

MEDICINE

University courses

South Australia

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QUICK OVERVIEW

Undergraduate pathway

Straight from school into a medicine pathway

University of Adelaide	Bachelor of Medical Studies and Doctor of Medicine
Flinders University	Bachelor of Clinical Studies, Doctor of Medicine

Graduate pathway

From an undergraduate degree into a 4-year graduate medicine degree.

Flinders University	Doctor of Medicine
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School to
university

University to
university



NB: This information is for current Year 12 domestic students.

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Disclaimer

Universities listed in this guide reserve the right to update the application and admissions process for their medicine programs at any time. Please check university websites for the most up to date information.

STEPS TO BECOMING A DOCTOR

Information by UNSW

STEP 1: MEDICAL SCHOOL

Complete an accredited undergraduate or graduate entry medicine degree. The following South Australian universities have accredited medicine courses:

The University of Adelaide
Flinders University

PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

At the completion of your degree, you will receive provisional registration with the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA).

STEP 2: INTERNSHIP

Complete a 12-month internship in a hospital, also known as a postgraduate year one (PGY1).

FULL REGISTRATION

At the completion of your internship, you will become eligible for full registration with the Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA.

STEP 3: RESIDENCY

Residency is typically a period of one or two years of prevocational training. While it's possible to gain entry into some specialist medical colleges after completing your internship (PGY1), most colleges prefer applicants to have completed a further two (PGY2) or three (PGY3) years of postgraduate training.

STEP 4: VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Complete a specialty medical training program to obtain a fellowship. When you're accepted into an accredited specialty training program, you're considered a 'registrar' or 'trainee specialist doctor'.

To qualify for a fellowship of a specialist medical college, you'll complete assessments and rigorous on-the-job training. The length of vocational training programs varies by specialty. For example, if you want to go into general practice, it takes three years to become a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

FELLOWSHIP & SPECIALIST REGISTRATION

After completing your vocational training, you'll be eligible for fellowship of your chosen college and gain specialist medical registration from the Medical Board of Australia. You'll be eligible to practice medicine independently and work as a specialist physician, general practitioner, or a surgeon.

**UNIVERSITY OF
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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

COURSE

Bachelor of Medical Studies and Doctor of Medicine
Stage 1: Bachelor of Medical Science, 3-years.
Stage 2: Doctor of Medicine, 3-years

136 domestic applicants accepted into the program.
<https://health.adelaide.edu.au/medicine/>

APPLICANT TYPES & SELECTION CRITERIA

Secondary School Leaver Applicant

- **Meet residency requirements:** Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or a Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder.
- **Achieve academic prerequisites:** complete at least one of the following VCE subjects – Chemistry, Biology or Mathematical Methods.
- **Meet the minimum academic threshold:** Achieve an ATAR of at least 90 (inclusive of equity adjustment factors).
- **Sit the UCAT ANZ.**
- **Interview (shortlisted):** eligibility is based on your performance in the UCAT ANZ, with each of sections 1-4 having equal weight. Section 5 of the UCAT ANZ (the Situational Judgment Test component) will only be used to determine eligibility of candidates in the lower rank with equal total score across the other 4 sections.

Rural Background Applicant (40+ places)

- **Entry requirements** are the same as the Secondary School Leaver Entry, plus submission of the Rural Entry Pathway Statutory Declaration.
- **Evidence of rurality:** applicants who, as of 31 December in the year prior to degree commencement, have spent at least five consecutive years, or 10 years cumulatively, in an Australian Standard Geographic Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGS 2016) RA 2-5 area, since birth are eligible to apply for the Rural Background Entry Pathway (RBE).

Indigenous entry (4+ places)

- Submit an application for the medicine course/s via SATAC
- Submit the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Declaration Form'
- Attend a panel interview via Zoom
- For more information visit: www.adelaide.edu.au/wirtu-yarlu
- Note - applicants aren't required to sit the UCAT.

COURSE TYPES & SATAC CODES

Note: the following are the 2023 SATAC Codes and may change for the 2024 admission period.

354552: non-bonded medical place
354553: bonded medical program place.

STEP 1: SIT THE UCAT ANZ TEST

Register for the test by 17 May 2024 via www.ucat.edu.au
Sit the test between July – August.

STEP 2: APPLY FOR COURSES

South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)

Add courses to your SATAC preference list between August – September (TBC). You will not be able to add the medicine courses after this date, www.satac.edu.au

STEP 3: ACCESS SCHEMES

Indigenous Entry

Submit the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Declaration Form' to your SATAC account.

Rural Applicant Background

Complete and upload the 'Rural Entry Pathway Statutory Declaration' form to your SATAC account.

STEP 4: INTERVIEW

Shortlisted applicants

October – interview eligibility outcomes available.
Late November to early December – interviews held.

STEP 5: OFFERS

Offers will be released via SATAC starting in the December Round and will continue to be released until all places are filled. Offers will be based on academic score results (40%), UCAT result (20%), and interview (40%).

PATHWAY OPTION

Note: If you aren't successful in receiving an offer, you can attempt to meet the academic requirements by completing an equivalent of 1 FTE (full time equivalent) or more of tertiary study at the University of Adelaide.
Information - <https://bit.ly/3Jbtjfk>

CHECK LIST

The following is a basic checklist of tasks to complete before offers are released.

Important: the following dates are for 2023 – please use them as a guide until 2024 dates are released. The UCAT date is correct.

General Entry

Registered for UCAT.	17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat UCAT.	Jul - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applied for course/s via SATAC and added UCAT candidate number to your application.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid the SATAC application fee.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Booked interview (short-listed).	Oct	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat interview (short-listed).	Nov/Dec	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rural Entry (RES)

Registered for UCAT.	17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat UCAT.	Jul - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applied for course/s via SATAC and added UCAT candidate number to your application.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid the SATAC application fee.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed the Rural Entry Pathway Statutory Declaration form and uploaded it to your SATAC account within 5 days of adding course/s to your preference list.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Booked interview (short-listed).	Oct	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat interview (short-listed).	Nov/Dec	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indigenous Entry

Applied for course/s via SATAC.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid the SATAC application fee.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Declaration Form and uploaded it to your SATAC account within 5 days of adding course/s to your preference list.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in panel interview		<input type="checkbox"/>

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY



FLINDERS UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

COURSE

Bachelor of Clinical Studies, Doctor of Medicine
6-years, Bedford Park campus. Darwin campus (in partnership with Charles Darwin University).

If you have completed Year 12 and wish to study medicine in Adelaide or the Northern Territory, you can apply for admission to this double degree pathway which enables you to enter Flinders' medical program without having to complete a separate undergraduate degree first. This pathway enables you to complete a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences with the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in just six years. Note that a minimum GPA is required to progress from Clinical Sciences to the MD. www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-clinical-sciences-doctor-medicine

APPLICANT TYPES & SELECTION CRITERIA

Note: to be eligible for this course, applicants must not have completed any post Year 12 higher education study.

Secondary School Leaver Applicant

- **Meet residency requirements:** Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or a Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder.
- **Meet the minimum academic threshold:** It is expected that applicants will need to achieve an ATAR of 95 or above (after the addition of any relevant adjustment factors) to be competitive for a place. There are no subject prerequisites.
- **Sit the UCAT ANZ.** Results from five sections of the test (Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning and Situational Judgment) will be used with each section equally contributing to the UCAT ANZ-derived score.

Rural Background Applicant

- Entry requirements are the same as the Secondary School Leaver Entry, plus submission of the Statutory Declaration.
- **Submit a Statutory Declaration to SATAC** which confirms that they have lived in non-metropolitan areas of Australia (Remoteness Classifications RA2 to RA5) for at least five consecutive years, or 10 years cumulatively, from birth. This is assessed based on an applicant's primary residential address.

Indigenous entry

- **Meet the minimum academic threshold:** achieve an ATAR of 90 or above (after the addition of eligible adjustments).
- **UCAT ANZ:** Achieve a competitive UCAT rank.
- **Statutory Declaration:** within 10 working days after submitting the SATAC application, submit a Statutory Declaration to SATAC confirming applicant is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent.

STEP 1: SIT THE UCAT ANZ TEST

Register for the test by 17 May 2024 via www.ucat.edu.au
Sit the test between July – August.

STEP 2: APPLY FOR COURSES

South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)

Add the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine to your SATAC preference list between August – November (TBC), www.satac.edu.au

STEP 3: ACCESS SCHEMES

Rural applicants

Complete and submit [Statutory Declaration](#) confirming rural status to your SATAC account.

Indigenous applicants

Complete and submit [Statutory Declaration](#) confirming Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent to your SATAC account.

STEP 6: OFFERS

Offers will be released via SATAC in December or January and will be based on a rank combining Year 12 subject results (90%) and a UCAT ANZ-derived score (10%).

Higher Education Pathway

- **Meet the minimum academic threshold:** complete the minimum number of units in a degree from The University of Adelaide. Students from other universities won't be eligible. Meet prerequisites in the bachelor's degree.
- **UCAT ANZ**
- Note: 10 places will be set aside for students from the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced).

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Sat UCAT.	Jul - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applied for course/s via SATAC and added UCAT candidate number to your application.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid the SATAC application fee.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rural Background Applicant

Registered for UCAT.	17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat UCAT.	Jul - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applied for course/s via SATAC and added UCAT candidate number to your application.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid the SATAC application fee.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed the Rural Entry Pathway Statutory Declaration form and uploaded it to your SATAC account.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indigenous Entry

Registered for UCAT	17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat UCAT	Jul - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applied for course/s via SATAC	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid the SATAC application fee.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Declaration Form and uploaded it to your SATAC account within 10 working days of adding course/s to your preference list.	Aug/Sep	<input type="checkbox"/>



FLINDERS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE ENTRY

COURSE

Bachelor of Clinical Studies, Doctor of Medicine.

4-years, Bedford Park and Darwin campuses.

www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-clinical-sciences-doctor-medicine

INFORMATION

Flinders University offers graduate entry to the MD in Adelaide and the Northern Territory, providing an alternative to the traditional pathway from secondary school to an undergraduate medical course. The four-year course enables you to graduate with a medical qualification comparable to a six-year medicine degree.

Up to 75 percent of places are reserved for Flinders graduates. Specifically, up to 25 pathway places are reserved for students completing the Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Paramedic Science, and the Bachelor of Public Health.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE MD

- **Academic results** from a Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification.
- **Graduate Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT)**: achieve a minimum score of 50 in each section.
- **Interview (shortlisted)**: applicants are ranked to be shortlisted for an interview on the basis of their overall GAMSAT score provided they meet the minimum in each section of the test.
- Note: additional requirements apply for sub-quotas such as submitting Statutory Declaration forms, supporting letters etc.

Selection is based on combining the scores for the GAMSAT, weighted Grade Point Average from the most recent bachelor degree, and interview score.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS – SATAC PREFERENCES

Applicants will need to complete a bachelor degree first. See right for the application process.

STEP 1: APPLY FOR COURSES

South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)

75% of places in the Doctor of Medicine will be reserved for Flinders students. Consider applying for the following courses at Flinders – 25 places will be reserved for graduates from these courses.

Bachelor of Paramedicine
Bachelor of Medical Science
Bachelor of Public Health

Add courses to your SATAC preference list from August 2024, www.satac.edu.au

STEP 2: FINALISE YOUR PREFERENCES

Change of preference date haven't been released yet.

STEP 3: OFFERS

Dates haven't been released yet.