



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Doctor of Medicine

***School of Medicine, Fremantle Campus***

***Fully accredited by the Australian Medical Council, the Doctor of Medicine at The University of Notre Dame Australia is a four-year AQF9E program. As the only medical degree offered by a Catholic university in Australia, this program gives you the opportunity to complement your technical skills and medical knowledge with a thorough grounding in ethics. This program also takes a close look at the special health needs of Indigenous people and rural communities in Western Australia.***

## **Why study this degree?**

Are you curious about medical research or clinical practice? Do you have an innate need to help your fellow human? Or maybe you have a calling to help poorly-serviced communities with special health needs? If so, the Doctor of Medicine degree program from The University of Notre Dame Australia will have special appeal for you.

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 and devoted medical practitioners. It is for this reason that our entry requirements are based on so much more than your test scores, with traits such as passion, motivation and purpose being highly regarded.

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 the different disciplines of medicine such as paediatrics and surgery. You will be required to complete eight to nine week discipline-based rotations in a clinical setting, and further develop your research skills with a translational research project based in the hospital sector. There are rural/remote training opportunities and for some students placement with the Rural Clinical School in third-year.

As with all our degrees, 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.

## **Program summary**

### **Year One**

- Foundations of a Medical Vocation

### **Year Two**

- Foundations of Clinical Practice

### **Year Three**

- Apprenticeships in Clinical Practice / Clinical Apprenticeships in the Rural Medical School
- Systematic Research Inquiry

### **Year Four**

- Preparation for Internship

More information about the courses can be found at the [course descriptions \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/medicine-descriptions\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/medicine-descriptions) page.

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Regulations \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/410/of-Medicine-Fremantle.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/410/of-Medicine-Fremantle.pdf).

### **Real-world experience**

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

### **Entry requirements**

Admission to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program is currently only available to Australian citizens, Australian permanent humanitarian visa holders, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens.

Candidates will be selected for admission based on the following criteria:

- Bachelor's degree (recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework or the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition Guide) within the last 10 years, or be in the final year of a Bachelor's degree in any discipline.
- Personal qualities and motivation to study Medicine at Notre Dame assessed in the Notre Dame portfolio.
- Overall GAMSAT score (of 50 or greater).
- Overall Grade Point Average (of 5.0 or higher).
- Multi mini-interviews

All applicants must submit a two-part application:

1. [GEMSAS Online Application \(http://www.gemsas.edu.au/\)](http://www.gemsas.edu.au/)
2. [Notre Dame Portfolio \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/medresources\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/medresources)

## **Pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students are able to apply for entry into medicine at Notre Dame, Fremantle via:

- **The Standard Entry Pathway:**  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can apply for entry to medicine via the GEMSAS process as detailed above.

OR

- **The Aboriginal Entry Pathway:**  
The SoMF provides an alternative entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Interested students will need to complete the

Application For Entry Into Medicine at The University Of Notre Dame Australia (for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People) application form.

The Application for Entry into Medicine (for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People) can be found here:

- [Application for Entry into Medicine \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/001/Medicine-application-form.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/001/Medicine-application-form.pdf)

This form needs to be submitted along with evidence of prior educational achievement such as their undergraduate degree or academic transcript.

Prospective students will be interviewed by members of the Aboriginal Health Team as a part of the application and entry process.

### **Entry Criteria:**

Based on the submitted application, prior academic achievement and outcome of a structured interview.

### **Preparation Course:**

The Aboriginal Health Team runs a one week intensive Premedicine preparation program in December for commencing Aboriginal students.

For further information:

Contact - [Denise Groves](mailto:denise.groves@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:denise.groves@nd.edu.au>) or [David Paul](mailto:david.paul@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:david.paul@nd.edu.au>).

### **Other Resources**

- [Leaders in Indigenous Medicine Education \(http://www.limenetwork.net.au/pathways\)](http://www.limenetwork.net.au/pathways) (LIME)

- Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association  
(<https://www.aida.org.au>) (AIDA)

## **Fees**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

### **FEE-HELP**

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

### **HECS-HELP**

HECS-HELP is a loan scheme intended for students enrolled in Commonwealth Supported Places. The scheme will pay your student contribution amounts, but not additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Although there is no interest charged on HECS-HELP loans, your debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

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## **Professional accreditation**

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is accredited by the Australian Medical Council as meeting national standards of medical education, permitting graduates to receive provisional registration and become a junior doctor (also known as a doctor-in-training) and enter the medical workforce.

## **More information**

For more information on the Doctor of Medicine, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

## **Need help? Ask Notre Dame**

(08) 9433 0533

**Duration:** 4 years full-time

**Campus:** Fremantle

**Practical Component:** Third and fourth year clinical placements

**Loan Scheme:** HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP

**Study mode:** On Campus, Clinical placements, field trips

**Code:** Program Code 5141

**Commencement:** Semester 1