CSIRO, please visit www.csiro.au and to learn more about the AATL, please visit www.barwonhealth.org.au.

Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases (GCEID)
A collaborative and multidisciplinary research partnership between Deakin University, Barwon Health and the CSIRO’s Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL), the Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases (GCEID) uses a ‘One Health’ approach to understand and mitigate the risks posed by emerging infectious diseases. To effectively tackle this significant threat, the ‘One Health’ approach combines expertise in human and animal health, biology, ecology, epidemiology and informatics.

Centre for Innovation in Mental and Physical Health and Clinical Treatment (IMPACT)
IMPACT is an integrated research facility that aims to better understand the causes and impact of psychiatric, musculoskeletal, metabolic and other disorders.

Located at Barwon Health, IMPACT contributes to the development of innovative therapies and preventative interventions through its multidisciplinary approach and integration of clinical, epidemiological and basic research. The centre fosters collaborative research nationally and internationally and is committed to mentorship, sustainability, knowledge translation and capacity generation.

National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH)
The National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH) is an exciting initiative in agricultural health care. It represents a research, service delivery and education centre that provides national leadership to improve the health and wellbeing of farmers, farm workers and their families across Australia. NCFH is a partnership between Deakin University and Western District Health Service and is based in Hamilton.

Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine (CREM)
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Work placement requirements
In accordance with Department of Human Services Policy*, all medicine students are required to undertake a Police Record Check prior to clinical placements in each calendar year of their course. In accordance with the Working with Children Act 2005*, all students are required to undertake a Working with Children Check at commencement of the course. If you fail to obtain a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check prior to the commencement of your clinical placement, you will not be able to undertake the clinical placement.

You will be asked to undergo serological testing prior to enrolment. You will also be required to declare your immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of health organisations where you will be undertaking your clinical learning experience.


Deakin Hallmarks are prestigious University awards that recognise students’ outstanding achievement, at course level, of capabilities that are key to employment success.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/hallmarks, including how Hallmarks are awarded.