TAKING ON THE HEALTH ISSUES OF TOMORROW

The Deakin School of Medicine is Victoria’s first rural and regional medical school and one of Australia’s most innovative.

At Deakin, we have created a world-class health precinct. This expansive precinct includes the new Deakin medical and research facility on campus; REACH (Deakin Regional Community Health Hub), a $47 million research facility; Metabolic research unit; research links with CSIRO and University hospital; a new Epworth hospital on campus with advanced Emergency and ICU facilities; and all our strategic research centres.

As well as teaching, the School of Medicine is engaged in high-level research centred around four main pillars: infection, immunity and cancer; metabolic and musculoskeletal medicine; neuroscience; and rural and regional health.

Your medical training at Deakin will prepare you to serve people in your own country, in rural communities or developing countries. Your personal international study experience will give you a global perspective that allows you to adapt easily to a local context. Deakin University Medical School invites you to become part of an extraordinary fellowship of healthcare professionals and researchers.

Professor Jon Watson, Head of School

WHY DEAKIN?

Deakin School of Medicine trains work-ready graduates who are skilled and motivated to improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve. The curriculum is designed around problem- and team-based learning, and delivering excellence across clinical, commercial and professional domains in patient-centred care.

Deakin University, Australia

Deakin is known for being accessible, student-centred, progressive, collegial and friendly. Deakin is in the top 2% of the world’s universities in each of the three major international rankings – ShanghaiRankings, Times Higher Education and QS World University Rankings. We also have a long-standing record of using cutting-edge information technology to provide highly personalised experiences on a lively campus in a beautiful natural setting.

In its first decade, Deakin School of Medicine has already seen great success. Our medicine program is ranked among the top 250 in the world, and is the highest ranked of Australia’s newest medical degrees, according to QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017.

Innovative curriculum

As a medical student at Deakin you will attend lectures, learn in small-group settings and get hands-on learning with clinical placements in the first months of your degree. With a small cohort of only 140 students each year, you will get to develop close relationships with faculty members, physicians, tutors and your fellow students.

In addition, you will enjoy state-of-the-art facilities and an extensive IT infrastructure in a supportive and friendly community.

The medical curriculum revolves around four themes that are integrated across the four years of your degree:

• Knowledge of health and illness – the biological and behavioural sciences underpinning the practice of medicine;
• Doctor and patient – the clinical skills required to practice 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 and communication – a theme that provides the foundations for excellence in medical practice.

High-quality clinical practice

Students will experience a wide range of clinical placements in the first two years of their degree. Years 3 and 4 are entirely taught at our off campus clinical teaching sites.

In Medicine, students are introduced to rural and regional medical practice, which includes an inter professional learning placement at a rural location. Approximately one third of students will be placed in a Deakin Rural Clinical School in Years 3 and 4 of their degree; over half will be placed in large urban hospitals in Geelong and Melbourne; and a select group of students will undertake Year 3 embedded in regional communities supported by our Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS) and local hospitals.

“Deakin provides a well-rounded course with an emphasis on problem-based learning, comparable to real-life clinical practice. Their focus on rural health allows unique opportunities in this area which is something I am interested in at this early stage.”

Paul Newby
Deakin Medical Student

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EXPERIENCE DEAKIN

Victoria, Australia
Located on the southernmost tip of mainland Australia is the State of Victoria. In its large cities and country towns, Victoria embraces Australian traditions, and also welcomes the world, with people from over 200 countries calling the State home. Cafe-filled laneways, world-class sports, surf beaches, expansive countryside, and native forests make Victoria a vibrant place to live and study.

Geelong
Just an hour away from Melbourne, Geelong has the shopping, dining and nightlife one expects of a dynamic city, but its beautiful waterfront and gardens are perfect for strolling and relaxing. And with some of the world’s best surf beaches close by, the city of Geelong is the perfect balance between the bustle of Melbourne and the beauty of seaside Victoria.

Melbourne
Melbourne is the multicultural heart of Australia and is a city built for exploring. There is always something happening in Melbourne, from cultural festivals and world-class arts performances to international sporting events like the Australian Open tennis tournament. It is no wonder that Melbourne continues to earn its title as the most livable city in the world (Economist Intelligence Unit, 2011–2016).

Ballarat
Known for its goldfields and rich heritage, Ballarat is a large rural town located just over an hour’s drive from Melbourne. Grand buildings, fountains and tourist attractions celebrate the city’s history, but the growing population and cultural scene make it an ideal place for students. While Deakin does not have a campus in Ballarat, medical students may spend their clinical study years here.

Warrnambool
Warrnambool presents a different side of Australia. Set along one of the country’s most scenic coastlines, Warrnambool is a prosperous country town that offers comfortable living and a cultural scene hosted by a great regional gallery and arts centre. Cruise up the Hopkins River or sit down to some excellent Southeast Asian cuisine on Liebig Street.

As a Deakin medical student, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of the practice of medicine, with an emphasis on the early development of clinical, communication and procedural skills; diagnosis and management of chronic diseases; professionalism and work-readiness; and multidisciplinary teamwork.

Accreditation
Deakin’s medical program is accredited by the Australian Medical Council. Graduates who satisfactorily complete an accredited inter-year following successful completion of this course will qualify as registered medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

What you’ll learn
The first two years of the course work focuses on problem-based learning in small, collaborative groups. There is a strong emphasis on information technology, which has become an essential part of clinical practice, and on early clinical experience, including simulation-based teaching. This experience introduces students to working in multidisciplinary teams and helps develop an understanding of the expertise and role of different health professionals.

The following tables provide a breakdown of the subject areas you will study throughout the program as well as more details about each year of study.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Upon completion
To date, all Deakin international medical graduates have been eligible for internships in Australia, or their country of preference. International students either undertake this training as an Australian intern or travel to their country of interest and train in a residency program there.

Information about the pathways to registration in Australia can be found at www.medicalboard.gov.au/registration.aspx, or you can contact your country’s Medical Board to discuss pathway options overseas.

Graduate career opportunities
Our medicine graduates perform extremely well in graduate employment outcomes, with 100 percent of our 2014 graduates finding full-time work in 2015.

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 hospitals across Australia.

Following successful completion of the internship year, you will be able to apply for entry to specialty training programs for a diverse range of medical careers in Australia and overseas.

Eligibility Requirements
A completed undergraduate degree from an Australian Higher Education institution or a recognised bachelor degree:
- GPA minimum of 5 out of 7
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score of 125 in each of the four sections under the old and new scoring systems
- IELTS score of 7.0 in each section and 7 overall (English taught degrees exempt)
- Successful interview
- OR
- Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT) overall score of 50 (minimum 50 in each of the three sections)
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How To Apply
Through your representative
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Visit deakin.edu.au/international for more information.

Direct to Deakin
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Career Pathway

Medical Student (4 – 6 years)

Intern (PCY1) provisional registration

Postgraduate resident (PGY2-3+)

Speciality Training Program Application and Acceptance

Registrar (PGY3+)

JOURNEY TO YOUR MEDICAL CAREER

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