

2027

# Medicine





## Acknowledgement of Country

Deakin University acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of all the unceded lands, skies and waterways on which Deakin students, staff and communities come together. As we learn and teach through virtually and physically constructed places across time, we pay our deep respect to the Ancestors and Elders of Wadawurrung Country, Eastern Maar Country and Wurundjeri Country, where our physical campuses are located. We also acknowledge the many First Nations from where students join us online and make vital contributions to our learning communities.

Artwork: *Learning Together, Growing Together* by Nathan Patterson.

# Your future in medicine

## Professional accreditation

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is accredited by the Australian Medical Council. When you graduate, you'll be eligible for provisional registration as a medical practitioner in Australia and New Zealand. This allows you to undertake paid work as an intern on your pathway to full registration. As a domestic graduate, you're guaranteed an internship position in Victoria.

## Work and learn in diverse healthcare settings

Clinically contextualised learning is a key theme of medicine at Deakin. You'll progressively build the skills to practise independently in a safe and supported environment, solving the kinds of problems you'll encounter as a doctor. Our course includes placements across a wide range of medical environments, from hospitals and general practices to community healthcare, with a strong focus on rural and regional Victoria. By working alongside practising clinicians in both metropolitan and regional settings, you'll gain valuable insights into the social, cultural and community aspects of delivering quality medical care, while developing professional networks in areas where doctors are most in demand.

## Inclusive pathways to medicine

Our Doctor of Medicine program is committed to helping applicants from all backgrounds who meet the entry requirements to study with us. Around 30 places are available through the Rural Training Stream for students from regional and remote areas. The Indigenous Entry Stream, offered in partnership with Deakin's National Indigenous Knowledge Education Research Innovation (NIKERI) Institute, allows Indigenous Australian applicants to apply with any undergraduate or postgraduate degree.<sup>1</sup> This pathway removes the requirement to sit the GAMSAT and enables you to apply directly to our School of Medicine. These pathways are designed to reduce barriers and support you on your journey to a career in medicine. Entry bonuses are also available in the General Stream for applicants who have experienced financial disadvantage or come from a rural background.

## #1 Victorian university for medicine graduate employment

Deakin medicine graduates enter the workforce with confidence, supported by extensive clinical placements and a strong focus on rural and regional practice. It's why 99% of our graduates are employed within four months, with 100% securing full-time roles, making Deakin one of the most reliable pathways to a rewarding career in medicine.<sup>2</sup>



# Course

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- 🕒 Course duration in years
- 📅 Semester intake
- B Melbourne Burwood Campus
- WP Geelong Waurun Ponds Campus
- WF Geelong Waterfront Campus
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Apply to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) and set yourself up for a range of rewarding careers, from general practice to pathology, paediatrics to surgery. The course has a unique focus on rural and regional medicine, Indigenous health and patient-centred communication skills. You will develop the foundational skills essential for any career in medicine and be given the opportunity to experience healthcare in multiple specialist areas. Our Doctor of Medicine has an emphasis on rural and regional medicine and aims to satisfy the critical shortage of doctors in regional and rural areas, making graduates highly employable.

Your first two years build strong foundations in medical sciences, clinical capabilities, public health, medical ethics and law, and Indigenous health, while developing confidence in clinical reasoning and person-centred care.

In third and fourth year, you'll be immersed in one of our Deakin Medical School sites across Victoria, rotating through general practice, medicine, surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology and other clinical disciplines. You'll also follow patients across hospital and community care in the Longitudinal Primary and Community Care Program, strengthen your research skills through the Research Scholar Program, and finish with a pre-internship hospital rotation.

There's also the option to complete one rotation in third year in the Northern Territory, gaining valuable experience in rural and remote medicine and Indigenous health.

### Course themes

- Medical science and clinical practice
- Public health medicine
- Ethics, law and professionalism
- Indigenous health

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	LOCATION
<b>Foundations of Medicine</b>		
<p><b>YEAR 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Biology</li> <li>• Infection, Defence and Repair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular and Respiratory</li> <li>• Renal and Gastrointestinal</li> </ul>	<p>Geelong Waurun Ponds Campus OR Rural Training Stream (RTS) students – A blended learning offering of online and campus, held at the Warrnambool Campus or East Grampians Health Service Ararat</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metabolism and Musculoskeletal</li> <li>• Endocrine and Lifecycle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brain and Behaviour</li> <li>• Transition to Clinical Practice</li> </ul>	
<b>Professional Practice of Medicine</b>		
<p><b>YEAR 3</b></p> <p>6 x 7 week rotations within a health service or Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicine A and B</li> <li>• Surgery A and B</li> <li>• Children's Health</li> <li>• Obstetrics and Gynaecology</li> </ul> <p>PLUS Incorporating Longitudinal Primary and Community Care Program PLUS Research Scholar Program</p>	<p>Deakin Medical School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geelong – Barwon</li> <li>• Warrnambool – South West</li> <li>• Ballarat – Grampians</li> <li>• Rural Communities</li> <li>• Eastern Health Clinical School</li> </ul>	
<p><b>YEAR 4</b></p> <p>6 x 5 week rotations consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Practice</li> <li>• Emergency Medicine</li> <li>• Anaesthetics and Intensive Care</li> <li>• Aged Care, Rehabilitation and Palliative Care</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Pre-Internship</li> </ul> <p>PLUS Research Scholar Program</p>		

▶ Ready to find out more? [deakin.edu.au/course/H911](https://deakin.edu.au/course/H911)<sup>4</sup>

# Doctor of Medicine continued

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'The thing that stood out to me about Deakin was the interview process. I felt it was more personal than the other medical schools I had applied to, and that made a big difference to me. I just felt like I was valued much more by Deakin as opposed to being a cog in a machine.'

**Alex Patinkin**

Doctor of Medicine (MD) graduate

## Careers

Doctor of Medicine graduates are highly sought-after for internship positions with healthcare providers in Australia and abroad. Deakin's MD program allows you to develop a deep understanding of the challenges and nuances of rural medicine, putting you in a strong position to address the shortfall of doctors in regional and rural areas. You'll gain experience across hospitals, general practices, and community healthcare settings, helping you build networks and confidence in different healthcare environments.

Deakin graduates are among the most employable in the state: the university is #1 in Victoria for medicine graduate employment, with 99% employed within four months and 100% securing full-time roles.<sup>2</sup>

## Professional recognition

The Doctor of Medicine is accredited by the Australian Medical Council. Graduates are granted provisional registration as Medical Practitioners in Australia and New Zealand and are eligible to undertake paid work as an intern to become fully registered. Domestic graduates are guaranteed an internship position in Victoria.

## Internship year

After graduating from the MD, you'll complete a one-year accredited internship (Postgraduate Year 1) in hospitals across Victoria or interstate. During this year, you'll rotate through areas such as medicine, surgery, emergency, and general practice, developing the skills and confidence to practise independently. Successfully completing your internship gives you full registration, allowing you to work unsupervised anywhere in Australia.

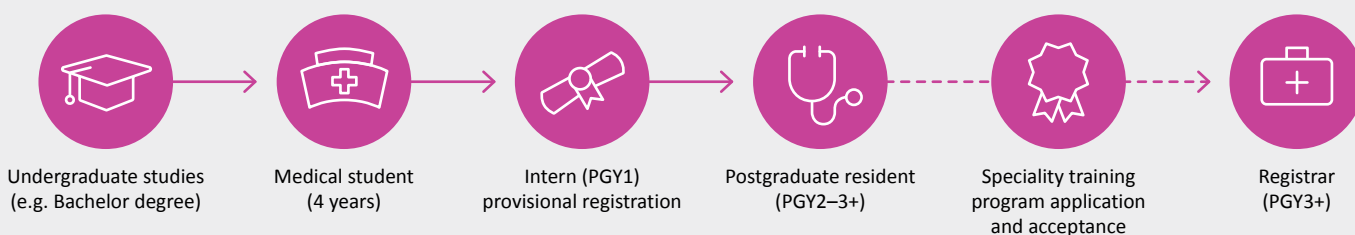
Some graduates choose to complete a second year as a resident doctor (PGY2) to gain additional experience before entering specialty training.

## Specialty training and career pathways

Once fully registered, you can apply for specialty training programs in your chosen field, such as General Practice, Surgery, Psychiatry, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and more. Training lengths vary by specialty, typically between three and seven years, these are delivered through specialist medical colleges e.g. Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). For more information on the specialist medical colleges, visit: [amc.org.au](http://amc.org.au).

If you're interested in working in regional or rural areas, the Rural Generalist Pathway offers training across multiple disciplines, preparing you to meet the diverse healthcare needs of local communities.

## Journey to your medical career



# Indigenous Entry Stream

Deakin is deeply committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In partnership with the National Indigenous Knowledge Education Research Innovation (NIKERI) Institute, the Indigenous Entry Stream provides a pathway specifically for Indigenous students to study medicine.

This specialised pathway is designed not only to help students become qualified healthcare practitioners but also to improve cultural safety and health equity in the communities they serve. By increasing the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors, Deakin aims to address disparities in healthcare access and outcomes, and support stronger, healthier communities.

Indigenous Australian applicants can apply with an approved bachelor, honours, graduate certificate, graduate diploma, or masters by coursework<sup>1</sup> and are not required to complete the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT) (see page 6).

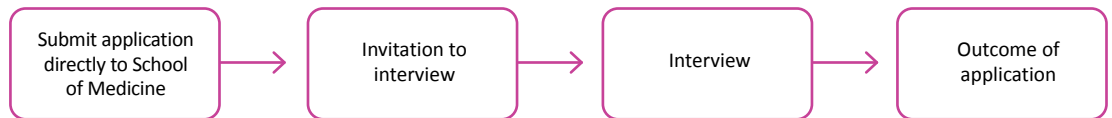
## Minimum entry requirements

- Completion (or in the final year) of an approved bachelor degree, honours degree, graduate certificate, graduate diploma or masters by coursework from an Australian higher education institution. Degrees must have been completed in the past 10 years.<sup>1</sup>
- A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 out of 7.0 (approximately 70% grade average).
- Performance in an interview.<sup>5</sup>
- Applicants must complete an Indigenous Entry Stream application form and provide a CV with the application.

Applications via the Indigenous Entry Stream should be directed to **[som-selection@deakin.edu.au](mailto:som-selection@deakin.edu.au)**.

Visit [deakin.edu.au/ies](http://deakin.edu.au/ies) for further information.

## Application process



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For more information on requirements and applications, scan the QR code or visit [deakin.edu.au/ies](http://deakin.edu.au/ies).

For any questions regarding entry into the School of Medicine via the Indigenous Entry Stream, please contact the School of Medicine Indigenous Health Team at [ihmer@deakin.edu.au](mailto:ihmer@deakin.edu.au).



'Deakin's Doctor of Medicine does very well at helping us be ready for first year interns. Also, the rural pathways have allowed me to learn many practical skills. One of the most rewarding parts has been spending a year undertaking placement in Horsham, and getting a greater sense of rural communities.'

**Lara Barnes**

Doctor of Medicine (MD) graduate, Rural Training Stream

# Rural Training Stream

## Addressing rural health workforce needs

Deakin's School of Medicine is committed to advancing the health and wellbeing of regional, rural, and remote communities, including Indigenous and marginalised populations. In recognition of our strong connection with rural Western Victoria and its training partners, we prioritise entry for applicants from this region. The Rural Training Stream (RTS) is part of this commitment, focusing on students who are dedicated to completing their clinical training in rural environments.

Each year, around 30 domestic places in the Doctor of Medicine are held for applicants through the RTS. This pathway is designed to help remove some of the barriers you may face if you live rurally and want to study medicine, while supporting your goal of becoming a healthcare practitioner in regional areas.

If you accept a position in the Doctor of Medicine through the RTS, you will undertake the first two years of your course at either our Warrnambool Campus or the East Grampians Health Service in Ararat. In years three and four, your training will continue through one of our rural medical schools, giving you practical, hands-on experience in regional healthcare settings.

Entry to the Rural Training Stream is based on a tiered priority system, aligned with your rural residency profile. Places will first be allocated to eligible Tier 1 applicants, and if places remain, to Tier 2 applicants and finally Tier 3 applicants. To meet the eligibility criteria for each tier, you must provide evidence of having resided for at least 10 years cumulatively or any five years consecutively after birth entirely within the nominated tier.

## Entry requirements

Eligibility for entry into the Rural Training Stream (RTS) requires:

- completion (or in the final year) of an approved bachelor degree, honours degree, graduate certificate, graduate diploma or masters by coursework from an Australian higher education institution.<sup>1</sup> Degrees must have been completed in the past 10 years unless you are a Tier 1 RTS applicant.
- a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0
- submission of a written application demonstrating rural community connection, an interest in rural medicine and evidence of capability to undertake postgraduate study
- completion of the GAMSAT (see step 2 above), noting that the GAMSAT is not a requirement for Tier 1 RTS applicants
- Deakin uses the Australian Government's Modified Monash Model to define whether a location is a city, rural, remote or very remote. RTS applicants must demonstrate 10 years cumulative or five years consecutive residency in one of three rurality tiers:
  - Tier 1: Deakin's rural footprint, as defined by location in the geographic area defined above/below<sup>6</sup>
  - Tier 2: MM 2–7 in Rural Victoria
  - Tier 3: MM 2–7 in other areas of Rural Australia.

Multi-mini interviews for the RTS are conducted in September.

Applications for the Rural Training Stream are submitted through GEMSAS.

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To learn more about the Rural Training Stream and confirm your eligibility, scan the QR code or visit [deakin.edu.au/rts](https://deakin.edu.au/rts).

# Applying to Deakin

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

## ► Step 1

### Complete an approved bachelor degree with the weighted GPA of at least 5.0<sup>1</sup>

A completed undergraduate degree from an Australian university or a higher education institution recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework, or a recognised degree listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) Guide.

Deakin also recognises postgraduate degrees for entry into the Doctor of Medicine, including higher coursework degrees, honours degrees, graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and masters by coursework degrees.<sup>1</sup>

No preference is given to graduates with degrees from particular study areas. Deakin encourages individuals from diverse educational backgrounds, who will bring a variety of talents and interests to the profession.

Degrees must have been completed not more than 10 years before the course commencement date. Applicants whose undergraduate degree was completed outside the 10-year period will only be considered if, at the time of application, they've completed the equivalent of one half year (0.5 full-time equivalent) of tertiary study at honours or graduate certificate level or higher at an Australian tertiary institute. The institute must be recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework (or equivalent overseas institution determined by Deakin). An exception to this requirement is the Tier 1 Rural Training Stream applicants.

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 degree. 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, the award is deemed as a conversion degree and will not be accepted. Any credit from an International Baccalaureate will not be accepted.

## ► Step 2

### Register and complete the GAMSAT

The minimum entry requirement is a minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections of the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT), and an overall score of 50 or greater. The GAMSAT is not required if you are applying for our Indigenous Entry Stream or are a Tier 1 applicant for our Rural Training Stream.

The GAMSAT is held twice a year in March and September and may be completed in your final year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree. The score on the GAMSAT must have been obtained no more than four years before the course commencement date. An exception to this requirement is the Tier 1 Rural Training Stream applicants. Please refer to the GAMSAT website for details of testing dates: [gamsat.acer.org](http://gamsat.acer.org).

## ► Step 3

### Apply through GEMSAS

All applications for the Doctor of Medicine (General Stream and Rural Training Stream) must be made via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) [gemsas.edu.au](http://gemsas.edu.au). Applications open in early May and close at the end of May.

### Apply directly

Applications for our Indigenous Entry Stream are made directly to the School of Medicine (see application process on page 4).

## ► Step 4

### Invitations to interviews are released

Invitations to interviews are released in early September, with around 220 applicants invited based on GAMSAT + GPA score (50:50) and additional weighting for adjustments (bonuses). RTS Tier 1 applicants are ranked on the Written Statement + GPA (50:50) with additional weighting for adjustments.

Eligible applicants may receive the following:

- Deakin Graduate – 4%
- Financial Disadvantage – 2%
- Prior Clinical Experience – 4% or Work Experience – 2%
- Rural/Regional residency – 4% (MM2 or Geelong MM1) or 8% (MM3–7)

For more information about adjustments, please visit [deakin.edu.au/course/doctor-medicine](http://deakin.edu.au/course/doctor-medicine).

## ► Step 5

### Interviews

Deakin Medical School uses the multiple-mini interview (MMI) process. Each applicant undergoes a series of five-minute interviews at up to 10 stations, using standardised questions and scoring procedures. The stations are designed to assess an applicant's attributes and address areas such as:

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

## ► Step 6

### Offers into medicine are released

In November, the School of Medicine will offer 145 Commonwealth Supported Places and 45 bonded medical places to successful applicants.<sup>7</sup>

The Australian Government's Bonded Medical Program provides students with a Commonwealth Supported Place in a medical course at an Australian university in return for a commitment to work in an area of workforce shortage for one to six years. Regions covered under the Bonded Medical Program are determined by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Visit [health.gov.au/our-work/bonded-medical-program](http://health.gov.au/our-work/bonded-medical-program) for more information.

## Adjustments

Information about the various adjustments (bonuses) that may apply to individuals applying for entry into the Doctor of Medicine can be found on the course page at [deakin.edu.au/course/doctor-medicine](https://deakin.edu.au/course/doctor-medicine).



## Supporting socially inclusive medical education

The Damion Drapac Centre for Equity in Health Education was created in memory of Dr Damion Drapac, a graduate of the Deakin School of Medicine, through a generous gift from the Drapac family.

One of the centre's key goals is developing and implementing Pathways to Medicine programs in target communities to recruit, enable access and provide support for students aspiring to a career in medicine.

The flagship program is the Damion Drapac Scholarship for Vocational Doctors. These \$60,000 scholarships (awarded over four years) are open to students commencing the Doctor of Medicine who are from medically underserved populations, experiencing financial limitations and can demonstrate a genuine passion for community medicine.

[deakin.edu.au/drapac](https://deakin.edu.au/drapac)

During the first two years of the course, you'll have access to world-class learning spaces at Geelong Warrn Ponds campus, Warrnambool campus or the East Grampians Health Service in Ararat.



## Clinical placement requirements

In accordance with Department of Health policy, all medicine students are required to undertake a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check at the start of their course, in accordance with the *Worker Screening Act 2020*.<sup>8</sup>

You will be asked to undergo serological testing before you commence the course. 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. A health organisation may refuse to accept a student for placement if their immunisation status is not satisfactory to the health organisation.

The School of Medicine will provide commencing students with specific information on their compliance requirements.



## Endnotes

- 1 As a minimum requirement, applicants must hold a completed bachelor degree or be in the final year of a bachelor degree (scheduled for completion by 23 December in the year of application) to be considered for selection.
- 2 Medicine (Postgraduate), ComparED (QLT – Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022–2024).
- 3 Please note that online delivery is only available to students in the Rural Training Stream, with compulsory face-to-face learning in years one and two at either Warrnambool Campus or the East Grampians Health Service in Ararat.
- 4 Visit our course webpage for full details about the Doctor of Medicine, including course structure, entry requirements and other important course information.
- 5 Score based on performance at the interview in which applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 50%.
- 6 The Deakin rural footprint is all locations in the Western Victorian Primary Health Network area that are classified as MM3–MM6 (Large Rural Towns, Medium Rural Towns, Small Rural Towns, Remote Communities). It includes MM2 (Regional Centres) areas surrounding Ballarat, given that Ballarat is the location of one of Deakin's rural clinical schools.
- 7 These numbers are indicative only and may be subject to change.
- 8 *Worker Screening Act 2020*, (No. 34, 2020). Accessible at [legislation.vic.gov.au](http://legislation.vic.gov.au).

# Contact us

## We're here to help

We have staff at each of our campuses who are more than happy to answer your general queries.

## Prospective student enquiries

### Domestic students

1800 693 888

[deakin.edu.au/help-hub](http://deakin.edu.au/help-hub)

### International students

+61 3 9918 9188

[study@deakin.edu.au](mailto:study@deakin.edu.au)

## Applying to Deakin

[deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply](http://deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply)

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 [linkedin.com/school/deakin-university](https://linkedin.com/school/deakin-university)

## Your pathway to a PhD or research degree

For over 50 years, Deakin research has been shaping the world. Did you know that studying at the honours level gives you valuable research experience and opens doors to a future PhD or masters by research?

To find out more, visit: [deakin.edu.au/research](http://deakin.edu.au/research).

## Find an honours degree

Want to know more about studying at the honours level?

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# DEAKIN OPEN DAY

Warrnambool  
**SUNDAY 2 AUGUST**

Geelong Waterfront and Waurin Ponds  
**SUNDAY 16 AUGUST**

Melbourne Burwood  
**SUNDAY 23 AUGUST**

[openday.deakin.edu.au](https://openday.deakin.edu.au)

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