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The Curtin Medical School will offer a five-year direct-entry Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree in 2017. This will be the only undergraduate entry program in Western Australia and will have a strong emphasis on primary care. This will position graduates well for rural and remote practice, as well as outer metropolitan locations, where there is an acute shortage of doctors.

The Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University will host the Curtin Medical School. The faculty comprises eight schools that cover a range of health professions including the disciplines of: biomedical sciences, exercise science, health information management, medicine, midwifery, nursing, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, oral health therapy, paramedicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, psychology, speech pathology, social work and public health, including health promotion and occupational health and safety.

The aim of the Curtin Medical School is to graduate junior doctors who are competent and ready to practice safely and effectively, with care and compassion for patients and their families. They will have a strong foundation for further training and life-long learning with enhanced critical reasoning and communication skills, a highly developed awareness of their ethical and professional responsibilities to the individual patient and to the community, skills to cope with the challenges of medicine, and an ability to contribute to the ongoing pursuit of medical knowledge.

The MBBS degree has an integrated curriculum requiring self-directed learning and draws on many disciplines to provide learning in a clinical context. From the commencement of the program, Curtin Medical School will offer clinical scenarios that provide the context for learning about the scientific foundations of medicine.

Enrolments in 2017 are contingent on finalisation of accreditation by the Australian Medical Council (AMC).

WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER

Curtin recognises the complex issues facing the Western Australian health system, its workforce and the need for more doctors to be “generalists” in their orientation. This means we are committed to producing graduates who are better equipped to meet community needs, with primary care expertise, strong leadership skills and the ability to operate effectively in interprofessional care teams.

The Curtin Medical School will emphasise:

- a medical curriculum that will focus on primary care, chronic conditions, aged care, mental health, Indigenous health, population health and acute care
- interprofessional education and team based learning
- a concentration of clinical schools and new clinical placements in the underserved south-east metropolitan corridor and regional Western Australia
- the development of competencies in patient safety, quality of care, leadership and management
- a focus on the translation of evidence into clinical practice and health improvement
- engagement with the Faculty of Health Sciences’ research teams
- an innovative learning model that uses the University’s technological expertise in simulation, distance learning and eLearning, especially in rural and remote areas
- optional international student placements with partnered host institutions in Cambodia, China, India and Vietnam as part of the Curtin Go Global program.
TARGET APPLICANTS

The degree is primarily for Western Australian school leavers who have completed year 12 or equivalent and do not have a higher degree record.

In addition to a minimum target of 25 per cent of students from rural backgrounds, another 25 per cent of places will be prioritised for students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and from schools with significant numbers of students who have experienced educational disadvantage. These students will receive additional weighting in the admission process in recognition of the historical and current disadvantage experienced by people from these groups accessing higher education.

LOCATION

The academic office of the Curtin Medical School will be located on Curtin’s Bentley Campus, in a new purpose-built building close to the seven other schools of the Faculty of Health Sciences. The first three years of the course will be taught on the campus, with intercalated visits to clinical sites. The final years of the curriculum will be undertaken in a variety of clinical placement sites, specifically outer-metropolitan, rural and remote sites. These include Midland Health Campus, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Peel Health Campus and various rural locations.

RURAL PLACEMENT

Federal funding requires that 25 per cent of students complete one year of clinical training in a rural site. Students will be able to volunteer to take this opportunity. However, if places are not filled or are oversubscribed they will be allocated by random ballot.

AHPRA STUDENT REGISTRATION

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA) is the organisation responsible for implementation of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme across Australia. Curtin will work with AHPRA to ensure all student registrations are completed with the Medical Board of Australia after enrolment.

CLINICAL PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students undertaking clinical placements in the MBBS program are required to obtain the following:

- criminal history clearance
- Working with Children Check
- First Aid Certificate (including CPR)
- immunisations
- prescribed communicable infections (PCI) screening, including HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C
- tuberculosis screening.

COURSE STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

In the first year of the course, students will undertake interprofessional units designed to promote collaborative practice and learning opportunities with other health sciences students. In addition, students will be introduced to problem-based learning in discipline-specific units in medicine and participate in structured activities in the community with a variety of health professionals.

In the second and third year, students will study the structure and function of the human body in health and disease, using a problem-based learning approach. Clinical placement links established in the first year of study will be maintained and interprofessional practice will continue.

In the fourth year, there will be a major transition from the University campus into the clinical setting. Students will be offered a variety of clinical experiences including placements in outer metropolitan, rural and regional locations in both community and hospital settings.

In the fifth and final year of study, students will work entirely in clinical settings as members of the healthcare team. The training in the clinical settings will be intensive and in a range of different environments to prepare students for their internship.

PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

After graduation and before being admitted to full registration as a medical practitioner in Australia, graduates receive provisional registration. Graduates will enter the workforce as an intern and must serve at least 12 months in an approved hospital. In the future, part of this training may be undertaken in general practice. The internship requires a series of rotations designed to expose the intern to a range of clinical situations and environments. This will provide further clinical training and help inform career choice.
COURSE ESSENTIALS

INDICATIVE ATAR 2017: 95
DURATION: 5 years full-time
STAT: Not accepted
LOCATION: Perth
STUDY MODE: Full-time
INTAKE: February

PREREQUISITES: Chemistry ATAR or equivalent.

DESIRESABLES: One of the following Mathematics ATAR courses: Mathematics Applications, Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, or equivalent.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants for the Curtin University MBBS degree must be Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents or New Zealand citizens who have successfully completed year 12 with a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or an equivalent senior secondary qualification and have an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), or equivalent. Applicants will be required to meet the MBBS specific academic standards.

Details for Curtin’s English entry requirements: students.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/English_List.pdf

School leavers
School leavers are those who have completed year 12 or equivalent and have not commenced post-secondary studies (diploma or above) and do not have a higher degree record. School leavers must meet the requirements for WACE, achieve competency in English and satisfy the essential course prerequisite.

Non school leavers
Non school leavers are Curtin course switchers OR applicants from any university who hold a completed tertiary degree record.

Curtin course switcher
A Curtin course switcher is an applicant who has a record of study from Curtin University* and must not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas university. The study at Curtin must be a minimum of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) study and maximum of two years full-time (or part-time equivalent) study. Course switcher applicants must also satisfy the essential course prerequisite. Course switchers MUST commence the MBBS program in the first year of the course.

* These applicants are expected to be predominantly from the Faculty of Health Sciences and include medical imaging and radiation therapy (major)
HOW TO APPLY
All applicants are required to apply through the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) with the exception of those applying through the Curtin Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS).
TISC receives and processes applications for undergraduate degrees on behalf of the four public universities in Western Australia. The TISC application procedure allows applicants to list up to six courses in order of preference.

DOMESTIC APPLICANTS ONLY (2017-2021)
There are two distinct parts to the application process:

1. **An application to sit the UMAT**: Applicants must register to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) before the application closing date on 3 June 2016. The UMAT exam will be held nationally on 27 July 2016.

   Applicants are responsible for making their own arrangements to register for the UMAT with Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). Please refer to the UMAT website, which explains the test in detail and sets out the procedures for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures and regulations.

   [umat.acer.edu.au](umat.acer.edu.au)

2. **TISC application**: Applicants who have registered to sit the UMAT must apply to TISC. TISC applications open 4 July 2016 and close 30 September 2016. Applicants will be asked to enter their UMAT identification number when they lodge their application on the TISC website.

   [tisc.edu.au](tisc.edu.au)

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE
A change of preference includes changing the order of the existing preferences in the TISC application. This can be done by going online after the application has been lodged on the TISC website.

Please note: **NEW applications or preferences for the MBBS will NOT be considered after the closing date of 30 September 2016. Changes to the order of existing preferences, including the MBBS, must be done by Thursday 5 January 2017**.

*Subject to TISC processing schedule – refer to TISC website [www.tisc.edu.au](www.tisc.edu.au)
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection process for the Curtin MBBS will conform to the University’s admissions standards and include the following measures:

- academic score based on minimum ATAR of 95 (inclusive of any bonus points) or equivalent year 12 studies
- an aptitude assessment using the UMAT - threshold score of 50 on each of the three constructs
- an interview process.

ACADEMIC ABILITY AND APTITUDE

Academic merit

- For school leavers, the minimum ATAR must be 95 (including bonus point schemes such as Curtin StepUp for rural, socioeconomic disadvantage and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students).
- For non school leavers who have successfully completed a degree, a minimum notional ATAR of 92 will be required for further consideration.
- Curtin course switchers will be required to have attained a minimum actual ATAR or equivalent of at least 95 and have a Course Weighted Average (CWA) of at least 80.

All applicants (with the exception of those applying through CAS) will be required to have attained the minimum academic merit as outlined above as well as a UMAT threshold score of 50 on each of the three UMAT constructs and have satisfied the Chemistry and English prerequisites to be considered for interview.

Aptitude assessment

To be eligible to participate in the selection process, all applicants are required to undertake the UMAT, which assesses general abilities: logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non-verbal reasoning. There are three equally weighted sections and applicants must achieve a threshold score of 50 on each of the three UMAT constructs. The three scores are combined and converted to a percentile rank by ACER.

The UMAT is one of the core components for entry selection into the MBBS degree. UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT consortium universities and only in the year following the test.

Curtin is not responsible for the release of UMAT scores to applicants.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

Ranking for interview

Applicants are ranked and selected for interview based on the sum of their UMAT score and their predicted/notional ATAR or equivalent.

- Applicants must provide their UMAT identification number to TISC with their TISC application.
- For school leavers, a predicted ATAR for WA applicants who meet the threshold UMAT is to be provided by their secondary school principal. Applicants need to download the predicted ATAR form for the school principal to complete and return directly to Curtin Medical School by close of business 14 October 2016.

For the predicted ATAR form visit: courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/admission-requirements/medicine.cfm

- Applicants must submit all other supporting documentation with their TISC application.
- Curtin course switcher academic results for Semester 2, 2016 will be obtained directly by the Curtin Medical School.
Interview
The interview process provides an opportunity for short listed applicants to demonstrate how they communicate, critically appraise information and think about issues important to the medical profession.

- The top ranked applicants in each of the quota groups who meet the UMAT and predicted/notional ATAR or equivalent thresholds will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). It is anticipated 180 applicants will be invited for interview.
- School leaver interviews commence early December after the Year 12 WACE or equivalent examinations are completed.
- Qualified and competitive interstate applicants, non school leavers and those applicants whose actual ATAR exceeds their predicted ATAR will be invited to attend an interview in January 2017.
- All interviews will be conducted at the Curtin Medical School. Applicants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

RANKING FOR OFFER
- Applicants are ranked for offer based on the weighted sum of their ATAR or equivalent (40 per cent), UMAT score (20 per cent) and MMI score (40 per cent). Final selection will be made from this composite score.
- All applicants including those who qualify for the rural, equity or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander places as well as non school leavers will be ranked in separate sub-quota lists for offers.
- If there are insufficient qualified applicants, unfilled places will revert to the general quota. Applicants eligible for the sub-quota places from rural and regional backgrounds, and those from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, must meet the minimum entry requirements throughout the selection process.

DEFERRAL REQUESTS
In the event of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, an applicant may request a one-year deferral. Deferral requests will only be considered following an offer of a place and are considered by the Medical Admissions/Selection Committee on a case by case basis.
The Curtin MBBS degree will commence in 2017 with 60 places. Sub-quotas of these places will be reserved for the groups listed below with up to five of the general places available for non school leaver entry.

**STUDENT COHORT TARGETS**
Targets for all groups within the student cohort over the first six years:

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*Eight per cent of places (five in 2017) will be available to non school leavers from the general quota.

**GENERAL APPLICANTS**

**School leavers**
School leavers are those who have completed year 12 or equivalent, have not commenced post-secondary studies (diploma or above) and do not have a tertiary academic record of study from any university – they have never enrolled in a diploma, bachelor degree or higher level program at an Australian or overseas university. School leavers must meet the requirements for WACE, achieve competency in English and satisfy the essential course prerequisite.

**Non school leavers**
Non school leavers are Curtin course switchers OR applicants from any university who hold a completed tertiary degree record. All non school leavers must meet the Chemistry prerequisite and are required to sit the UMAT. Applicants will be invited to an interview based on a composite score derived from their UMAT score and their notional ATAR (for graduates) or their actual ATAR plus their CWA (for course switchers).

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* These applicants are expected to be predominantly from the Faculty of Health Sciences and include medical imaging and radiation therapy (major)
RURAL APPLICANTS
Twenty-five per cent of places are allocated to students from a rural background. Rural applicants are those who, as of 31 December prior to the commencement of the program, have spent at least 10 years cumulatively or any five years consecutively in an area with a Modified Monash Model remoteness category (MMM) 3-7 since the commencement of primary school. The time frame is based on the location of an applicant’s primary residence.

To be classified as a rural student, applicants must meet the criteria as stated above and complete the Curtin University application form (link below) declaring proof of rural background origin, obtain confirmation of eligibility from a recognized member of their community and sign that their application is “true and complete”. Applicants must submit the original form by post directly to the Curtin Medical School by 30 September 2016. See postal address below.

Proof of origin
Applicants will be required to submit documentation confirming their proof of rural background origin, to be completed by a recognised member of their community, confirming the applicant meets the criteria.

Suitable persons to provide confirmation of rural eligibility include any APRHA licensed health practitioner such as chiropractor, dentist, legal practitioner, medical practitioner, nurse, optometrist, pharmacist, physiotherapist or a person in one of the following categories: magistrate, minister of religion, school principal, Member of Parliament, police officer or veterinary surgeon.

Family members or a member of staff at Curtin University cannot complete the community confirmation declaration, even if they belong to one of the categories listed above.

Curtin University reserves the right to audit any application documentation submitted in support of rural entry to the MBBS course.

All documents must be original or certified copies of the originals.

EQUITY APPLICANTS
Up to 20 per cent of places will be reserved for students from schools with an Index of Community and Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) of 1,000 and below, averaged over three years. These schools have high concentrations of students from disadvantaged backgrounds with limited numbers of students accessing higher education. These communities are also the target areas for increasing the supply of general practitioners. Equity applicants must complete the Curtin University application form (link below) and submit the original by post directly to the Curtin Medical School by 30 September 2016 (address below). Eligible schools will be notified that their students qualify for this scheme.

Postal address: Curtin Medical School, Building 410, Level 5GPO Box U1987, Perth, Western Australia, 6845

Post marked 30 September 2016 will be accepted.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPLICANTS
Five per cent of places will be reserved for applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. In addition to the rural background pathway and the equity scheme, an alternative entry is available through CAS. Applying through CAS, applicants are not required to submit a TISC application or sit the UMAT. They must submit the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions form (link below) with a written application by post directly to CAS by 30 September 2016. This should include supporting documentation which demonstrates that they have the motivation and academic capability to succeed in the MBBS degree.

Interviews will be offered to those considered competitive for the quota places. Applicants may be required to participate in a university preparation course.

For further information please refer to the following:

Postal address: Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University, GPO Box U1987, Perth, WA 6845

Post marked 30 September 2016 will be accepted.

For the Aboriginal entry form, please visit:

courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/admission-requirements/medicine

SUMMARY
General entry, rural background entry and equity entry are by application to TISC and must meet the minimum entry requirements.

Rural background entry: Proof of origin is required to qualify to apply for the rural sub-quota. The MMM is used to classify the location of your primary residence.

Equity entry: This is determined by schools with an average ICSEA of 1,000 and below.

For students applying for the rural and equity quota places, an additional Curtin University application form is required.

Applicants should download the application form and return the completed form to the Curtin University Medical School by 30 September 2016. They must also lodge a TISC application by 30 September 2016.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scheme entry: This is by written application to CAS. This must be lodged by 30 September 2016.

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