“Student Conference is a highlight of the course. It is such an eye-opening and motivating week.”
— Laura Davis

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

About the Doctor of Medicine (MD)
The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a four year professional graduate medical degree that provides a fresh approach to medical training. This extended masters level degree was the first truly graduate entry-to-practice medicine qualification in Australia and sets a new benchmark in medical education.

The MD program provides opportunities for graduates to differentiate themselves in their future medical career through an innovative curriculum, and interactions with world class bioscientists and clinicians in the best teaching and learning facilities within the University and associated hospitals.

Developed in consultation with doctors, healthcare professionals, students and leaders in the health and research sectors, the MD meets the current and future needs of students, patients and the changing healthcare sector.

The course delivers outstanding clinical and academic training, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for the challenges of internship and future vocational training. The degree builds on prerequisite knowledge of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry acquired in undergraduate study. With a reduced pre-clinical training period the focus is on clinical exposure. Through a dedicated medical research project students also leave the MD equipped to contribute to the important world of medical research.

How to become a doctor or medical specialist

STEP 1 - UNDERGRAD & PREREQUISITES
- Complete a three year undergraduate degree and the required prerequisite subjects
- Sit the GAMSAT (or MCAT for international students located outside of Australia)
- Apply - See over for more information on how to apply

STEP 2 - GRADUATE MEDICAL STUDIES
Complete the four year Doctor of Medicine (MD) course.

STEP 3 - PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING
Complete an internship. In Victoria this entails at least 48 weeks of supervised clinical experience. For more information about the internship process, go to www.pmcv.com.au

STEP 4 - VOCATIONAL TRAINING
Postgraduate training is completed by the majority of doctors following internship and one or two years of residency. Training is available in a number of different areas including, general practice, surgery, internal medicine, radiology and pathology. These programs vary in length; some are up to seven years.
Course structure
The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a four year full-time course comprising:

- One year of integrated bioscience and clinical learning
- Two core clinical training years in affiliated hospitals and healthcare facilities
- A semester in which each student is immersed in a single medical discipline to complete a research project
- A capstone semester in which students rehearse the skills required for effective and safe clinical practice
- An annual student conference that provides opportunities to interact with medical leaders in the areas of research, policy and clinical healthcare

The Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) is an innovative program that provides an opportunity for a number of students to undertake one of the clinical years of the course in hospitals and community-based practices within the Northern Victoria Regional Medical Education Network.

Note: International students are not eligible to undertake the ERC program.

Selection criteria
To be eligible to apply for the MD, you need to have:

- An undergraduate degree in any discipline completed within the last ten years, with a GPA over 5.0. For applicants whose most recent undergraduate degree was completed ten or more years before 1 January of the year in which you intend to commence the MD, you will need to have completed a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD (or equivalent) within the last ten years to make your qualifications ‘current’
- Completed prerequisite second year subjects in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry within the last ten years
- Completed the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) with scores of at least 50 in each section. International applicants located outside of Australia at the time of application can complete the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

A list of approved prerequisite subjects is available at:
http://sc.mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites

Further information on the selection criteria is available at:

Application process
1. Domestic applicants apply via the Graduate Entry Medical Schools Admissions System (GEMSAS) - www.gemsas.edu.au
2. International applicants apply direct to International Admissions, The University of Melbourne, or via an education agent
3. Applicants complete webform for prerequisite subject assessment where required and Graduate Access Melbourne application if applicable
4. Multiple Mini Interviews are held for shortlisted applicants
5. Offers are made (conditional and non-conditional) to successful applicants
6. Final results are submitted and offer conditions are met

The MD application period each year is usually in May. For dates go to:

Information on Graduate Access Melbourne eligibility and application process is available at:
www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au

Fees and scholarships
- Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) are available (including Bonded Medical Places).
- Full fee places are available to domestic and international students.
- Australian citizens are eligible for deferred fee payment through HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP.*

Information about tuition fees is available at:
http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees

Information about MD fees is available at:
http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/grad

Accreditation status
The Doctor of Medicine course is accredited by the Australian Medical Council and is approved by the Medical Board of Australia as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration in the medical profession.

* FEE-HELP limits apply

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