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A message from our Dean of Rural Medicine



Hello and welcome to our Doctor of Medicine, a Joint Program in Medicine from Charles Sturt University and Western Sydney University.

I'm very excited to be overseeing 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.

Read on to find out everything you need to know about our exciting new program.

Dr Lesley Forster

All about the Doctor of Medicine

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

With our Doctor of Medicine you can study regionally, on campus in Orange, and be at the cutting edge of the future of medicine in Australia.

You'll 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.

This five-year undergraduate-entry degree is an exciting new partnership between Charles Sturt University and Western Sydney University.

Course at a glance

Name: Doctor of Medicine (Joint Program in Medicine)

UAC code: 725505 (Orange)

Fee type: Commonwealth supported place (CSP)

Duration: Five years full-time, undergraduate entry

Where: On-campus study in Orange, with clinical placements across rural NSW

When: Commences 2022

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)



Course highlights

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 First Nations Peoples' health, critical care, emergency medicine, mental health, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics and surgery. If you're interested in research, you can choose to study a research year after your second year of the course. This will allow you to gain a Bachelor of Medical Research before continuing to complete the final years of the Doctor of Medicine.

Learn in modern facilities

You'll learn in our state-of-the-art facilities, including our brand new academic hub, clinical skills learning centre and new research centre located on campus and opposite Orange Hospital. You'll be well prepared for your future in medicine when you get hands-on in our anatomy teaching laboratory, simulation hospital wards, interactive study pods and ultrasound room.

Work closely with your future industry

Throughout the course you'll work closely with the local health services. 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 intern 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 Doctor of Medicine is a problem-based learning hybrid program with two years of initial campus-based learning in the basic sciences (anatomy, biochemistry, 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 over the final three years of your course.

Course requirements

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

- MED 110 Clinical Sciences 1
- MED 210 Clinical Sciences 2
- MED 310 Applied Clinical Sciences 1
- MED 410 Applied Clinical Sciences 2
- MED 510 Applied Clinical Sciences 3



Career opportunities

Our 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.

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 Indigenous and remote healthcare. You could also pursue a career in medical research, working alongside scientists to help develop cures for illnesses.

Internship

After graduation, you will begin your medical career as an intern, managed in New South Wales by the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI). After one year you'll be eligible for general registration to begin the next phase of your medical training.

Pursue a specialty

Our Doctor of Medicine will prepare you to become a rural generalist general practitioner (GP) or a specialist focusing on a specific area of medicine. As a GP, you'll use your specialised medical skills to diagnose and treat a broad range of physical and mental illnesses. You'll also assist in the prevention of illness and disease and build your network in community health as you refer your patients to specialist medical practitioners.

Whether in general practice or another specialty area, you'll undertake training through one of the medical colleges while working in that area. Wherever your interests lie – in a hospital setting, community setting or elsewhere – the opportunities are many. Will you become a surgeon, a paediatrician, a radiologist, an emergency physician – or perhaps a future Chief Medical Officer?

You could work in...

After you graduate and throughout your career there are lots of opportunities to explore.

- Patient care and clinical medicine
- Medical research
- Health management
- Medical education



How to apply

To be eligible for a place in the Joint Program in Medicine you must be an Australian citizen or 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 to May and successfully 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 Doctor of Medicine through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). The UAC code is 725505. When completing your application you must indicate Orange as your preferred campus for the Doctor of Medicine. There is an ATAR requirement for entry.

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

Rural Entry Admission Scheme

The Joint Program in Medicine 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 Doctor of Medicine.

To be considered for this scheme you must be an Australian citizen or 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.*

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 community member 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're encouraged to apply through UAC. There is a separate process for admission, including confirmation documentation and a panel interview which will be managed by the university.

Medical Admission Questionnaire

If you're successful in meeting the UCAT ANZ threshold, you will be invited to attend an interview. You'll be required to complete a structured Medical Admission Questionnaire (MAQ) prior to your interview. A link to the online questionnaire will be provided as part of your invitation to an interview. The MAQ will be used to inform some interview questions.

Multi-Station Mini Interview

Interviews will be held in November. Where possible, interviews will be held via Zoom, with interviewers at your preferred location (Orange or Campbelltown).

Interviews are conducted as a Multi-Station Mini Interview. You'll be asked a series of questions and each question will be asked by a separate interviewer at a different interview station. You'll have eight minutes to respond to each question before moving on to the next station.

There will be a short break between each station.

Entry criteria

- UCAT ANZ
- Academic score
- Multi-Station Mini Interview

*Regions defined as RA2-5 within Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Remoteness Area (ASGS-RA 2016) of 2 to 5 for a minimum of five years consecutively or 10 cumulative years will be classified as rural and/or remote.



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Scholarships

Applying for the Doctor of Medicine? You may be eligible for a number of scholarships. Find out more at study.csu.edu.au/scholarships

Charles Sturt pathway

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.

Important dates and deadlines

March: UCAT ANZ registration opens

May: UCAT ANZ registration closes

July: UCAT ANZ testing

August: UAC applications for medicine open

September: UAC applications close

October: applicants invited to interview

November: Multi-Station Mini Interviews

December: ATARs released

January: UAC main round offers released

February: first-year Doctor of Medicine students commence



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