Producing the best medical graduates in Australia

There is only one place in Australia where you can study medicine with unparalleled access to hands-on experience, placement opportunities and research projects while breathing in the cleanest air on Earth. That’s Tasmania.

Our course
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

Duration
5 years full-time

Location
Hobart

Intakes
February

CRICOS Code
056049J

Our five-year undergraduate Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery is specially designed to provide you with the knowledge and ability to work in a hospital as a doctor while also providing you with the opportunity to develop highly regarded research skills.

MBBS vs MD, what’s the difference?
The career outcome of each course is identical. However, the typical MD course is postgraduate entry only and takes four years to complete. The MBBS course provides an undergraduate pathway that allows students the opportunity to get a head-start on their medical career by only having to complete one degree/course.

Research opportunities
As a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery student, you’ll have the opportunity to expand on the course curriculum, with the opportunity to take on a research project with globally leading researchers, allowing you to gain extra insight and experience during your studies.

Course structure
Years 1 to 3: From your very first year, you will be gaining first-hand experience through professional practice placements while your course work brings together case-based learning with a range of opportunities to expand your expertise – from anatomy dissection to building communication skills. The first three years are delivered at our modern Medical Science Precinct in Hobart, Tasmania’s capital.

Years 4 and 5: In year four, you will begin full time clinical placement rotations including electives. You’ll learn alongside leading health professionals as part of a clinical team, the very same people you may end up working alongside after graduating. Clinical placement rotations are delivered at one of our three clinical schools:

- Hobart Clinical School
- Launceston Clinical School
- Rural Clinical School

By the time you have finished your fifth and final year of study, you’ll be more than ready to begin supervised practice as an intern.

Years 4 & 5 include Canadian study options including elective and research opportunities within Canada, in addition to preparation for Canadian Licensing Exams.

Course outcomes
Upon graduating, students will have completed the requirements necessary to apply to both Australian internship positions and/or the Canadian Residency Matching Service.

Graduates can then choose to specialise in one of several fields such as: general practice, anaesthesia, dermatology, obstetrics and gynaecology, geriatric medicine, paediatrics, pathology, psychiatry, radiology and surgery.
Graduates recognised for excellence
Our workplace-based course means our graduates are intern ready

Small class sizes
Low ratio of staff to students, means a highly supported learning environment

State-of-the-art facilities
Learn in world-class teaching facilities

Over 50 years’ experience
The School of Medicine was founded in 1965

Stand out from other medical graduates
Get involved in a range of research opportunities

“The University really looks out for international students. Because it’s not a big city or a large university, it’s easier to get to know people, build friendships, and forge professional relationships. In Tasmania, the community is extremely welcoming, so that makes being away from home so much easier.”

“I feel safe here. It’s beautiful. There are not too many people. It’s not too hot or too cold and it’s a great place to relax.”

James Jong
Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery student
Why study in Tasmania?

The University of Tasmania was ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide for research excellence.* We are also Australia’s premier university for teaching excellence, receiving more teaching awards than any other Australian university.

• No MCAT required
• Opportunities to study in Canada during the 4th and 5th year
• 100% of our graduates have achieved internships
• Tailored Canadian pathway providing mentorship, and Canadian exam preparation

The course has the strong support of the local medical community, including public and private health care providers. Our three clinical schools are embedded in the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital and the North West Regional Hospital. We also have substantial partnerships throughout General Practice in Tasmania, with community health organisations, aged care organisations and major private hospitals.

What you gain from this arrangement is real-world experiences through clinical placement mentors. There are no other universities in Australia who are connected to the health system like we are. Our lecturers and tutors have the opportunity to engage with students individually and offer personalised advice and guidance not available at larger institutions. Our world-class facilities in medicine and medical research are directly tied in with Tasmania’s health industry.

You’ll become a part of Tasmania’s safe, supportive and community-driven cities allowing you to spend time enjoying music festivals, art exhibitions, unique landmarks like the Museum of Old and New Art, restaurants and farmers markets.

And if you’d like to spend time outside the city there’s no better place to do this with more than 42 percent of Tasmania being a World Heritage Area, national park and marine or forest reserve. In Tasmania, your options are endless.

* Academic Rankings of World Universities (ARWU), 2018
No MCAT required
As part of a successful application to study medicine at the University of Tasmania you’ll need to achieve a competitive International Student Admissions Test (ISAT) score. However, you won’t need to complete the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

As the ISAT is designed to test critical thinking and reasoning, rather than specific knowledge, it means you aren’t required to complete preparatory study like you would have to with the MCAT.

Academic qualifications
Qualifications equivalent to completion of Australian Year 12, including Chemistry and Mathematics.

Undergraduate entry
• This course is open to high-school graduates, post-graduate students, as well as those who may be currently enrolled but not yet completed an undergraduate degree.
• No interview is required for admission.
• Meeting minimum academic entry and ISAT requirements does not guarantee entry into the program.

English Language Requirements
• IELTS (Academic) Overall 7.0 (no band less than 7.0), within the last 24 months; or
• TOEFL (iBT) 100 (no skill below: Reading 25; Listening 25; Speaking 23; Writing 27) within the last 24 months; or
• PTE Academic 65 with no score lower than 65 within the last 24 months; or
• Evidence that a minimum of 2 years full-time study with English as the sole medium of instruction and examination have been completed within the last 24 months.

For further information on English language requirements. Please visit. www.utas.edu.au/international

ISAT Test
• ISAT is a 3-hour computer-based multiple-choice test designed to assess a candidate’s intellectual skills and abilities that are the foundation of academic success at tertiary level.
• The ISAT test results must be provided by the relevant application closing date to be considered for entry.
• The ISAT test result will be used in combination with academic results to determine applicants’ eligibility and ranking within applications received.

“The staff and lecturers are so supportive. If they know you’re not from Hobart, they really look out for you to see if you’re doing OK. Many of the lecturers are clinicians at the local hospitals, so they have a vested interest and they want us all to receive the best education and experience possible.”

Natasha Abeysekera
Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery student
How to apply

Application and offer deadlines
This course has a rolling admission process and applications are assessed four times per year. The 2020 offer round dates are:

Offer Round 1
application closing date 22 May 2020

Offer Round 2
application closing date 24 July 2020

Offer Round 3
application closing date 25 September 2020

Offer Round 4
application closing date 20 November 2020

Entry into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree program is extremely competitive, and applications will be ranked by a combination of academic results and ISAT test results. If you submitted your application on time, and you did not receive an offer or notification that you were not successful, your application will be held over for consideration in the next offer round. Offers will be made within two (2) weeks of the stated closing dates until all available places are filled.

Application fee
Applications submitted by international applicants applying for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (M3N) degrees must be accompanied by an application fee of AUD$110 (non-refundable) inclusive of GST.

1. Submit your online application for Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (M3N)
2. You will receive notification of your Web Reference Number once you press the ‘Save or Submit’ button on the online application. You will need to use this reference number when you make your Application Fee Payment via the Pay 24/7 online payment facility. Applicants who submit hardcopy applications will be notified of your UTAS Student ID number by email within a few days
3. Proceed to www.geoforeducation.com/UTAS to make your application fee payment and ensure you enter your Web Reference Number or Student ID Number
4. Select the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (M3N) course with the UTAS $110 Application Fee
5. Once you have completed all the above, please email a copy of your Pay 24/7 AUD$110 receipt and number to International.Admissions@utas.edu.au

Bachelor of Medicine applications cannot be processed until you provide a copy of your application fee payment receipt.
While studying Medicine at the University of Tasmania, Jon took the opportunity to complete an elective in his home country of Canada.

“I did an elective in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Hospital for Sick Children (AKA Sick Kids) in Toronto, Canada. I chose to work there for the month as I knew I wanted to work in pediatrics, and it is known as one of the best Canadian and North American Pediatric centers,” said Jon.

Dr. Jon Osborne
UTAS MBBS Class of 2015
Fellow in Pediatric Cardiology
University of Alberta

“"In the Sick Kids ER, I was the first person to see patients and their families once they’d been triaged. I would take a history and do an exam and go summarize my findings to the staff doctor. I was expected to have a differential diagnoses and plan for investigations and management in mind. Together with the staff doctor, I would follow up on investigations, consults, and response to treatment and document the encounter from start to finish.”

“I learned a lot from this elective. In particular, working in pediatrics taught me about a family-centered approach to medicine which balances the interests of the patient and the values and culture of the whole family unit. I also learned about teamwork, compassion, and a ton about pediatric medicine which can be wildly different from adult medicine.”
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