



The University of Notre Dame Australia Pathways to Medicine | 2024

Admissions information for international applicants

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE & DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

BACHELOR OF ADVANCED BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE (HONOURS) & DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

TOP 5 reasons to love Sydney



It's safe & secure

Ranked the fourth safest city in the world*, you can feel secure about your choice to live in Sydney, enjoying access to the highest standards of healthcare, transport and infrastructure.



A great lifestyle & climate

Sydney's temperate climate alone makes it an appealing place to live. In addition, you can enjoy beautiful beaches, bushland, and other natural scenery only a short distance from the centre of the city.



Proximity to St Vincent's Hospital

Our Darlinghurst Campus in Sydney is the home of our Sydney School of Nursing & Midwifery, and School of Medicine. Located just metres from St Vincent's Hospital, it gives our students access to excellent medical training facilities, including simulated ward and consultation suites.



Well-connected

Sydney International Airport has direct flights from across the world, making it an easily accessible city from almost anywhere. Sydney itself is also home to a variety of transport options (bus, light rail, train, ferry) to get you wherever you want to go.



A multicultural, international city

With 30% of residents in the state of New South Wales born overseas**, Sydney is home to a huge variety of cultures. So you can enjoy the diverse foods, festivals, and entertainment which come from living in such a multicultural place.



Our Sydney Campuses

Broadway

The Broadway Campus of The University of Notre Dame Australia is situated in the colourful inner-city suburb of Chippendale. Nestled among Sydney's most vibrant neighbourhoods, our campus proudly encompasses heritage buildings, leafy courtyards and is home to the Schools and Departments of Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Law, Philosophy & Theology, Health Sciences, Study Support and Pathways.

Darlinghurst

Notre Dame University's Darlinghurst site is just metres from St Vincent's Hospital, and is also near to the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Sydney's CBD, and the cultural centres of Paddington and Surry Hills. Based in one of the most prestigious medical and research precincts in Australia, our Darlinghurst Campus is home to our Sydney School of Nursing & Midwifery, and School of Medicine, and provides our students there with access to excellent facilities including simulated wards and consultation suites, along with student support services, including international student support.



*The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Safe Cities Index 2021

**Study NSW information booklet, NSW Government, 2022, p.5

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Our Perth Campus

Featuring historic buildings and leafy courtyards, Notre Dame's Perth Campus consists of 53 buildings located in the West End of Fremantle to accommodate our growing student population. It is the University's foundation campus and is home to our Schools of Nursing & Midwifery, Health Sciences & Physiotherapy, Medicine, Arts & Sciences, Law & Business, Education, and Philosophy & Theology.

TOP 5 reasons to love Perth



Feel safe & welcome

As one of the most liveable cities in the world*, you can feel secure and safe about your choice to live in Perth.



A dynamic and vibrant city

Known for its gorgeous climate, stunning beaches and beautiful natural scenery, Perth offers year-round opportunities and activities, from food and drink, to natural scenery and cultural history. There is always something to see.



Perth's health and medical life science industry is thriving

The state of Western Australia is currently home to approximately 244 health and medical life sciences organisations. Between them, they employ a talent pool of almost 24,000 people** so you can learn from industry experts.



The Fremantle lifestyle

Nestled alongside the beach in historic and picturesque West End buildings, with cafés on every corner, the University's Perth Campus is located in the port city of Fremantle, a 30-minute train ride from Perth city.



Convenient time-zone

Sharing time zones with some of Asia Pacific's most important economies including China, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and the Philippines, Perth is the perfect destination for students.



*The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Global Liveability Survey 2021

**Invest & Trade WA (as at June 2023), from ThinkPerth, perth.wa.gov.au/future-perth/think-perth/health-and-medical-life-sciences

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Do you aspire to be a doctor?

The University of Notre Dame Australia's Doctor of Medicine degree is a four-year postgraduate program accredited by the Medical Board of Australia on the recommendation of the Australian Medical Council.

As the only medical program offered by a Catholic university in Australia, our Doctor of Medicine aims to develop and train caring and ethical doctors imbued with the values of compassion, respect, and service.

We also offer multiple pathways to medicine at Notre Dame University in order to support as many aspiring doctors to achieve their career goals as possible. These include direct graduate entry as well as pathways via undergraduate study at the University.

Find out more at notredame.edu.au/study/pathways/pathways-to-medicine



Undergraduate pathways to Medicine through Biomedical Science (for school leavers)

Available for 2024
International student places for Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Doctor of Medicine pathway

Up to
30
PLACES

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Pathway into the Doctor of Medicine

Sydney Campus **Perth Campus** **3 years FT, equivalent PT** **Practicum 150 hours** **Program Code 3041, 3582**
CRICOS Code 049306M **Fee Type International**

Why study this?

This degree offers a pathway to graduate entry into medicine at UNDA, with places in the Doctor of Medicine degree reserved for the top performing Notre Dame biomedical science graduates who aspire to pursue a career in medicine. In addition, this is a gateway to a rewarding career in a range of health-related fields.

Areas of study

Molecular & Cell Biology, Health Communications, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Human Genetics, Immunology, Pathology, Infectious Disease, Neuroscience, Reproductive Biology

Career opportunities

Biomedical Scientist
Research Assistant
Research Fellow
Biomedical Sales
Clinical Scientist

Graduate entry to our Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Available for 2024
International student places

Up to
60
PLACES

Doctor of Medicine

Duration

4 years full-time

Practicum

Over 2,000 hours of clinical placements and rural experiences

Fee Type International

Sydney Campus

Program Code
5142

CRICOS Code
095688K

Perth Campus

Program Code
5141

CRICOS Code
107489C

Why study this?

At the School of Medicine, we are committed to providing an education that not only teaches the science and craft of medicine, but also develops passionate, ethical and devoted medical practitioners.

The first two years of your degree are underpinned by Problem Based Learning (PBL) and include the study of basic clinical sciences, population and preventive health, bioethics, therapeutics and more.

Your third and fourth years are clinically based and present the opportunity to explore different disciplines such as general practice, paediatrics and surgery with rotations in clinical settings. The degree includes a research stream that builds student capabilities and encourages lifelong learning. There are rural/remote training opportunities and for some students, placement with the Rural Clinical School in third-year.

Areas of study

Essential elements of our postgraduate medical degree include:

- Access to innovative clinical skills training
- Learning from clinical academics who are experts in their fields
- Aboriginal health, rural and remote placements
- A problem-based learning curriculum delivered in small groups in years one and two
- Clinical placements in both the public and private sector hospitals in years three and four
- A liberal arts education in bioethics
- Applied research project in an area of interest (Sydney Campus only)

Career opportunities

General practice
Surgery
Physician
Public health
Medical education
Medical research
Government departments
Not-for-profit organisations

Professional Accreditation

The Doctor of Medicine postgraduate degree is accredited by the Australian Medical Council as meeting national standards of medical education.

Why Study Medicine at Notre Dame University?



Notre Dame University's MD is one of the most sought-after medical degrees in Australia.



Small group teaching and problem-based learning, combined with rich clinical experiences.



Access to state-of-the-art clinical facilities, including simulation wards, consulting rooms and laboratories.



Benefit from the convenient location of our Schools of Medicine at both our Sydney and Perth Campuses, and access to real-world training at a range of public and private hospitals.



Over 2000 hours of clinical placements and rural experiences.



Our focus on medical research provides a firm basis for continued engagement in scholarly research aimed at advancing the international body of medical knowledge.



A substantial Aboriginal health curriculum across the degree prepares graduates to contribute meaningfully to reducing the health disparities experienced by First Nations people.

Hannah
Medicine student

Timeline to becoming a doctor

3-4 YEARS

Undergraduate degree
(option of Biomedical Science at Notre Dame)

4 YEARS

Notre Dame School of Medicine Foundation Years 1 & 2

Notre Dame School of Medicine Clinical Years 3 & 4

1 YEAR

Internship

1-2 YEARS

Resident

4-7 YEARS

Specialist training

A strong emphasis on clinical skills

Clinical Schools

Sydney clinical schools are located at:

- ① St Vincent's/Mater Health
- ② Auburn Hospital
- ③ Hawkesbury Health Service

The Melbourne clinical school is located at:

- ④ The Werribee Mercy Hospital

The rural clinical schools are located in:

- ⑤ Lithgow
- ⑥ Ballarat
- ⑦ Wagga Wagga

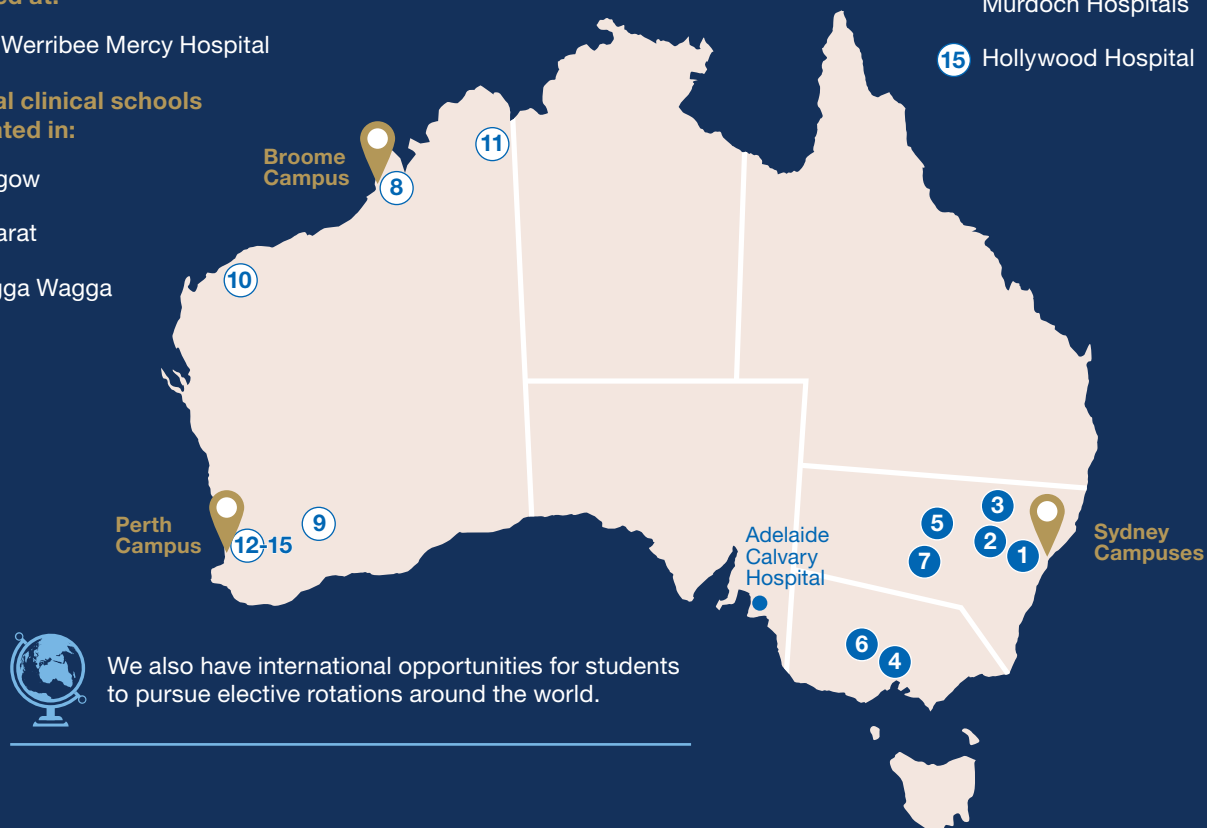
Our Perth medicine students complete clinical placements at 15 locations across Western Australia

Rural locations include:

- ⑧ Broome
- ⑨ Kalgoorlie
- ⑩ Karratha
- ⑪ Kununurra

Metropolitan placement sites around Perth include:

- ⑫ Fiona Stanley Hospital
- ⑬ St John of God Midland Hospital
- ⑭ Subiaco and Murdoch Hospitals
- ⑮ Hollywood Hospital



We also have international opportunities for students to pursue elective rotations around the world.

Clinical Placements

The Doctor of Medicine places a strong emphasis on practical training and experiential learning. Throughout the four years of your study, you will undertake clinical placements in a variety of settings, including aged care facilities, public and private hospitals and general practice.

Your third and fourth years are clinically-based and present the opportunity to explore the different disciplines of medicine. You will complete discipline-based rotations in a clinical setting, and further develop your research skills with a translation research project and/or clinical audit based in the hospital sector. There are rural/remote training opportunities including, for some students, a Rural Clinical School placement in one or two of the clinical years.

Year 3 rotations include:



Paediatrics



Obstetrics & Gynaecology



General Practice



Surgery



Medicine



Psychiatry (Sydney only)

Year 4 rotations include:



General Practice



Surgery



Medicine



ICU – Intensive Care



ED – Emergency



Psychiatry (Perth only)

Medical research making a positive impact

Institute for Health Research

The Institute for Health Research (IHR) based on our Perth Campus, provides leadership in collaborative research initiatives and seeks to engage in research opportunities on a range of complex topics. Through its extensive collaborative networks and longstanding partnerships with government, the health sector, not-for-profit organisations, and the communities it seeks to serve, research undertaken by the IHR's multidisciplinary team seeks to improve people's lives.

Research Impact

The IHR works to improve people's lives through changes to clinical and community practice and by informing contemporary health policies.



Pushing for a socially just and equitable healthcare system



Improving quality of life care



Joining the fight against cancer



Improving heart care

At the forefront of cutting-edge research

Notre Dame University's Darlinghurst Campus in Sydney is centrally located in the city's CBD. Situated within walking distance of both St Vincent's Hospital and the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, our health students benefit from studying medicine on the doorstep of cutting-edge medical research and clinical practice thanks to our industry ties and clinical placements.

Scholarships

Studying and completing your degree is a life-changing experience. So here at The University of Notre Dame Australia, we want to help you make the most of the experience.

International Welcome Scholarship (Undergraduate)

The University of Notre Dame Australia offers up to 25% fee reduction scholarship for the full duration of most undergraduate degrees. This scholarship is awarded as a partial tuition fee waiver and does not cover costs such as living expenses, accommodation, transport, overseas student health cover or any other costs associated with study.

Please visit the International Fees & Scholarships webpage for more information, notredame.edu.au/international/fees



Dr Aniss Chami Scholarship

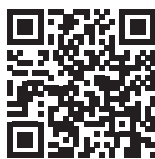
Notre Dame University's School of Medicine in Sydney also offers the Dr Aniss Chami Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to offer a student from Lebanon the opportunity to commence studies as part of the International Medical Student Program with the School of Medicine at The University of Notre Dame Australia on our Sydney Campus.

Please visit the School of Medicine Scholarships webpage to find out more, notredame.edu.au/current-students/opportunities/scholarships/sydney/school-of-medicine



Life as a medicine student at Notre Dame University

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO STUDY MEDICINE AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?



Hear about international student Lakshmi's experience of the MD at Notre Dame, including the benefits of our small class sizes and personalised learning experience, the excellent location of our Schools of Medicine, and the emphasis on practical learning which ensures our MD graduates are prepared and confident to begin their medical career.

youtube.com/watch?v=OjUH-ympD78



Lakshmi
Doctor of Medicine student
at The University of Notre Dame Australia

Key Dates 2024

Please note, semester commencement dates for the Doctor of Medicine degree are earlier than the standard semester dates.

Classes for the **Doctor of Medicine (on both the Sydney and Perth Campuses)** start in the week commencing **22 January 2024**.

Semester Dates*

Semester One Orientation Week
12-16 February

Semester One starts
19 February

Mid-semester break
1-5 April

Semester One exam period
3-15 June

Holiday break
17 June - 12 July

Semester Two Orientation Week
15-19 July

Semester Two starts
22 July

Mid-semester break
2-6 September

Semester Two exam period
4-16 November

Please refer to **Notre Dame University's academic calendar** for more information and detail about orientation and semester dates.

*Please note, some degrees have start dates which are different to those listed here. Please check with your School for details of non-standard start dates.

Entry Requirements for International Applicants

Undergraduate Pathways to the Doctor of Medicine

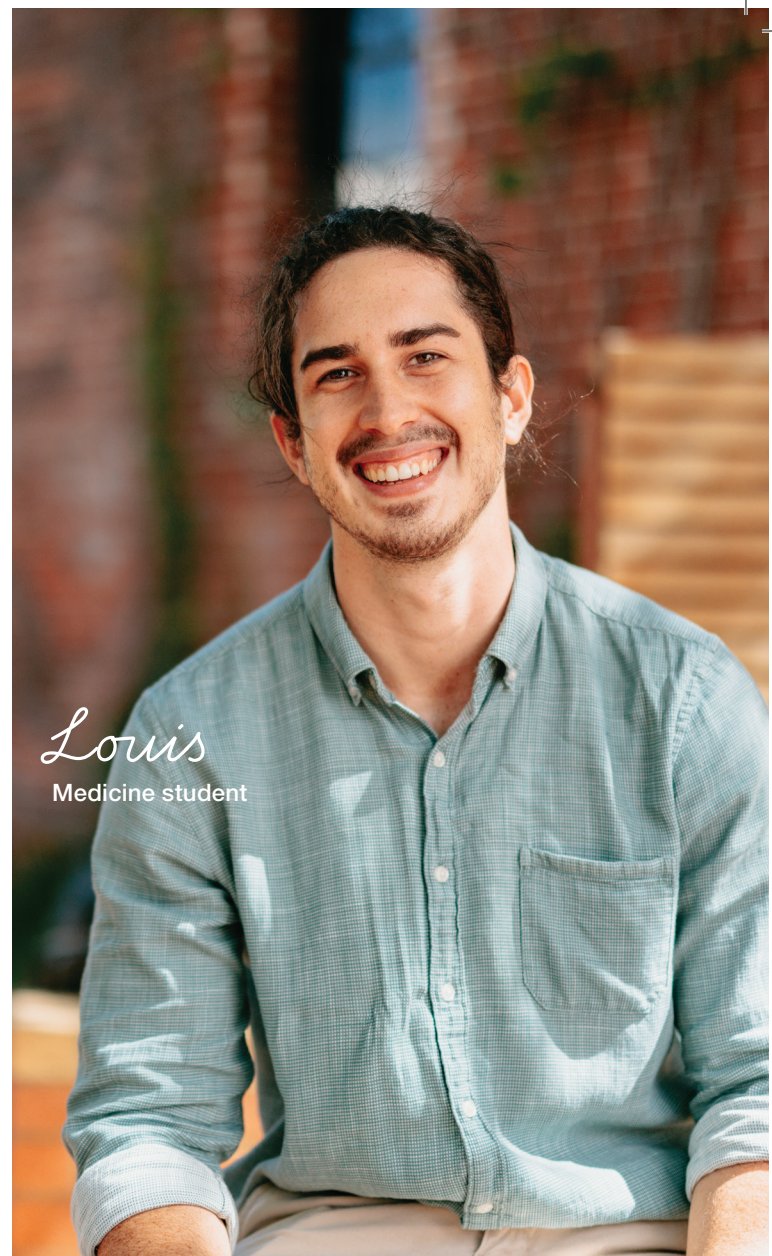
To apply for entry to the Bachelor of Biomedical Science or Bachelor of Advanced Biomedical Science (Honours), in order to be considered for one of the University's pathways to the MD, international applicants must meet the international entry requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree at Notre Dame University.

This includes meeting English language proficiency requirements, indicative academic minimum entry requirements, as well as any other degree-specific requirements dictated by the School of Health Sciences & Physiotherapy.

Please see How to apply – international students for further information, notredame.edu.au/international/how-to-apply



For more information about our Biomedical Science degree, including degree-specific entry requirements, please see notredame.edu.au/programs/school-of-health-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-biomedical-science

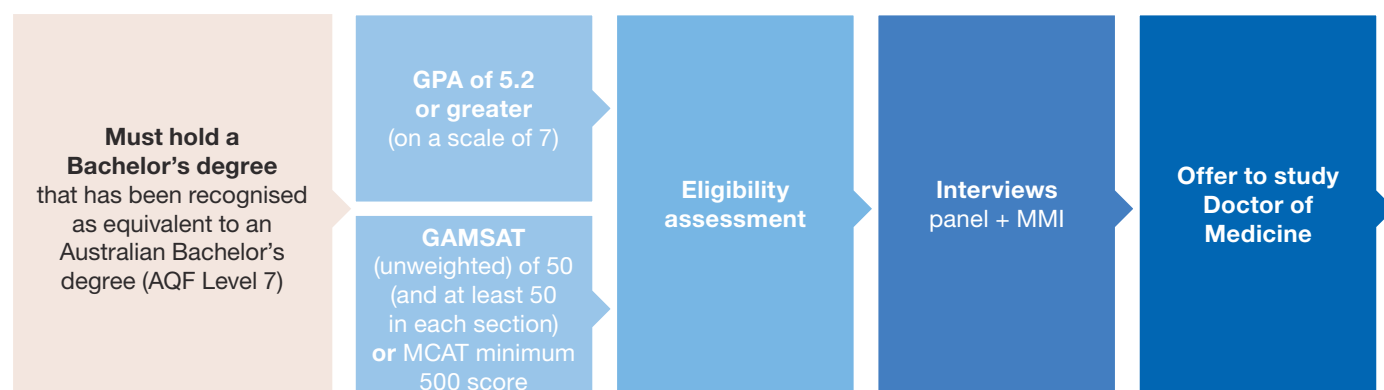


Louis
Medicine student

Graduate Entry to the Doctor of Medicine

Each year, a number of places are available for international students in Notre Dame University's Doctor of Medicine on both our Perth and Sydney Campuses. International applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree that has been recognised as equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree (AQF Level 7) and which has been taught and assessed in English within the last 10 years (or to be in the final year of an eligible Bachelor's degree) as well as meet the other entry criteria below:

- An overall weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.2 or higher on a 7 point scale, calculated from the applicant's most recent three years of undergraduate study.
- Unweighted GAMSAT Score of at least 50 (in all sections and overall) or overall MCAT score of at least 500.
- Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) and panel (conducted online). The interview will be recorded with the use of an online interviewing software tool, Modern Hire.



Student Experience

At The University of Notre Dame Australia, we value every student as an individual, nurturing their unique talents, gifts and interests. Our personalised approach extends to ensuring each student thrives during their time at the University, achieving their own goals, both personal and professional.



Personalised

writing and mathematics support for students



Career Advice

Personalised career opportunities and advice



Tailored

support for international students



Mentors

for new students to support their transition into the University



Vibrant Student Life

We maintain a thriving student community in partnership with the Student Associations, Clubs and Societies



Indigenous Student Success

Indigenous students receive additional support through the Indigenous Student Success tutoring program and Indigenous Student Support Officers



Scholarship Support

Our scholarship program addresses educational and financial disadvantage



Peer-to-peer

learning enrichment programs to accelerate success



Free Counselling

Free and confidential counselling service for all students



Chaplaincy

Spiritual/faith support is offered through the University's Chaplaincy services



Student Hardship Support

Student Hardship Assistance Fund and the Medicine Student Hardship Fund provide personalised and comprehensive support for students in need



Individualised

support for students to improve their academic skills via workshops or one-on-one appointments with a Learning Advisor or Librarian

Student Associations

Medical Association of Notre Dame University Sydney

The Medical Association of Notre Dame University Sydney (MANDUS), is the representative student body for the School of Medicine, Sydney. MANDUS aims to advocate on behalf of the student body and make life at medical school easier and more enjoyable for students. MANDUS provides a holistic array of events throughout the year. One of its fundamental roles is to provide a central point of contact between students, staff, main campus and relevant external bodies such as the NSW Medical Schools Council and the Australian Medical Association.

The objective of MANDUS is to focus on providing Medical Students with a variety of opportunities regarding academia, surgery, AMSA, global health and social justice, careers upon graduation, charities, and mentoring. This includes events, such as academic lecture series, surgical evenings, junior medical officer panel discussions, global health and social justice lectures/projects, birthing kit assembly days, Cook for a Cure competitions, the annual Med Ball, Graduation Ball, Med Camp, and Med Cruise, as well as publications and sporting events, such as the City2Surf, Netball, Soccer and Touch Football teams.

For more information regarding MANDUS, please visit: mandus.org.au



Medical Students' Association of Notre Dame, Perth

The Medical Students' Association of Notre Dame (MSAND) is the peak representative body for all students studying medicine on our Perth Campus. We are a not-for-profit organisation made by the students, for the students. We represent the needs of our members from the first day of their academic studies through to their future medical careers.

For more information on MSAND, please visit: msand.org.au



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the fees involved?

A: The Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Bachelor of Advanced Biomedical Science (Honours) are all offered to international students on a full fee paying basis. Please see International student fees, notredame.edu.au/international/fees, for information about fees involved.

Additional incidental fees may be incurred during your studies, including for textbooks, stationery etc. More information on incidental fees for individual courses within your degree can be found at notredame.edu.au/study/fees-incidentals

Can I practise in my home country after graduating?

A: Upon graduation, you may wish to return to your home country to undertake local internships and fulfil licensing and accreditation processes and requirements. It is recommended that graduates of the University's MD degree check the requirements in their home country to ensure professional accreditation circumstances are considered.

How do I apply?

A: International applicants can apply directly to the University.

For information about how to apply for graduate entry to our Doctor of Medicine, please see NSW: notredame.edu.au/programs/school-of-medicine/postgraduate/doctor-of-medicine-nsw or

WA: notredame.edu.au/programs/school-of-medicine/postgraduate/doctor-of-medicine-wa

For general information about applying to The University of Notre Dame Australia, please see notredame.edu.au/international/how-to-apply

How do I apply via an agent?

A: Notre Dame University enlists the help of selected registered education agents who can assist you with your application process free of charge. To apply to the University through one of our registered agents you can contact them directly via our list of official agents: notredame.edu.au/international/agents/agent-list

How to Apply

01 Submit your application

You can apply to The University of Notre Dame Australia online at notredame.edu.au/international/how-to-apply.

Alternatively, you can apply via one of the University's authorised education agents in your country. A list of registered education agents of the University can be found at notredame.edu.au/international/agents.

02 Receive an offer

Offers are made on a rolling basis. You will be notified of an offer via email along with your first semester invoice and other important information on accepting your offer, and moving to Australia.

03 Accept your offer

If you receive an offer from the University, you can choose to accept, defer or reject the offer.

You do this by completing the 'Conditions of Offer & Acceptance Form' provided in the offer email accompanied by your invoice payment.

Please call or email the International Office on +61 8 9433 0873 or international@nd.edu.au if you have any questions regarding your offer.

04 Enrol

Once the International Office has received your indicative invoice payment, you will receive an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) which you will use to apply for your student visa (if applicable).

The International Office will then get in touch with you to organise your enrolment, including preparing your move to Australia.

05 Orientation

Orientation Week is a fun, festival-like event and is an opportunity to meet fellow students and get involved in student life at the University.

Orientation Week is compulsory for international students studying on campus in Australia, as it provides you with important information which will help set you up for success during your studies at the University.

Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land upon which our University sits. The University acknowledges that the Fremantle Campus is located on Wadjuk Country, the Broome Campus on Yawuru Country and the Sydney Campus on Gadigal Country.



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