



APPLYING FOR FLINDERS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE ENTRY MEDICINE IN 2011

INDIGENOUS ENTRY

MEDICAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Flinders University has a strong profile in medicine both nationally and internationally, and continues to be at the forefront of innovation in teaching and research. We set new standards for student placements and are leaders in the field of rural and remote health.

- The Flinders curriculum, used as a model by other medical schools in Australia and overseas, places emphasis on active involvement of students in their own learning. The School provides a cooperative, supportive environment that enables you to work in small groups to learn the biomedical and social science that underpins medicine, in a format centred around clinical problems. With patient contact from initial weeks of the course, you will have varied opportunities to develop hands-on clinical skills, including history taking and physical examination. In this, you will be drawing on the medical school's partnerships with doctors in hospitals and the community.
- In Years 3 and 4, the emphasis shifts from classroom to direct involvement in patient care. The School is progressively expanding options for this clinical experience, helping to prepare students to work as doctors in settings ranging from large city hospitals to remote Aboriginal communities. Whilst the main campus is located within the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide, the School has a significant and expanding rural and remote presence with sites in locations as diverse as the Barossa Valley, the Riverland, the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Greater Green Triangle and Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy in the Northern Territory.

COURSE LENGTH

Four years full-time (part-time study not available)

ENTRY PATHWAYS

- BMBS – in Adelaide
- BMBS –Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP)

NORTHERN TERRITORY MEDICAL PROGRAM (NTMP)

For the first time, in 2011, residents of the Northern Territory will be able to study Medicine locally, as Flinders University, in partnership with Charles Darwin University (CDU), will be offering the four year Flinders BMBS in Darwin. The NTMP places will be Northern Territory Government sponsored bonded places and HECS free and preference will be given to applicants who meet NT residency requirements. There is a two year bond which must be served in the NT Health system immediately following graduation in post-graduate years 1 and 2 (the medical intern year and a further year). 24 graduate-entry students will be admitted in 2011.

An NT resident is defined as someone who has resided in the NT for two of the past six years, or for at least five years since starting primary school. Once places are allocated to NT residents who meet the selection criteria, there may be a small number of places available to applicants from elsewhere in Australia. Indigenous applicants who do not

meet the NT residency requirements may apply via the IES to undertake the Graduate Entry Medical Program (GEMP) in Adelaide. They and other non-Indigenous applicants (who apply via 'general entry') may also indicate an interest in the NTMP, but will only be considered for these places if they are not filled by NT residents.

The medical course at Flinders University is a graduate entry program. To be eligible to apply you must have completed, or be in the last few months of an undergraduate degree.

INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM

A key priority of the NT and Commonwealth Governments is to increase the participation of Indigenous people in Medical training and integral to this is Flinders' new Indigenous Entry Stream, which will be available to Indigenous graduates who wish to study Medicine either in Adelaide or in the NTMP. For this Stream, Indigenous graduates may apply direct to Flinders University and do not need GAMSAT scores.

1. Applying through the Indigenous Entry Stream

The application will require considerable detail about academic, working and community background and for those short-listed there will be a detailed interview process to assess readiness to undertake Medicine. Applicants may then be invited to undertake a 4-week Preparation for Medicine program as a final step in both enhancing and assessing readiness.

Intending applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Indigenous Health academic staff at Flinders in Adelaide or in the NT. Contact details, further information and the IES application form can be found at

<http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-course/domestic-applicants/indigenous-applicants.cfm>

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| STEP 1 | Lodge an Indigenous Entry Stream application form with Flinders by 11 June 2010 |
| STEP 2 | Attend an Indigenous Entry Stream interview |
| STEP 3 | Attend the Preparation for Medicine Workshop (November 2010) |

Requirements: Completion of an undergraduate university degree in any field.

If you decide to apply through the Indigenous Entry Stream you do not need to sit the GAMSAT test. If you already have a GAMSAT score or want to sit the test, you can use your GAMSAT score in your application if you want to.

To obtain an application form, discuss your options or to get assistance with your application please contact:

(applicants for the NT Medical Program)

Dr Della Yarnold 08 8922 8043

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(all other applicants)

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You can lodge your application by hand, email, fax or post. The details are on the application form.

2. Applying through general entry (not available for 2011 entry unless already completed GAMSAT in 2010)

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| STEP 1 | Register for GAMSAT |
| STEP 2 | Sit GAMSAT test |
| STEP 3 | Apply through GMAC (list Flinders University as 1 st or 2 nd preference) |
| STEP 4 | Attend general entry interview |

Requirements: A University degree in any field, a GAMSAT score in the range of at least 50 to 60, a good academic record.

If you prefer to apply through general entry you must register to sit (or have already sat in the previous year) the GAMSAT test. The GAMSAT test is usually held in early April and registration is in January/February of the year before you intend to commence study. Information on applying for graduate medicine can be found at <http://gamsat.acer.edu.au>.

Your application for general entry to Flinders must be made on-line through the Graduate Medical Admissions Centre (GMAC) website. <http://gmac.acer.edu.au/register/>. The website is only available when applications are open. GMAC applications are open in late April to late May. When lodging your application, you need to list Flinders University in your top two preferences to maximise the opportunity for an interview.

A place in the course can be achieved by performing competitively against other applicants in the GAMSAT, GPA and in the admissions interview and ranking high enough to gain a place. In the weighting process, the panel may choose to put more weight on the interview and GPA for an Indigenous applicant who achieves above the GAMSAT cut-off and has a competitive GPA and interview performance.

****Please note** – you can decide to switch from general entry to the Indigenous Entry Stream at any stage and can seek advice about this from the Indigenous Advisory Committee.

If you indicate in your application form that you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander you will be invited to attend all or part of the PMP. This is optional if you are applying entirely through general entry. The program is a valuable opportunity to meet fellow Indigenous students, get to know some of the 1st year teaching and support staff and become familiar with the campus and student support services.