Your first step to a long and rewarding career

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.

Your future in medicine

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.

Work in metropolitan and rural 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.

Get hands-on experience in the real world
Problem-based learning is a key theme of medicine at Deakin. This means that while you’re at university, you’ll solve the kinds of problems that you’ll 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 can preference one of five clinical schools in Geelong, Ballarat, Warrnambool, Box Hill or the Rural Community Clinical School.

#1 university for skills development
Gain a competitive edge in the workplace with real-world expertise and practical skills. Deakin is ranked the #1 university for skills development in Victoria, which means you’ll graduate highly skilled, work-ready and in-demand from employers.

1. 2018 Student Experience Survey

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Doctor of Medicine

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During the clinical placement component of the Doctor of Medicine, you’ll complete at least four weeks of a dedicated rural attachment, which meets your Commonwealth Department of Health requirements. Up to 5% of domestic places in our Doctor of Medicine course are held for Indigenous Australian applicants applying through the Indigenous Entry Stream. Indigenous Australian applicants can apply with any undergraduate degree, and aren’t required to complete the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) (see page 4)

Careers

Deakin’s medicine graduates perform extremely well in terms of employment outcomes, with 100% of the 2016–2018 graduates finding employment. 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 internship, our graduates will be able to apply for entry to specialty training programs for a diverse range of medical careers.

Professional recognition

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Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS)

Attend our Rural Community Clinical School (RCCS), where you’ll 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, to develop strong community engagement. These towns include:

- Ararat
- Bacchus Marsh
- Camperdown
- Casterton
- Colac
- Daylesford
- Hamilton
- Horsham
- Stawell.

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 of your choice for four years. These districts are determined by the Department of Health and Ageing.


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 related to 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.

Course code

Doctor of Medicine H911

Semester

WP

Entry requirements

To apply for the Doctor of Medicine program, you’ll need to meet one of our entry pathways:

- Graduate Entry Stream. Applicants must complete the Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) (see page 4).
- Indigenous Entry Stream. Indigenous Australian applicants applying through the Indigenous Entry Stream can apply with any undergraduate degree.
- Patriarchal Entry Stream. Applicants must complete the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) (see page 4).

For information on your Indigenous status, please refer to the Indigenous Education Office.

For applicants who are already an Indigenous Medical Practitioner or Indigenous Medical Practitioner in Training, the Indigenous Entry Stream is not available.

BMP opportunities

Our final-year medical students are eligible for Bonded Medical Places (BMP). These are designed to help reduce the workforce shortage in rural and regional areas across Victoria, the Northern Territory and remote communities in Western Australia. Our BMP placements are competitive and allow you to select your choice of BMP location.

A Bonded Medical Place is a voluntary agreement where you work in a district of workforce shortage in the rural and regional areas of Victoria, the Northern Territory or remote communities in Western Australia. You will sign a contract with the Department of Health and Ageing, which will determine your final-year clinical workplace location.

BMP locations

These towns include:

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Why you can confidently choose Deakin

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#1 university in Victoria for student satisfaction

Year on year, our students are the most satisfied students of all Victorian universities. We’ve ranked highly for the past nine years, with students being particularly happy with our:

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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 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 degree qualification listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) Guide. No preference is given to graduates with particular bachelor degrees. Deakin encourages individuals from diverse educational backgrounds, who will bring a variety of talents and interests to the profession.

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 degrees or one-year conversion degrees for the purposes of admission to our medical course, however accelerated degrees completed over two years are accepted.

If an applicant receives credit of greater than 1FTE from a program below an AQF level 7 (i.e. Associate Degree, Advanced Certificate, Diploma), the award is deemed as a conversion degree and will not be 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 som-selection@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 adjustments (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
• 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) 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

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In the mental health domain, our researchers are working to develop innovative treatments for those who suffer from psychiatric disorders. They’re also researching lifestyle and environmental risk factors for psychiatric disorders, and have completed the first study showing that depression can be treated simply by improving diet. This has changed our understanding of and approach to both treatment and preventative interventions.

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For more research stories, visit deakin.edu.au/research.

Exceptional medical and health sciences research

Deakin has the highest ranking of 5 (well above world standard) for our medical and health sciences research, according to the latest Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) National Report.1

Research that makes a difference

Research at Deakin feeds directly into the development of our undergraduate and postgraduate courses, which means that you’ll graduate with knowledge from the cutting edge of science. Spanning the health spectrum, our research focusses on:

• medicine
• ageing and chronic illness
• physical activity
• infant and child health
• nutrition
• disability
• 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.

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‘One of the School of Medicine’s key visions is social accountability and we 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. Deakin students learn about the benefits of Indigenous health education and the advantages that cultural training and education can bring.’

Candice McKenzie
Academic Coordinator for Indigenous Medical Education

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 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)

A joint initiative between the state government, Alcoa in Australia and Deakin Medical School, the CREM contributes to the coordination and delivery of effective emergency medical management in western Victoria, and provides national leadership in emergency medicine research. CREM is based at Deakin’s Warrnambool Campus, South West Healthcare (Warrnambool) and Portland District Health. The centre has received financial support from Alcoa, the Victorian Government and both health services.

Research groups

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)

CMMR’s research focuses 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 therapeutics.

Research staff are also located at our key research partners,CSIRO (AAIL) and Barwon Health. For more information about CSIRO, please visit www.csiro.au and to learn more about the AAIL, please visit www.csiro.au/en/research/centres/auil. More information about Barwon Health can be found at www.barwonhealth.org.au.

Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases (GCEED)

A collaborative and multidisciplinary research partnership between Deakin University, Barwon Health and the CSIRO’s Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL), the GCEED 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.

More information

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We're here to help
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Work placement requirements
In accordance with Department of Human Services Policy\(^1\), 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 2005\(^2\)). 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’ll also need to declare your immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of health organisations where you’ll be carrying out 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.

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1. Department of Human Services Policy on Working with Children Check and Police Record Check can be found at: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au.
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75 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds Victoria

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Sunday 18 August
9am–3pm
1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong Victoria

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Sunday 25 August
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