

Doctor of Medicine (MD)



About the Doctor of Medicine (MD)

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a four-year professional graduate medical degree that provides a fresh approach to medical training. This masters level degree is the first truly postgraduate qualification in medicine in Australia and promises to set a new benchmark in medical education.

The MD program provides opportunities for graduates to differentiate themselves in their future medical career through an innovative curriculum, interactions with outstanding bioscientists and world-class clinicians in the best teaching and learning facilities within the University and our associated hospital and community health care services.

Developed in consultation with doctors, health care professionals, students and leaders in the health and research sectors, the MD is designed to meet the current and future needs of students, patients and the changing health care sector.

The course delivers outstanding clinical and academic training, ensuring you are well-prepared for the challenges of internship and future vocational training. The degree builds on your prerequisite knowledge of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry acquired in undergraduate study. It also recognises the critical importance of both the personal and professional development of every student.

HOW TO BECOME A DOCTOR OR MEDICAL SPECIALIST

STEP 1

Fulfil the selection criteria for the MD course, including:

- Completing a three year undergraduate degree with the prerequisite subjects
- Sitting the GAMSAT (or MCAT for international students located outside of Australia)
- Performing Multiple Mini Interviews

STEP 2

After the four year MD course, complete a one year internship:

- In Victoria this entails at least 48 weeks of supervised clinical experience
- For more details about the internship process, go to <http://bit.ly/AFyUDg>

STEP 3

Complete postgraduate training:

- Postgraduate training is completed by the majority of doctors in areas such as general practice, surgery, physician, radiology, pathology and others
- Training programs vary in length and may be up to seven years



Testimonial

Daniel North

"The MD course has a wonderful reputation, which it is living up to. I'm interested in working with kids and the course gives a few of us the opportunity to do our children's rotation in Oslo. We get lots of opportunities to get out and experience different aspects of medicine, which is fantastic!"

Course Structure

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a four year full-time course comprising:

- > One year of integrated bioscience and clinical learning
- > Two core clinical training years
- > A semester in which each student is immersed in a single medical discipline and completes a research project
- > A capstone semester in which students rehearse the skills required for effective and safe clinical practice
- > An annual student conference that provides opportunities to interact with medical leaders in the areas of research, policy and clinical healthcare

The Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) stream provides an opportunity for a number of students to undertake their clinical education in hospitals and community-based practices within the Northern Victoria Regional Medical Education Network.

Note: International students are not eligible to undertake the ERC stream.

Selection Criteria

To apply for the MD, generally you need to have:

- > Either an undergraduate degree in any discipline completed within ten years of commencing the MD course, or, for applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed ten or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the MD, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree or equivalent completed within ten years of commencing the MD course
- > Completed prerequisite second year subjects in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry within ten years of commencing MD course
- > Completed the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) or the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) if you are an international applicant located outside of Australia
- > Completed the Multiple Mini Interview.

A list of approved pre-requisite subjects is available at <http://sc.mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites>

Further information on the Selection Criteria is available at <http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/md/selection.html>

Application Process

- > Applicants sit the GAMSAT (or the MCAT for international applicants located outside of Australia)
- > Domestic applicants apply via the Graduate Entry Medical Schools Application System (GEMSAS)
- > International applicants apply directly to International Admissions, University of Melbourne or via an Education Agent
- > Applicants submit Pre-requisite webform for subject assessment, where required
- > Multiple Mini interviews are held (by Skype if located outside Melbourne)
- > Offers made (conditional and non-conditional)
- > Final results to be submitted and offer conditions to be met

Applications for entry generally open in April and close in May/June. For admission specific dates go to <http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/md/timeline.htm>

Information on Graduate Access Melbourne eligibility and application process is available at:

<http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/applications/other-applications/how-to-apply>

Fees and scholarships

- > Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) are available (including Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships and Bonded Medical Places).
- > Full fee places are available to Australian and international students.
- > Australian students are eligible for financial assistance through HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP.

Information about the tuition fees for the Doctor of Medicine is available at:

<http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees>

A number of access and equity scholarships are available, including: Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships, John Flynn Scholarship Scheme, and Access Melbourne Scholarships.

Information about scholarships is available at:

<http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/scholarships>

Accreditation status

The Doctor of Medicine course is accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

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