



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Doctor of Medicine (WA)

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School of Medicine

Are you curious about medical research or clinical practice? The Doctor of Medicine of The University of Notre Dame Australia is a four-year postgraduate degree accredited by the Medical Board of Australia on the recommendation of the Australian Medical Council. You will undertake clinical placements in the third and fourth year in various settings, including aged care facilities, public and private hospitals, general practice, and community-based services in urban and rural areas across Australia. Extend your medical career today.

Program information for 2025:

Domestic

International

Why study this degree?

Are you curious about medical research and/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, our Doctor of Medicine degree program has 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 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 are 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 health sector. There are rural/remote training opportunities and for some students, placement with the Rural Clinical School in third-year.

Essential elements of our Medical postgraduate 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 to you

Medicine Information Session (<https://vimeo.com/823922448>)

Program summary

Year One

- Foundations of a Medical Vocation

Year Two

- Foundations of Clinical Practice

Year Three

- Clinical Apprenticeships/ Clinical Apprenticeships in a Rural Setting
- Systematic Research Inquiry

Year Four

- Preparing for Internship

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

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements.

2024 Program Requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/410)

of-Medicine-Fremantle.pdf) (requirements suspended from 31 December 2024)

2025 Program Requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/440/of-Medicine-Fremantle-2025.pdf) (requirements effective 1 January 2025)

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.

In 2024, up to 20 full-fee places are available for international students (please see the section below for entry requirements). Domestic applicants 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.
- Unweighted GAMSAT average score of 52 or greater and a minimum score of 50 in each section
- Overall Grade Point Average of 5.2 or higher
- Casper score from the online Situational Judgement Test (no minimum) (see key dates). For more information on Casper and how to register for the tests, refer directly to <https://acuityinsights.app/> (<https://acuityinsights.app/>)
- The School of Medicine uses a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format: Since 2020 this has been delivered via a recorded online platform and an online platform delivery is continuing in 2024. There will be at least seven stations with a single interviewer/assessor per station.

The interview will be recorded with the use of an online interviewing software tool, Modern Hire.

Applicants must also complete and submit a GEMSAS Online Application (<https://gemsas.edu.au/>).

As a guide, applicants made offers for the Doctor of Medicine at Notre Dame Fremantle in 2024 intake had an average GPA and GAMSAT as shown in the table below.

Campus	Interview average		Place offer average	
	GPA	GAMSAT	GPA	GAMSAT
Fremantle	6.58	64.65	6.58	64.85

Please note that interview places also take into account other factors, including CASPER and bonus points. Place offers additionally take into account interview scores and are based on Round 1 offers only. Average GPA and GAMSAT scores do not include applicants who were considered on additional criteria including but not limited to, rurality, and facilitated interview pathway eligibility.

Please see the 2024 GEMSAS Admissions Guide (<https://gemsas.edu.au/>) for further details on admission requirements for the Doctor of Medicine.

Kimberley Centre for Remote Medical Training (KCRMT)

The KCRMT will host a new end to end (4 year) medical program for up to 26 students for commencing MD program in 2025. It is designed to increase access to the MD for students from rural communities and build a future medical workforce, particularly for the Broome/Kimberley/Pilbara regions, and provide the

students with the opportunity to complete all their medical training in regional WA. Apply for the Kimberley Centre for Remote Medical Training (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/forms/admissions/kcrmt-application>).

Applicants to the KCRMT Rural Training Scheme will be considered on their First Nations, equity and rural backgrounds and ranked according to a tiered priority system.

Tier 1: Applicants must be residents of the Broome, Kimberley, Pilbara regions for at least 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively.

Tier 2: Applicants must meet one of the following two criteria:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant from across Australia, or
- Must have resided for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively, or more, in rural or regional area and have resided for at least 10 years cumulatively in Western Australia.

Tier 3: Non-rural and / or non-Western Australian residents.

Applicants who meet the Tier 1 eligibility criteria will have the following admission requirements waived:

- A valid GAMSAT, and
- An undergraduate degree that must have been completed within the last 10 years.

All applications for Tier 1 MUST be submitted direct to The University of Notre Dame Australia.

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria for Tier 1 who have a valid GAMSAT and meet the 10-year rule requirements can still apply via GEMSAS by indicating their interest in the Scheme in the application form.

Applicants for Tier 2 and Tier 3 must apply via GEMSAS and a valid GAMSAT, CASPER and meeting the 10-year rule is a requirement for these Tiers.

Please be aware the preference place for The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Campus, may be taken into account when ranking applicants for interviews and/or place offers for the Rural Training Scheme.

For further information on the KCRMT tiers and entry requirements, including application for Tier 1, please visit the [Pathways to Medicine](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/pathways/pathways-to-medicine) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/pathways/pathways-to-medicine>) page.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Medicine, graduates will be able to:

1. Provide quality patient-centred care through the application of safe clinical skills and judgment in the context of evidence-based practice
2. Apply integrated medical and scientific knowledge to individual patients, populations, and health systems
3. Communicate with patients, their families, and their advocates with compassion, respect, and empathy
4. Advocate for the health of Aboriginal Peoples* and exercise leadership to reduce inequalities and disparities in health and healthcare delivery in rural, remote, and other under-served populations

5. Consider, apply, and evaluate strategies which address and reduce the impact of global health issues on the Australian population
5. Work professionally and collaboratively as a member of an interprofessional healthcare team
7. Use initiative and self-regulation strategies to address knowledge and skill limitations and commit to lifelong learning, reflective practice and the management of personal health and wellbeing
3. Systematically retrieve, critically appraise, evaluate, and synthesise information in health related literature and clinical systems to inform practice
0. Engage in research and scholarly inquiry to advance health, health care and health systems
0. Appreciate the intrinsic dignity of each human, and exhibit ethical, legal, and professional behaviour in all their actions
- .. Evaluate the Australian healthcare system in the broader context of governance, and local, national, and international societal values
2. Demonstrate leadership in accepting responsibility for health promotion and education of health professionals and the community
3. Integrate prevention, early detection, health maintenance and chronic disease management principles into clinical practice
1. Apply a high-level knowledge of therapeutic interventions and treatments to ensure safe and quality patient care; and
5. Communicate effectively with their profession, their peers, and the wider community.

Entry pathways

Assured Pathway entry

Priority Pathway entry

Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences graduates

Pre-Medicine Certificate

UNDA graduates

Interview offers

Kimberley Centre for Remote Medical Training (KCRMT)

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

The Aboriginal Entry Pathway

Key dates for Doctor of Medicine 2025 entry

Date	Entry Events
1 May 2024	GEMSAS Applications open
5pm AEST/3pm AWST 31 May 2024	GEMSAS Applications close
Early September	Offers of interviews made
Late September to early October	Interviews

Early November	Offers of places made
20 January 2025 (TBC)	Classes commence

Casper Testing Dates

UNDA MD domestic applicants for the 2024-2025 admissions cycle:

- Tuesday 1 May 2024 - 7pm AEST
- Sunday 26 May 2024 - 10am AEST
- Thursday 6 June 2024 - 7pm AEST or 7pm AEST

Please see the 2024 [GEMSAS Admissions Guide](http://www.gemsas.edu.au) (<http://www.gemsas.edu.au>) for further details on admission requirements for the Doctor of Medicine.

Practical component

Clinical Placements and rural work experiences are included in this program.

Students are required to complete:

- MEDI6100 Foundations of a Medical Vocation
- MEDI6200 Foundations of a Clinical Practice
- MEDI6300 Clinical Apprenticeships
- MEDI6400 Preparing for Internship

Career opportunities

A Doctor of Medicine degree can lead to many career opportunities depending on your area of specialisation or interest. Careers include Medical practitioners, cardiologists, physiologists, obstetricians, gastroenterologists, neurologists, and oncologists.

Real-world experience

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.

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.

Fees and costs

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

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The HECS-HELP loan scheme (<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd>) assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our Fees, costs and scholarships page (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a personalised advice session (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **Book my session. (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>)**

For more information, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 for the Fremantle campus, +61 2 8204 4404 for the Sydney campus, or email

medicine.admissions@nd.edu.au
(<mailto:medicine.admissions@nd.edu.au>).

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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

(08) 9433 0533 - WA

(08) 9433 0873 - International

Duration: 4 years of full-time study

Duration type: Full time

Campus: Fremantle

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1

Program code: 5141

CRICOS code: 107489C

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
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Practical Component: Third and fourth year clinical
placement

Cost: See Fees and costs