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Doctor of Medicine.

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A message from our Associate Professor of Medicine



Hello and welcome to our information booklet on the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine.

As Australia's largest regional university, we're committed to tackling the shortage of doctors in rural and remote communities. I'm very excited to oversee a School of Rural Medicine that will not only enable students like you to develop your skills while studying in rural areas, but encourage you to remain there as you forge your career in medicine.

With immersive clinical placements and a strong focus on the regional health needs, you'll graduate ready to make a real difference where it matters most.

Louis Christie

Director of Rural Generalism, Associate Professor of Medicine
Charles Sturt University

All about the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/ Doctor of Medicine

It's clear there's a continuing shortage of doctors in the country that is contributing to Australia's rural health crisis.

With our Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine, you can study regionally, on campus in Orange and through extended clinical placements in various rural locations throughout New South Wales and Victoria, and be at the cutting edge of the future of medicine in Australia.

Every community is different. And their healthcare needs are different. That's why we train a generation of high-quality medical professionals, equipped with the knowledge and experience to champion the health of our rural, regional and remote communities.

Our students will be prepared for a rewarding career in medicine and help us address the shortage of doctors in rural and regional Australia. This is your opportunity to make a difference in your community.

Course at a glance

Name: Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine

UAC code: 214478

Fee type: Commonwealth supported place (CSP)

Duration: Five-year combined undergraduate and postgraduate full-time program

Where: Two years on-campus study in Orange and three years of clinical placements across NSW and Victoria

When: Commence study in February each year (one annual intake only)

Selection rank: 95.5 (non-rural) or 91.5 (Rural Entry Admissions Scheme)

Additional admission requirements: University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand (UCAT ANZ) and Multi-Station Mini Interview



Learn specialised skills from the start

You'll get hands-on from the very start through this highly practical course with clinical learning from your first weeks of study. You'll explore diverse clinical settings and then in your third, fourth and fifth years, you'll extend your professional skills through full-time clinical and community placements. The course combines problem-based learning and clinical practice with leading theory and research.

Broad range of medical training

Throughout your clinical placements you'll cover a broad range of general, specialist and inter-professional training. This will include critical care, emergency medicine, First Nations Peoples' health, general medicine, general practice, mental health, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, and surgery.

Learn in modern facilities

Learn in our state-of-the-art facilities, including our brand new academic hub and clinical skills learning centre opposite Orange Hospital. You'll be well prepared for your future in medicine when you get hands-on experience in our anatomy education centre, simulation hospital ward and interactive study pods.

Work closely with your future industry

Throughout the course you'll work closely with the local health services and community you are studying in. Extended clinical placements are just one of the ways you'll be well prepared to take on your medical internship before you step into your future career in medicine.

AHPRA registration

You'll be eligible to apply for provisional registration by the Medical Board of Australia (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency). Then you can undertake a period of accredited internship training to become eligible for general AHPRA registration.



Course structure and delivery

The journey to becoming a doctor is challenging and rewarding. Studying medicine requires dedication and hard work, so you should expect a full-time study load during your degree.

The Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine is a problem-based learning program with two years of initial campus-based learning in the basic sciences (anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology, pharmacology, physiology and population health), clinical skills and evidence-based medicine.

Most of your training from the third year of the course will be spent in clinical placements that cover the broad range of general, specialist and inter-professional training necessary to ensure you are prepared for your medical internship. You'll also be required to undertake a research project carried out in the third and fourth years of your course.

Course requirements

Qualification for the award Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine requires successful completion of 320 credit points, with one subject worth 64 credit points completed each year. All the subjects (below) are core and compulsory.

- MED102 Clinical Sciences 1
- MED202 Clinical Sciences 2
- MED302 Applied Clinical Sciences 1
- MED402 Applied Clinical Sciences 2
- MED502 Applied Clinical Sciences 3



"The program's focus is on rural and regional health and is heavily backed by a network of experienced doctors and several rural clinical schools. These placements are an amazing opportunity to contribute to, learn from and enjoy the pleasures of rural living. I greatly appreciate the practical focus, as many other courses do not offer these unique and insightful experiences from the get-go, and the shorter five-year program means I can start my career just that bit sooner."

Antez Varghese

Charles Sturt medicine student

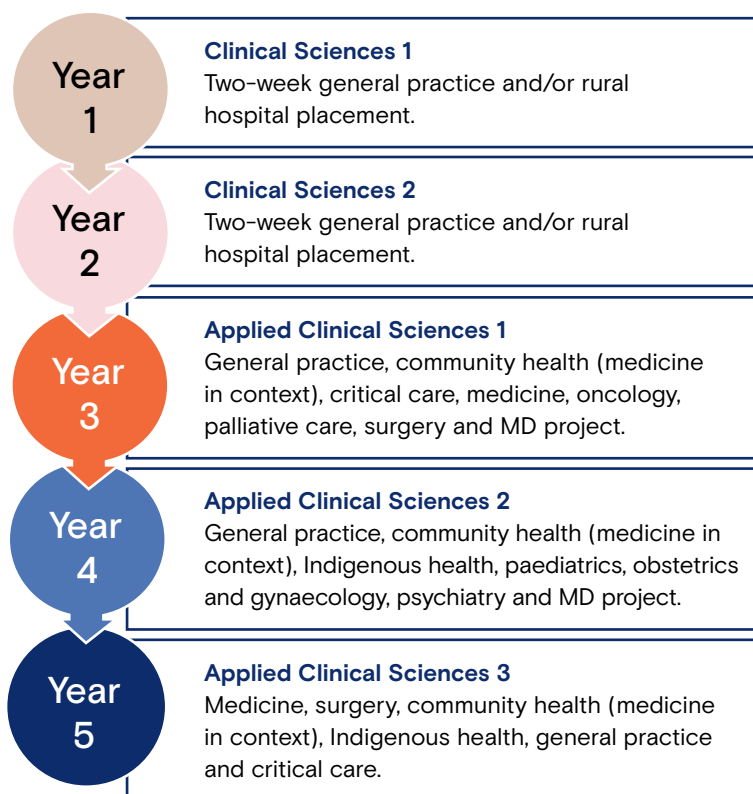


The Rural Generalist Placement Program

The School of Rural Medicine has devised a unique Rural Generalist Placement Program. This includes a network of Clinical Schools that allows students to study and work in rural and regional locations. The program extends over the full five years of the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine degree.

You will be allocated to a clinical school for the duration of the program for your clinical placements. You will study full-time in your clinical school location in Years 3–5 and will be seconded to regional base hospitals, district hospitals and general practices for training and pre-internship education. You'll return each year to the same rural and regional community. This allows you to build relationships and connections with community and experience the attraction of permanently locating to these areas.

This model encourages students to see the potential and the importance of a career in rural medicine. Not only does it produce outstanding rural practitioners, but also forms the foundation for future research and research partnerships.



Clinical schools

We've established a network of nine clinical schools in rural locations across New South Wales and northern Victoria. Each clinical school offers a unique experience for students, forms a regional hub and services the surrounding communities. Clinical schools are where the majority of learning in years three to five take place.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Central West
Trundle, Peak Hill, Condobolin, Parkes, Forbes, Orange, Bathurst, Mudgee

Murrumbidgee
Lake Cargelligo, Hillston, Griffith, Hay, Temora, Grenfell, Cowra, Cootamundra

Riverina
Wagga Wagga, Gundagai, Tumut-Adelong

Murray
Wangaratta, Beechworth, Corryong, Albury-Wodonga, Corowa, Finley

Mallee
Swan Hill, Deniliquin, Kerang

VICTORIA

Northern Rivers

Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo, Bellingen, Bowraville, Nambucca Heads, Macksville, South West Rocks, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Wauchope

Hastings Macleay

● Sydney

● Regional training location

Career opportunities

Our Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/ Doctor of Medicine is your first step in training for your career in medicine. When you graduate, you'll be qualified to be a medical intern in Australia and New Zealand.

Internship

After graduation, you will begin your medical career as an intern. After one year you'll be eligible for general registration with APHRA, to begin the next phase of your medical training.

Address the rural doctor shortage

We need more doctors in the regions, for the regions. Play your part in addressing the shortage of doctors in rural and regional Australia. You'll be well prepared for working in First Nations and remote healthcare. You could also pursue a career in medical research, working alongside scientists to help develop cures for illnesses.

Pursue a specialty

Our Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/ Doctor of Medicine will prepare you to become a rural generalist general practitioner (GP) or a non-GP specialist focusing on a specific area of medicine. As a rural generalist GP, you'll use your specialised medical skills to work in a rural community and provide emergency care, hospital in-patient care, general practice and advanced specialised skills whilst applying a population health approach. You'll work as part of a professional and multi-disciplinary team with other health providers and specialists.



"Charles Sturt gave me the perfect base for being a good intern. I loved my time in Orange for pre-clinical years and Griffith as a medical student where I had great teaching and clinical experience... I am so glad I've chosen to stay at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital and could not ask for a more supportive environment to start my career as a doctor."



**Caitlin
Del Solar**

Charles Sturt
medicine graduate
(first cohort)

How to apply

To be eligible for a place in the medicine program, you must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident. The application process includes the following steps.

- Successfully sit UCAT ANZ.
- Apply through UAC.
- Sit a Multi-Station Mini Interview (MMI).

Here's how it works

UCAT ANZ

The University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand (UCAT ANZ) is an external assessment tool used by Australian universities as part of the medical entry application process. You'll need to register for UCAT ANZ between March and May and sit the test in July. Your UCAT ANZ results will then be released to the university in September. The UCAT ANZ scores will determine a ranked list for interviews.

UAC

Apply for the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). The UAC code is 214478. There is an ATAR requirement for entry.

- 91.5 ATAR for Rural Entry Admission Scheme
- 95.5 ATAR non-rural (general admission)

Applicants with current or previous university study will be assessed on their grade point average (GPA). For more information about minimum GPA's, check out the entry requirements at study.csu.edu.au/medicine

Rural Entry Admission Scheme (REAS)

This medicine course is committed to providing access to medical education for rural and regional students. We strongly encourage students from rural and regional backgrounds to apply for the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine.

To be considered for this scheme you must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident, and be able to prove you have resided for at least five years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively in a rural and/or remote location in Australia.*

To determine your eligibility for the Rural Entry Admission Scheme, check your postcode online through DoctorConnect. Use the health workforce locator to check your residential location.

To apply for consideration under the scheme, you'll need to download and complete a Rural Confirmation form.[^] This form must be submitted as part of your UAC application. You can download the form at study.csu.edu.au/medicine

First Nations applicants

If you're a First Nations applicant, you will need to apply through UAC. There is a separate process for admission, including confirmation documentation and a panel interview that will be managed by the university.

Multi-Station Mini Interview

Interviews will be held in November. Where possible, interviews will be held via Zoom, with interviewers located at Orange.

Interviews are conducted as a Multi-Station Mini Interview. You'll be asked a series of questions in relation to a scenario that is presented to you at each of the six interview stations. At each station, questions will be asked by a different interviewer. You'll have eight minutes to respond to the questions at each station before moving to the next station. There will be a short break between each station.

Selection criteria

- UCAT ANZ - 25 per cent
- Multi-Station Mini Interview - 75 per cent
- ATAR requirement:
 - 91.5 (REAS)
 - 95.5 (non REAS)
- Location based
 - A minimum of 80 per cent of interviews are for rural applicants

For more information on how to apply, admissions and selection criteria for Medicine at Charles Sturt, please visit our online course brochure.

→ study.csu.edu.au/medicine

*Regions defined as RA2-5 within Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Remoteness Area (ASGS-RA 2021) of two to five for a minimum of five years consecutively or 10 cumulative years will be classified as rural and/or remote.

[^]The SRM will conduct a randomised audit of the Rural Confirmation forms. Applicants who do not provide true and accurate information in support of their application will be dealt with by the appropriate policies and rules of Charles Sturt University.

What's your back-up plan?

Getting into medicine is competitive – we get it. And we know how stressful the whole process can be. That's why having a backup plan is a great strategic move. Not only will it take off some of the stress of applying, but it also means that you have a Plan B.

Consider applying for another course that provides a rewarding career in health, while also offering a valuable foundation to studying undergraduate or postgraduate medicine. We offer a wide range of health and science courses at Charles Sturt. From pharmacy to physio and medical radiation science, not to mention occupational therapy, nursing, medical laboratory science, and health and medical science.

When you study any course with us, you could be eligible to apply for medicine again next year as a Charles Sturt pathway applicant.

Ready to get your Plan B locked and loaded? Check out our Bachelor of Health and Medical Science. This versatile degree is a great stepping-stone to further study in medicine, pharmacy, epidemiology or dentistry. A diverse and flexible qualification, available on campus at Orange or online, it provides a strong foundation for further study or a career in the health industry. It's the perfect way to prepare for future studies in areas such as medicine or allied health.

Find out more

→ study.csu.edu.au/health-med-science

Important dates and deadlines

March: UCAT ANZ registration opens

April/May: Medicine Information Night held

May: UCAT ANZ registration closes

June: Applications open for the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/ Doctor of Medicine

July: UCAT ANZ testing

September: UAC applications close

October/November: applicants invited to interview

November: Multi-Station Mini Interviews

December: ATARs released

January: UAC offers for medicine released

February: first-year Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine students commence (based in Orange)

Info for current Charles Sturt students

A minimum of six interview places will be guaranteed for rural students currently studying a Charles Sturt University course, based on their UCAT ANZ results. Entry is not guaranteed.

Find out more

→ study.csu.edu.au/admission-pathways

Scholarships

Applying for the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine? You may be eligible for a number of scholarships.

Find out more

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