

Doctor of Medicine

Find your entry path



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When you study medicine with UQ, you become part of an outstanding medical community where you have world class, hands-on education to enable you to become an exceptional doctor, capable of working in any location.

Our program allows you to tailor your learning and to develop the skills you need to deal with the challenges of medicine and contribute to the ongoing evolution of clinical learning that advances the health and well-being of all.

Your pathway into medicine

No two journeys are the same, and every path to medicine is different. There are several pathways to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program.

Provisional Entry (for school leavers)

If you're in your final year of high school (Queensland Year 12 or equivalent), you can apply for a number of pathways which guarantees entry into the MD if you successfully complete the progression requirements during your bachelor degree.

Graduate Entry (for university graduates)

If you've completed, or are in your final year of, a bachelor's degree (3 years minimum), you can apply for a number of pathways which provide direct entry into the MD program.

Provisional Entry (for School Leavers)

Provisional Entry medical pathways listed on the next page.

UCAT Exam (in Year 12)

Take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ) during final year of secondary school

Five separately timed subtests:

1. Verbal Reasoning
2. Decision Making
3. Quantitative Reasoning
4. Abstract Reasoning
5. Situational Judgment

ucat.edu.au

MMI Interview

Eligible applicants invited to participate in Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)

Multiple Mini Interviews

MMIs are a values-based recruitment method. Applicants are presented with a variety of scenarios in a timed circuit.

At each station the applicant will be asked to consider and discuss a scenario with a different interviewer

medicine.uq.edu.au/mmi

ATAR 95+ or IB 37+

End of year of secondary school

Minimum requirements for assessment include:

- Must be a Year 12 school leaver in year of application
- Complete Year 12 English
- ATAR 95.00 + / IB 37+ (Final ATAR after adjustment factors)
- UQ accept up to 5 adjustment factors toward any undergraduate program and provisional entry for medicine*

* Find more information through the QTAC website

Provisional Entry Pathways

Greater Brisbane Provisional Entry

Start your studies at:



Undergraduate Education	Postgraduate Education	Internship
Entry – 3 Years	+4 Years	+2 Years
A variety of approved undergraduate programs at UQ	Doctor of Medicine at The University of Queensland where you will be based at UQ Brisbane	Internship at a variety of hospitals in the Greater Brisbane Region and community settings in the Greater Brisbane Region



For more information, scan or visit

study.uq.edu.au/admissions/doctor-medicine/find-your-entry-pathway

Central Queensland – Wide Bay Regional Medical Pathway Provisional Entry



Start your studies at:



Undergraduate Education	Postgraduate Education	Internship
Entry – 3 Years	+4 Years	+2 Years
Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) at CQUniversity in Rockhampton or Bundaberg	Doctor of Medicine at The University of Queensland where you will be based at UQ Rural Clinical School in the Central Queensland or Wide Bay regions for all 4 years	Internship mostly in hospital and community settings in regional and rural Queensland



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Darling Downs – South West Medical Pathway Provisional Entry



Start your studies at:



Undergraduate Education	Postgraduate Education	Internship
3 Years	+4 Years	+2 Years
Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (Medicine Pathway) at University of Southern Queensland	Doctor of Medicine at The University of Queensland where you will be based at UQ Rural Clinical School in Darling Downs and South West regions for all 4 years	Internship mostly in hospital and community settings in regional and rural Queensland



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Provisional Entry

Who can apply	Location of study	Bachelor's degree
Domestic students who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person on their QTAC application	Relevant university campus for your bachelor's degree and corresponding Medical School location for your MD	UQ, CQUni or UniSQ degrees – pick your preferred pathway (all shown above)



For more information, scan or visit

study.uq.edu.au/admissions/doctor-medicine/find-your-entry-pathway

How you will study

Your 4-year medical journey will begin in Year 1 with the foundations of medicine. You will learn the fundamental concepts of medical sciences, clinical and professional skills and the role of the doctor and the health system.

Year 2 will concentrate on developing the knowledge and skills required for medical practice, with a focus on the pathophysiology of common conditions. In Year 2, you will spend an equivalent of 1 day per week in clinical placement settings.

From Year 3 onwards, you will be immersed in various clinical environments, both in hospitals and in the community.

Your learnings will be grounded in the clinical 'workplace' setting, supported by structured teaching and learning activities.

This clinical immersion will culminate in a 'transition to practice semester' in Year 4, which will be focused on providing you with the opportunity to be an active pre-intern member of a clinical team.

Location opportunities

Regardless of your entry pathway, all students will have the opportunity to undertake placements in a variety of healthcare settings and locations (e.g. metropolitan, regional, rural, remote).

Doctor of Medicine (Graduate Entry)

Graduate Entry medical pathways listed on the next page.

Degree (Undergraduate)

Completed key degree

(Bachelors, Honours, Masters or PhD) in past 10 years

*Two university level subject prerequisites are required for graduate entry: Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology and System Physiology (or equivalent courses)

GAMSAT Testing

The GAMSAT test is offered twice a year

There are testing sites in Qld – Brisbane and Townsville

Rural Background

- 2 adjustment points added to overall GAMSAT score

3 separately timed sections:

- Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences (70 min)
- Written Communication (65 min)
- Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences (150 min)

gamsat.acer.org

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* Find more information through the GEMSAS website

Graduate Entry Pathways

Greater Brisbane Graduate Entry

Start your studies at:



Postgraduate Education	Internship
Entry – 4 Years Doctor of Medicine at The University of Queensland where you will be based at UQ Brisbane	+2 Years Your internship will mostly be in hospital and community settings



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Central Queensland – Wide Bay Graduate Entry



Start your studies at:



Postgraduate Education	Internship
Entry – 4 Years Year 1 will be undertaken in Greater Brisbane and Years 2-4 at our Rural Clinical School in the Central Queensland or Wide Bay regions. From 2025, all four years of the MD will be undertaken at our Rural Clinical School in the Central Queensland or Wide Bay regions	+2 Years Internship mostly in hospital and community settings in regional and rural Queensland



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Darling Downs – South West Medical Graduate Entry



Start your studies at:



Postgraduate Education	Internship
Entry – 4 Years Year 1 will be undertaken in Greater Brisbane and Years 2-4 at our Rural Clinical School in the Darling Downs and South West regions. From 2026, all four years of the MD will be undertaken at our Rural Clinical School in the Darling Downs and South West regions	+2 Years Internship mostly in hospital and community settings in regional and rural Queensland



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduate Entry

Start your studies at:



Who can apply	Location of study
Domestic students who identify as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person	You can choose whether you will be based in Greater Brisbane, Central Queensland-Wide Bay or Darling Downs-South West (all showcased above)



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Rural Clinical School

The Rural Clinical School has been educating student doctors in regional and rural Queensland for over 20 years. The RCS is based in Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Rockhampton and Toowoomba as well as over 50 towns across Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Darling Downs and the South West.

Why go rural?

Queensland is famous for its vast landscape, varied regions and diverse communities. Providing medical services and healthcare for the great diversity of Queensland's places and people is no small feat.

As a rural student, you will be challenged to go further and do more. You will gain a greater depth and breadth of experience. You will forge strong and enduring connections with local communities and medical practitioners. You will benefit from hands-on, face-to-face, up-close-and-personal experience.

You will get to live and work in a vibrant rural community and experience the many attractions the place and its people have to offer.

As a rural medical practitioner of the future, you will be a recognised and a valued member of the local community and medical profession.

As many Rural Clinical school graduates will tell you, it's an experience that will change the way you view medicine, change your world view and shape your future career.

The benefits of The Medical Pathways (Regional Medical Pathway and DD-SW Medical Pathway)

- Be an advocate to improving regional, rural and remote health
- Support and be supported by local communities
- Learn close to home by completing your entire medical journey in your community, surrounded by your family and friends (if within the Medical Pathways regions)



"I applied through the Indigenous pathway, after being inspired by the limited number of Indigenous doctors and the possibility of being able to inspire other Indigenous students. My advice for people looking to study in the health industry, is to establish an effective support system. So far, I've completed a clinical placement (observational) in public health and ICU. I know I'm on the right path for my future."

Tylin Guthrie

Bachelor of Medical Science
(Pathway to Medicine)
CQUniversity



"Taking on medicine at 40 was always going to be an ambitious decision. My week would start with rising at 4:15am to catch the train to Brisbane, complete my study, and return on the 4:55pm train on Friday. The opportunity to conclude my studies at home in Bundaberg with the Rural Clinical School was life changing. It has been a challenge but I would not change a thing. It's all about community spirit, that's what sets rural medicine apart."

Geoff Mallett

Doctor of Medicine
Rural Clinical School
The University of Queensland



"I have always wanted to study medicine, and I have always wanted to practice rurally. When I heard about the Darling Downs – South West Pathway, I was really excited to be able to stay in Toowoomba with my family but also know I was on a path to contribute to rural health in my future."

Jiayong Jiang

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences
(Medicine Pathway)
University of Southern Queensland



“Before I started medicine, I didn’t know any Indigenous doctors; that visibility just wasn’t there for me. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the oldest living culture, so therefore they’re the oldest healers in the world. I think it’s really cool to be able to continue that ancient practice of healing in modern medicine. I spent the final 2 years of my medical degree at UQ’s Rural Clinical School in Rockhampton and really enjoyed it!”

Dr Ella Ceolin

UQ Bachelor of Science and UQ Medicine graduate



Watch a video about Ella and her experience as a Doctor of Medicine student.

Supplementary information

Bonded Medical Program

This is an Australian Government initiative that aims to proactively improve the provision of health care and reduce the doctor shortage outside metropolitan areas across Australia. You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia to be eligible for a bonded offer. In 2024, 28.5 per cent of all Commonwealth supported places will be allocated to this program. If you accept an offer under this program, you will commit to working in an area of workplace shortage for a set service period after completing your medical degree. Bonded provisional pathway students do not commence their bonded period of study until Year 1 of the MD program. The return of service period can change while you’re studying your first degree. Currently the service period is a 3 year obligation spread over an 18 year period. It doesn’t have to be continuous, but half must be done before fellowship and half after fellowship.

bit.ly/bonded-medical-program

Rural Background Students (RBS) Scheme

This is an Australian Government initiative that aims to proactively widen access to the UQ MD program to applicants from rural and remote backgrounds. This initiative is designed to improve the provision of healthcare and reduce the doctor shortage in rural and remote areas of Australia. In 2024, 28 per cent of places will be designated to applicants who have lived for a minimum length of time in a rural area in Australia. Specific requirements apply to this UQ MD program scheme.

study.uq.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate/review-admission-schemes/rural-access-scheme

Subject prerequisites

You need to have successfully completed 2 subject prerequisites or equivalent prior studies in cell biology and systems physiology.

Suitable UQ prerequisite courses are:

- Integrative Cell and Tissue Biology*
- System Physiology*.

*or equivalent courses or coursework in your major.

When selecting an undergraduate degree at UQ or elsewhere that does not include these 2 subject prerequisites as a core requirement, you will need to check that your chosen undergraduate program covers the required physiology and cell biology content to meet the MD subject prerequisite requirements. If not, you should plan to complete the 2 subject prerequisites (or equivalent) as an elective.

As a supportive measure for all future medical students, we also recommend that you aim to undertake courses in biostatistics, anatomy and a humanities subject during your undergraduate degree.

study.uq.edu.au/admissions/doctor-medicine/find-your-entry-pathway/doctor-medicine-prerequisites-and-recommended-programs-entry

This information is correct as at the time of printing (April 2023), however please check the relevant websites for the latest information.

Thanks to our Partners

The Regional Medical Pathway is a partnership between four organisations in the Central Queensland and Wide Bay regions.



The DD-SW Medical Pathway is a partnership between four organisations in the Darling Downs and South West regions.



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