



Doctor of Medicine (MD)

UNDA Course Code 5141
Not available for international students
2018

INTRODUCTION

The University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine, Fremantle, through a university education imbued with Catholic values of compassion, respect and service, graduates professionals who are knowledgeable, skilful, dutiful and ethical.

IMPORTANT DATES 2017

Saturday, 25 March	GAMSAT test date
Sunday, 26 March	Medicine Course Information Session
Early May 2017	GEMSAS application Notre Dame Portfolio available
Mid-late May 2017	GAMSAT results available
31 May 2017	GEMSAS application, Notre Dame Portfolio due
Late Aug – early Sept 2017	Offers made for interviews at Notre Dame Fremantle
27-28 Sept 2017	Interviews at Notre Dame Fremantle
Nov 2017	Offers made for places at Notre Dame

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) course at the Notre Dame School of Medicine, Fremantle is a four-year postgraduate program open to students from a wide range of undergraduate degrees. The aim of the course is to produce well-rounded doctors who are committed to life-long learning through reflective practice, who will engage in scholarly enquiry, and demonstrate excellent clinical skills and judgment in the context of evidence based practice. Ethical issues in professional life underpin the MD program as well as the principles of patient-centred care, recognising the intrinsic dignity of each person. Health and illness across a range of populations will be explored throughout the program with an aim to address disparities in health and health care delivery.

The School of Medicine utilises active learning strategies. The learning program is Problem Based Learning in the first two years and includes clinical skills, basic and clinical sciences, communication, bioethics and therapeutics.

In the third and fourth year of the MD, students study different disciplines of medicine (e.g. surgery, paediatrics, etc.). They complete 8-9 week discipline-based rotations, usually in a hospital setting. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their research skills with a new unit, Systematic Research Inquiry. In fourth year the students perform a translational research project based in the hospital sector. These units collectively create a unique research experience.

The School of Medicine utilises national and international referencing and benchmarking with other Australian universities and professional bodies to ensure the highest quality of medical graduates.

The course is accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

LOCATION

The first two years of the course are taught mainly at the University Campus in Fremantle. Medical students access the basic biomedical science expertise and laboratory facilities at Murdoch University. Clinical attachments take place at doctors' surgeries and with other allied health professionals. The School of Medicine provides purpose-built facilities including a clinical skills laboratory.

During the second two years of the course students attend clinical schools based in public hospitals, private hospitals and private medical practices in urban and rural locations. Some clinical rotations in Year 4 are located in outer metropolitan and rural locations.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

The course is full-time. After selection into the course, deferrals are not permitted. Applications should therefore be made in the year preceding the planned year of admission.

There are compulsory field trips to rural and remote locations in Year 2 and a four week rural practice placement in Year 4. Twenty five percent of students in Year 3 will be offered a place in the Rural Clinical School of Western Australian (RCSWA). RCSWA students will spend the entire academic year in a rural setting.

The assessment of competency for each unit of the course will include formal clinical presentations, written assessments and projects.

PLACES

In 2018 the School of Medicine, Fremantle, will admit approximately 100 students. They are usually divided as follows but are subject to change:

- Approx. 71 Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)
- Approx. 29 Bonded Medical Places (BMP)
- Up to 20 Full Fee Paying Places

Please note that the admission requirements for CSP, BMP and Full Fee Paying students are the same. Applicants must specify the types of fee places they wish to be considered for and will not be considered for a place they have not selected. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP's first, BMP's second and Full-Fee paying third.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy the requirements of both Notre Dame and GEMSAS (Graduate Entry Medical Schools Admission System).

Selection Process

Candidates are selected for admission on the basis of:

- Personal qualities and motivation to study Medicine; and
- GAMSAT Overall Score; and
- Grade Point Average; and
- Interview

The following information is a guide to the requirements for admission:

Application

Applicants must submit a two-part application to be considered:

1. **GEMSAS Online Application.** Applications must be submitted to GEMSAS by no later than **31 May 2017 at 11.59pm AEST** (9.59pm AWST). The GEMSAS Online Application is available at <http://www.gemsas.edu.au/>
2. **Notre Dame Portfolio.** Applicants must submit the Notre Dame Portfolio through GEMSAS by **31 May 2017 at 11.59pm AEST** (9.59pm AWST).

Failure to complete a Notre Dame Portfolio will render an applicant's preference of Notre Dame in their GEMSAS Online Application null and void.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Applicants must have completed, or be in the final year of a minimum three year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree.

For applicants applying to commence their study in the MD in 2018:

- Applicants are expected to have a weighted GPA of at least 5.0 on a 7 point scale to be eligible to apply.
- When calculating an applicant's GPA, in most cases the results from the most recent three years of their study in an AQF level 7 course or above are progressively weighted x1, x2, and x3 so that the greatest weight is given to their most recent results. All grades/results (including fail grades, if applicable) from the most recent 3 FTE years of study will be used. Qualifications must be completed at a TEQSA accredited institution (or for equivalent international qualifications, defined by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI-NOOSR).
- An applicant's most recent study may include a combination of completed undergraduate and postgraduate study including Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Diploma, and Masters by Coursework only. It **does not** include Professional Honours, Graduate Certificates, Masters by Research and PhD level study or study below Bachelor level. Graduate Diploma and Masters by coursework qualifications that an applicant intends to include in their GPA calculation must be completed by 31 July 2017 and may be solely used in their GPA calculation if it equates to their most recent 3 FTE years of study.
- An undergraduate/postgraduate combined embedded degree consisting of at least a two year undergraduate plus at least a one year postgraduate degree, will require completion of all components including the postgraduate units. Completion of only the embedded undergraduate component of the overall combined undergraduate/postgraduate degree will be deemed insufficient, unless the applicant has been approved by the conferring institution to exit the qualification early with at least a 3 FTE year degree. Full requirements of the undergraduate/postgraduate embedded degree must be completed by 31 December 2017.
- A two year full-time fast-tracked degree which offers three trimesters per annum as opposed to two semesters, may be accepted subject to completion at an accredited and recognised university. Notre Dame does not recognise two year Bachelor degrees or one year conversion degrees for the purpose of admission to the MD.

- Where an applicant is in the final year of study, the final-year GPA will be calculated based on the completed units within their final year. For example, if 0.25FTE units have been completed and the applicant is expected to complete 0.75FTE that year in order to complete their degree, their final year GPA will be calculated using 0.25FTE of units.
- Applicants in their final year of their undergraduate degree will be expected to successfully complete all requirements of the degree as at 31 December 2017. Offers to successful candidates completing their degree in 2017 will be conditional on this. As such, applicants must give detailed consideration to the stipulated deadlines if and when requesting deferred or supplementary exams.
- Applicants who have not completed the equivalent of a three year undergraduate degree in the last ten years as at 31 July 2017 must have completed at least one year full time equivalent tertiary study at undergraduate level or higher as at 31 July 2017 in order to be considered for the MD.
- Recognition will be given to higher degrees of Masters by Research or PhD completed by 31 July 2017 through the scoring on the Notre Dame Portfolio. These qualifications will not be used for the purposes of GPA calculations.
- There is no advanced standing or recognition of prior learning (RPL) given in the MD.
- For more information regarding GPA calculations please refer to the GPA Guides on the GEMSAS Website: <http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/>

Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT)

Applicants are expected to achieve an overall GAMSAT score of at least 50.

Interview

Approximately 190* applicants will be interviewed. Interviews will be held in Fremantle from 27-28 September with interview offers made in late August – early September.

*subject to change

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY

There is an alternate pathway into Medicine for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. Please contact the Admissions Office directly for further information.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment as an intern and satisfactory performance in that year of employment are required before medical registration is finalised. Although the School of Medicine, Fremantle, will ensure that students have performed at a level appropriate to compete for these positions, it is not possible to guarantee employment and registration after graduation. Employment of interns in Australia is determined by State and Territory health departments and hospitals.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide or by contacting the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au. Visit the website at www.nd.edu.au