practical learning

Study Medicine at UQ and get hands-on, practical experience so you’ll graduate confident and job-ready with 3544 hours spent on clinical placement during your degree.

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- anaesthesia
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- medicine (general medicine, cardiology, etc)
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- ophthalmology
- paediatrics
- pathology/histopathology/microbiology
- psychiatry
- radiology
- rehabilitation medicine
- sexual health
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- surgery (general surgery, neurosurgery, etc).

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Medicine at UQ is known as Australia’s Global Medical School and is one of the top four medical schools in Australia. The UQ School of Medicine has seen over 12,000 doctors graduate who are highly skilled and well-equipped to meet today’s medical challenges. Our graduates are world-class and with clinical schools outside Australia including the USA and Brunei, over 80 per cent of our students complete an elective overseas. We focus on problem-based learning and group work, where you’ll work in small groups in a carefully planned series of patient-centred problems, designed to highlight the many principles and issues in health and disease. Your early patient contact and clinical training will equip you with high levels of clinical skills and medical knowledge. This curriculum has been developed to capture the enthusiasm and maturity of our graduate entrants and help them develop into highly skilled medical graduates capable of entering the variety of career options open to them worldwide.

What will you study

In Phase One, the first two years of the program, you’ll gain a strong foundation of knowledge, research, training and skills in preparation for clinical practice. Phase Two (Years 3 and 4) is the clinical practice phase with 10 core clinical rotations. This early patient contact and clinical training will help you develop high levels of clinical skills, research and medical knowledge and ensure you’ll be ready for a rewarding career when you graduate. We focus on case-based learning and group learning, where you’ll work cooperatively on simulated patient-based problems designed to highlight principles and issues in health and disease. The program’s key features include the simultaneous learning of clinical, biological and social sciences, incorporation of ethics and professional development, learning approaches that encourage critical thinking, focus on communication skills, and the focus on information technology and computing skills.

Your future in medicine

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Who will recognise your qualifications?

- Medical Board of Australia
- Specialist college registration (e.g. surgeons) with further study, training and successful admission.

Entry requirements

Doctor of Medicine Provisional Entry for School Leavers

Provisional entry for current school leavers guarantees a place in the medical degree at UQ, subject to completion of any of UQ’s bachelor degrees (subject to meeting prerequisites) within the minimum time permitted with an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0. Applicants must have Year 12 (or equivalent) English, OP 1 (or equivalent) and successfully complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) in the year of application. See www.umat.acer.edu.au

Doctor of Medicine Direct Entry for Graduates

Applicants must achieve a GPA of 5.0 on a 7 point scale in a degree (bachelor, honours, postgraduate diploma, masters or PhD) and successfully complete the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT). See www.gamsat.acer.edu.au

International Students

See www.uq.edu.au/international-students for entry requirements and application details.

Supplementary information

Campus allocation: Before commencing the Doctor of Medicine, you must nominate your preferred campus for your studies, either Ipswich or St Lucia. If UQ needs to allocate students to a campus, allocation will be based on random selection.

Alternative entry pathway: UQ has established a special entry scheme to increase the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying medicine. For information, visit www.atsis.uq.edu.au/applying-to-uni

Bonded medical places: The Bonded Medical Places Scheme is an Australian Government initiative to address doctor shortages outside metropolitan areas across Australia. 25 per cent of all first-year Commonwealth Supported Places are allocated to the scheme. If you accept a Doctor of Medicine offer under this scheme you will commit to working in an area of workplace shortage for a period of time after completing your degree. For more information see www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme

Rural background students (RBS): Medical practitioners work in a variety of areas including private practice, public health, academia and teaching, research, and organisations, the defence forces and/or a combination of the following:

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Duration

4 years full-time

Location

In Brisbane, on both the UQ St Lucia and Ipswich campuses, and in regional areas through external study and the rural medical program.

International availability

Yes

Clinical placement

Students must also complete post-admission requirements prior to starting clinical placements. See www.health.uq.edu.au/admissionreqs

More information

For further information on Medicine at UQ: www.som.uq.edu.au

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