

Doctor of Medicine

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Taking on the health issues of tomorrow

Deakin University's School of Medicine is the Australian state of 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; our Metabolic Research unit; research links with CSIRO and university Hospital; a new Epworth Hospital on campus with advanced Emergency and ICU facilities; and our various research institutes and 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 School of Medicine invites you to become part of an extraordinary fellowship of healthcare professionals and researchers.

Professor Karen Dwyer,
Acting Dean of School of Medicine

Exceptional medical and health sciences research

Deakin has achieved the highest ranking of 5 (well above world standard) for 11 out of 12 disciplines across our medical and health sciences research.*

*Excellence in Research Australia 2018-2019

Why choose 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 and professional domains in patient-centred care.

Impressive rankings

Deakin is known for being accessible, student-centred, progressive, collegial and friendly. Deakin is ranked in the top 1% of the world's universities by the prestigious ShanghaiRankings. 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 the highest ranked among Australia's top young universities, according to QS World University Rankings in 2019.

Deakin has also been ranked as 'well above' world standard for research across 11 out of 12 medical and health disciplines, according to the 2018-2019 Excellence in Research for Australia.

Innovative curriculum

As a medical student at Deakin you will attend lectures, learn in small-group settings and experience hands-on learning with clinical placements- all starting in the first months of your degree and continuing throughout the course. With a small cohort of only 130 students, you will 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.

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.

Deakin is a rural and regionally-focused medical school. Our students are introduced to rural and regional medical practise, which includes an inter-professional learning placement at a rural location. These placements allow students to work closely with health professionals and patients.

Approximately one third of students will be placed in a Deakin Rural Clinical School in Years 3 and 4 of their degree; 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. Others students have the opportunity to be placed in large urban hospitals in Geelong and Melbourne.

'The staff at Deakin have been a big help for me over the years. In the first two years, we had a lot of contact with staff who helped us learn clinical skills – things like taking histories and examining patients. I found their support to be critical in picking up a lot of those skills that you can't really learn from a book'

Alex Patinkin
Deakin Medical Student



Medicine at Deakin

Deakin medical students 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 Doctor of Medicine is accredited with the Australian Medical Council. Graduates who satisfactorily complete pre-registration training will qualify as registered medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

What you will 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.

Course themes

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

Medical Science and Clinical Practice

The biological and behavioural sciences underpinning the practice of medicine, along with the skills required for effective person-centred healthcare practice.

Public Health Medicine

Healthcare from a community and societal perspective, encompassing epidemiology, population health, health systems, and the ways in which healthcare practitioners can support better health outcomes from the individual to the global scale.

Ethics, Law, Professionalism

The foundational and applied concepts required for the ethical basis of health, the social and legal frameworks of medicine, and the professional practice of medicine.

Indigenous Health

The physical, mental, social and cultural aspects of health, from an Indigenous perspective.

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

Deakin's medicine graduates perform extremely well in terms of employment outcomes.

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 speciality training programs for a diverse range of medical careers.

Course structure

Course code: **H911**

Years (full time): **4**

Campus: **Geelong Warrnambool**

Intake: Semester 1 (January)

2021 annual fee: A\$73,000

IELTS score: 7/7

Year 1 (pre clinical)

Medicine 1A (HME911)

Human Biology

Infection, Defence and Repair

Assessment period

Medicine 1B (HME912)

Cardiovascular and Respiratory

Renal and Gastrointestinal

Assessment period

Year 2 (pre clinical)

Medicine 2A (HME921)

Endocrine and Lifecycle

Musculoskeletal and Metabolism

Assessment period

Medicine 2B (HME922)

Brain and Behaviour

Transition to Clinical Practice

Assessment period

Year 3 (clinical)

Medicine 3A (HME931) and Medicine 3B (HME932)

Medicine A and B

Surgery A and B

Children's Health

Women's Health

Assessment Period

Year 4 (clinical)

Medicine 4A (HME941) and Medicine 4B (HME942)

Emergency Medicine

Aged Care, Rehabilitation, Palliative Care

Anaesthetics, Intensive Care

General Practice

Mental Health

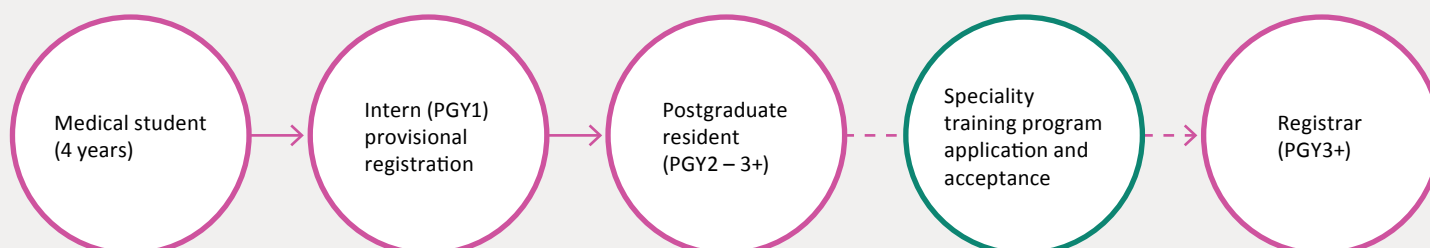
Research Scholar Program

Assessment period

Elective

Pre-internship

Journey to your medical career



Course content – Years 1 and 2

- Integrated systems blocks.
- Small group Problem-Based Learning (PBL).
- PBL supplemented by lectures, practical classes and clinical experience in clinical skills laboratories, hospitals and other health services in the Geelong region.
- Early communication and clinical skills.
- Approximately 20 contact hours per week.
- Approximately 20 hours of self-study.

Course content – Years 3 and 4

- Students distributed among five clinical schools for intensive clinical training.
- Placements in hospitals, health services and general practices.
- In Year 4, students move through a range of disciplines to gain breadth of clinical exposure and training. Students complete the Research Scholar Program to build essential career skills.
- Common medical and surgical conditions form the core of the curriculum for each rotation.
- Patient-centred, authentic learning model.
- Inter-school online teaching and learning.

Experience Deakin

The Deakin Medical School is located in Geelong, which is where students will spend the first two years of study. Associated with Deakin Medical School are five clinical schools, which are located in Geelong, Warrnambool, Ballarat, Melbourne and Western Victoria. These clinical schools are where students will spend their clinical study years.

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. 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.

– Geelong Clinical School

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 year after year Melbourne is ranked one of the world's most liveable cities.

– Eastern Health Clinical School

Warrnambool

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.

– Warrnambool Clinical School

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.

– Ballarat Clinical School

Western Victoria

The Western Victoria region comprises cities and towns rich with history, heritage and community. The beauty of the natural environment, fresh local produce and rich community life make it the perfect escape from crowded metropolitan life and busy schedules. Deakin's Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS) provides select third year students with the opportunity for longitudinal placement in one of four rural regions: Hamilton/Portland; Horsham/Ararat/Stawell; Daylesford/Bacchus Marsh; and Colac/Camperdown. Students participate in general practice and community hospital care as part of a Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Program.

– Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS)

Application process

Deakin is here to support you with your application to study medicine with us. Below is all you need to know about the application process, as well as scholarship opportunities.

Eligibility requirements

A completed undergraduate degree from an Australian Higher Education institution or a recognised bachelor degree, with:

- GPA minimum of 5 out of 7 (or equivalent).

AND

- 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).
- IELTS score of 7.0 in each section and 7 overall (English taught degrees exempt).
- Successful interview.

How to apply

Through a representative

You can apply to study medicine at Deakin by talking to an education agent. They will assist you with the application process and ensure that you have all the necessary information to submit your application.

Your agent will accept and process your application and provide advice and logistical support for the interview process, visa assistance, housing and more.

Visit deakin.edu.au/int-reps for more information.

Direct to Deakin

Alternatively, you are welcome to submit your application direct to Deakin. Detailed information is available at:

- Deakin School of Medicine website at deakin.edu.au/medicine
- International student applications: student-deakin.studylink.com.

Interviews

Applicants are interviewed at Deakin Medical School in Australia, or in their country of residence. Interviews may be face-to-face or by video conference. If you are invited for an interview, you will be contacted either by our local representative or by the Deakin Medical School to arrange a suitable time and location.

Scholarships

At Deakin, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to study at university. There are scholarships available from Deakin and other organisations, including the Australian Government, to help you get started.

For a full list of scholarship opportunities and information on how to apply, visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

Accommodation for International Medical Students (AIMS)

For students accepted and enrolled in Deakin's medicine program, Deakin will provide one semester of on-campus accommodation free of charge. This initiative is provided to support medical students in their relocation to Australia.

Work placement requirements

In accordance with Department of Health and Human Services Policy¹, all medicine students are required to undertake a Police Record Check before clinical placements in each calendar year of their course.

Students are also required to undertake a Working with Children Check at the start of their course (in accordance with the Working with Children Act 2005²). If you fail to obtain a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check before starting your clinical placement, you won't be able to do the clinical placement.

You will be asked to undergo serological testing before you enrol. You will also need to declare your immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of health organisations where you will be carrying out your clinical learning experience.

¹Department of Health and Human Services Policy on Working with Children Check and Police Record Check can be found at: dhhs.vic.gov.au

²Department of Justice 2007, Working with Children Act 2005, Victoria, Australia, retrieved 16 June 2008.



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Geelong Waterfront Campus
1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong
Victoria 3220 Australia

Warrnambool Campus
Princes Highway, Warrnambool
Victoria 3280 Australia

Important Dates

Application Rounds (2021 intake)

Applications open: 1 January

Early Round

Applications close : 31 May

Interview invitations: Week commencing 25 May 2020

Interviews: 1 - 12 June 2020

Offers released: Week commencing 22 June 2020

Main Round

Applications close: 7 June 2020

Interview invitations: Week commencing 22 June 2020

Interviews: 6 - 10 July 2020

Offers released: Week commencing 27 July 2020

Late Round (if places available)

Applications close: 30 September 2020

Interviews (as required): August - November 2020

Offers released (if applicable): Up to 30 November 2020

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