

School of Medicine

Indigenous Entry Stream



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Dean's welcome



Deakin University's School of Medicine is very different from other medical schools. We have a real focus on the health and wellbeing of rural and regional communities, as well as strong commitment to social justice and health equity.

We are driven by our values and focused on our purpose. We are determined to work against entrenched privilege to ensure that all Australians can achieve the highest levels of health and have access to the health care and health promotion services they need. We are based in the regional city of Geelong and our students undertake training across western Victoria.

We also undertake ground-breaking research, with an emphasis on mental health, lifestyle medicine and rural health. As a school, we foster a culture of diversity, inclusiveness, respect and social accountability, with a focus on excellence, innovation and work-readiness.

We are deeply committed to recruiting and supporting Indigenous medical, optometry and medical imaging students as part of our ongoing responsibility to further health equity for Australia's First Peoples. We warmly invite you to come and study with us.

Professor Gary Rogers
Dean, School of Medicine

Take a step towards your career in medicine

Deakin University offers entry streams for the Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry and Bachelor of Medical Imaging, exclusively for Indigenous students. These entry streams are a partnership between Deakin's School of Medicine and the National Indigenous Knowledges Education Research Innovation (NIKERI) Institute.

Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry and Bachelor of Medical Imaging

The Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) for the Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry (BVSMO) and Bachelor of Medical Imaging (BMI) provides a direct-entry pathway for Indigenous Australian applicants. This stream is for non-Year 12 applicants. Current Year 12 applicants can apply directly through VTAC.

Doctor of Medicine

Up to 5% of domestic places in Deakin's Doctor of Medicine course are held for Indigenous Australian applicants applying through the IES. Indigenous Australian applicants can apply with any undergraduate degree and aren't required to complete the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT).

Entry requirements

Bachelor of Medical Imaging (BMI) – deakin.edu.au/course/BMI

To be eligible for a place in the Bachelor of Medical Imaging course, Indigenous Entry Stream applicants must meet the following admission criteria (note this entry stream is for non-Year 12 applicants via direct application only):

- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian, AND
- provide confirmation of Aboriginality from their community, AND

have completed the following requirements:

- A Senior Secondary Certificate of Education with ATAR of at least 50 or equivalent (including Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL) and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics; as well as a study score of at least 22 in Mathematical Methods (CAS) or Specialist Mathematics or a study score of at least 30 in Further Mathematics, OR
- Have successfully completed at least one year of study at Certificate IV or higher in any discipline. Prior study must include the following prerequisites:
 - a. For applicants with VCE completion within 10 years*:
 - i. At least one maths unit (equivalent to a VCE study score with a minimum of 22 in Mathematical Methods (CAS) or Specialist Mathematics, or a VCE study score of at least 30 in Further Mathematics, and
 - ii. One science unit at VCE level, with a minimum equivalent study score of 25 in Chemistry, Biology or Physics, OR
 - b. For applicants whose VCE study is post 10 years*:
 - i. One maths unit with score of 65 or greater, AND
 - ii. One science units (Chemistry, Biology, Physics) with a score of 65 or greater, OR
- Evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent, including Foundation program approved by Faculty Board, or relevant work or life experience.

Doctor of Medicine – deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine

IES applicants apply directly to the School of Medicine through the IES and must demonstrate eligibility to apply as an Indigenous Australian. An aggregate score is then allocated and applicants are ranked according to:

- academic performance in an approved Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters by coursework¹. A final GPA (weighted) of 5.0 or greater. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study, AND
- information provided in the IES application form
- performance in an interview⁵.
- Offers will be made to applicants based on rank order and the number of places available under the IES.

Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry (BVSMO) – deakin.edu.au/course/bvsmo

IES applicants must meet the following admission criteria (note this entry stream is for non-Year 12 applicants via direct application only):

- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian, AND
- provide confirmation of Aboriginality from their community, AND
- have completed one or more of the following requirements:
 - A Senior Secondary Certificate of Education with ATAR of at least 50 or equivalent (including Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL), OR
- Have successfully completed at least one year of study at Certificate IV or higher in any discipline.

^{*}To meet this requirement, VCE must have been completed within 10 years of the time of admission into the course.

¹ Degree must have been awarded within 10 years of the projected commencement date of the Doctor of Medicine. Applicants whose degree was completed outside this 10 year period may be considered if they have completed relevant further Higher Education study. The institution must be recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework (or equivalent overseas institution determined by Deakin).

⁵ Score based on performance at the interview in which applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 50%

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which Deakin University stands and we pay our respect.

'One of our key visions is social accountability, and we aim to provide opportunities for students to join us from all walks of life to learn to become excellent doctors.'

Candice McKenzie
First Associate Head of School
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If you would like to discuss the Indigenous Entry Stream or the courses in more depth, please contact the School of Medicine's Indigenous Health Team at ihmer@deakin.edu.au.

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