INTRODUCTION

Attracting doctors is one of the most pressing issues facing communities in Australia today and is now seen as a national priority. In response to this The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Campus introduces the Pre-Medicine Certificate (PMC). This Certificate provides a preparation program for the graduate medicine degree. Specifically, it aims to enhance the preparation of students for entry into the graduate medical degree by providing an opportunity to confirm that medicine is the right choice of vocation for them.

Applicants to Notre Dame’s graduate entry medicine program must meet the required levels in their overall GAMSAT score and Grade Point Average (GPA). The interview stage of the application process is also important, giving applicants the opportunity to demonstrate personal qualities including communication skills, empathy and motivation. Successful completion of the PMC guarantees students an interview for Notre Dame’s graduate entry medicine program provided they meet the required GPA and GAMSAT levels.

There is no prescribed primary degree for entry into Notre Dame’s graduate medicine program. Students enter the course from many different academic backgrounds. Current students have come with various undergraduate degrees such as: arts, health sciences, law, counselling and nursing. PMC students will be enrolled in the School of Medicine and a Medical School mentor will support their development as future health professionals and assist them in choosing the components of the certificate best suited to their interests and academic needs.

COURSE STRUCTURE

PMC students will take four pre-medicine units in addition to their primary degree at the University. The four units in the Pre-Medicine certificate are taken from a menu of options suited to developing future health professionals. Pre-med students will be counselled by their PMC Mentor on their choice of one elective unit for the certificate.

Compulsory units
Aboriginal Studies
Sociology of Health & Medicine
Social Justice, Service Learning & Community Engagement

Elective unit (choose one)
Introduction to Biological Science
Introduction to Physical Science
Molecular & Cell Biology
Introduction to Behavioural Science
Psychology: Themes & Perspectives
Social Psychology of Justice
Living Human Rights

Students can negotiate an alternative elective with the PMC Mentor.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible students must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree at Notre Dame. Selection is based on:

- Academic ability (TER and other available evidence)
- A recommendation from the interviewing Dean or Associate Dean and Admissions Executive Director
- Personal qualities and motivations
- Contribution to school and community life.

FEES

The PMC fee will depend on the unit cost of the units the student studies. Please refer to the Indicative Course Fees 2010 (Domestic) for more information. The PMC is not CSP or FEE-HELP funded.

FURTHER INFORMATION

We welcome visitors to the University at any time. If you would like to view the University facilities or if you would like further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please contact the Prospective Students and Marketing Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au.

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