



Curtin University

2027 International admissions guide

**Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of Surgery**

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Medicine at Curtin

Curtin Medical School offers the only direct-entry Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in Western Australia.



What Curtin 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 overall aim of the Curtin Medical School (CMS) is to graduate doctors who are competent and ready to practise safely and effectively, with care and compassion for patients and their families. As a Curtin Medical School MBBS graduate, you will develop an understanding of medical and scientific knowledge; communication and clinical skills; skills as a health advocate; an awareness of ethical and professional responsibilities to patients; and strategies to cope with the challenges of medicine.

Graduates will be well prepared to begin an internship and pursue further medical training in specialty fields.

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 first year of the program, Curtin Medical School will offer clinical scenarios that provide the context for learning about the scientific foundations of medicine.

Curtin Medical School delivers:

- A medical curriculum that emphasises primary care and prepares graduates to meet healthcare needs in Western Australia.

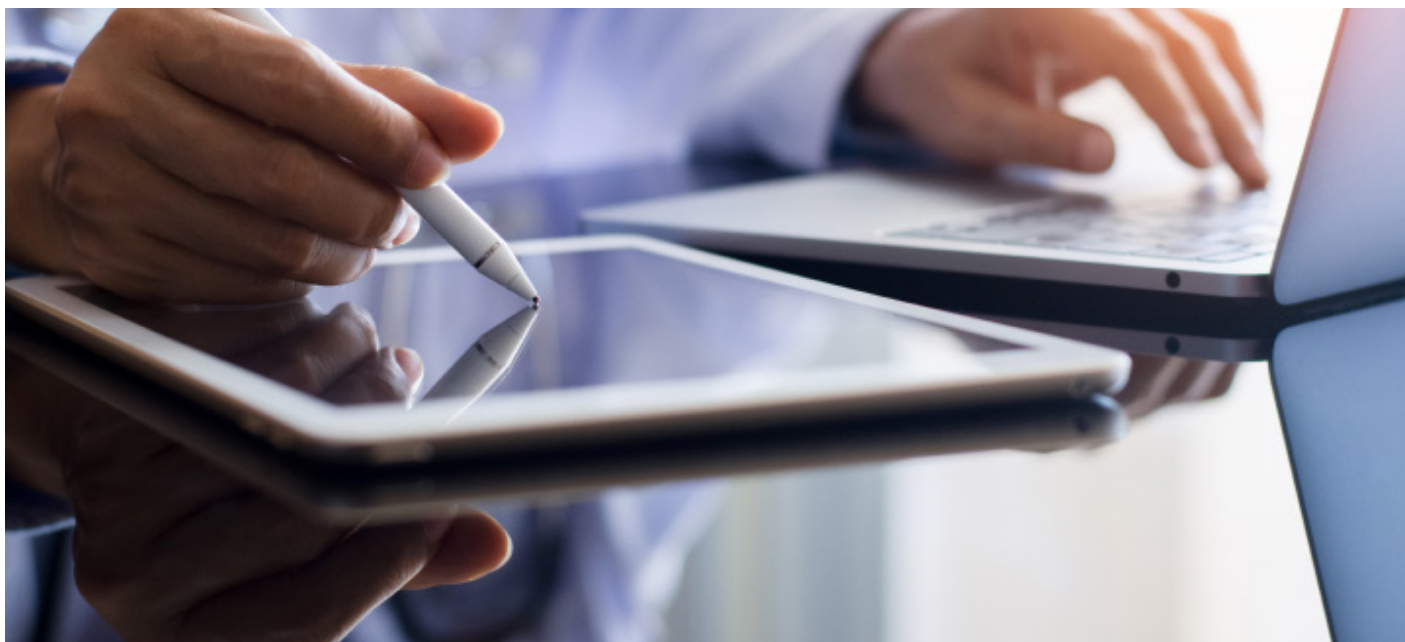
- Learning with other healthcare professionals and preparing for working in interprofessional teams.
- A concentration of clinical placements.
- The development of competencies in patient safety, quality of care and leadership.
- Learning about the translation of evidence into clinical practice and health improvement.

Course accreditation

This course is accredited in Australia by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). However, completing this course may not automatically qualify students to practice or register in their home country. Students are advised to contact the relevant accreditation bodies in their home country for specific information on qualification recognition and registration requirements.

Curtin Medical School purpose

With a view to improve health outcomes in partnership with the community it serves, Curtin Medical School endeavours to train and graduate high-quality doctors, whilst ensuring social accountability, excellence and innovation in education and research, in partnership with universities, global health and local communities. Graduates are equipped with comprehensive biomedical, clinical and behavioural foundations, underpinned by principles of safety, quality and evidence-based practice.



Medical registration

All Curtin University medical students will obtain student registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) which will be organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences for the duration of the course.

Upon completion of the medical degree, graduates are required to apply for graduate registration with Ahpra. Graduates, once registered with Ahpra, are required to undertake a 12-month internship to obtain full registration. The internship will provide supervised clinical experience in an approved hospital.

Internships are separate from the medical degree and Curtin University does not determine internship placements. As an international student, you are not guaranteed an intern position in Australia following completion of the course. Completion of the internship is necessary for general registration with Ahpra. For further information regarding internships please refer to the Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia's website: pmcwa.org.au.

Course structure overview

In first year, students are introduced to problem-based learning and participate in structured activities that take students into the community.

The second and third years include intensive study of the structure and function of the human body in health and disease, using a problem-based learning approach. You will continue to have opportunities to experience a range of healthcare settings.

In the fourth year there is a transition from learning on the University campus to learning in the clinical setting. You 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, you will work in clinical settings as a member of a healthcare team. Training in the clinical settings will be in a range of different environments to prepare you for your internship.

The course is underpinned by four inter-related curriculum domains, integrated across the five years. These domains reflect the multifaceted role of the doctor:

Clinical Practitioner Domain

The clinical, procedural, and communication skills essential for clinical practice.

Professional and Leader Domain

Commitment to professional values and high-quality clinical practice, including ethics, law and working as a member of an interprofessional healthcare team; and understanding of the importance of maintaining personal wellbeing.

Health Advocate Domain

Knowledge of health systems, and the cultural, socio-economic and physical environmental factors that contribute to health and illness, disease and treatment at the population level.

Scientist and Scholar Domain

Knowledge of the biological, clinical, epidemiological, social and behavioural sciences underpinning medicine and clinical practice.

Clinical placements

You will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements at:

- Armadale Hospital
- Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Joondalup Health Campus
- Hollywood Private Hospital
- King Edward Memorial Hospital
- Peel Health Campus
- Perth Children's Hospital
- Rockingham General Hospital
- Royal Perth Hospital
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- St John of God Midland Public Hospital.

You will also undertake clinical placements in general practice clinics and rural medical settings across the state. There are several mandatory essential requirements you must meet before you undertake clinical placements and other fieldwork activities. You can read more about these requirements on [page 8](#).

Course progression

The course is comprised of a single unit each year for five years. If you fail a unit and are granted the opportunity to repeat it, you must repeat the entire unit/year. There will be no partial credit given for successful completion of assessment tasks and/or unit requirements during any previous attempt of the unit. You must successfully complete each unit before commencing the next.

Course admission criteria

Course essentials

DEGREE

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

CURTIN COURSE CODE

B-MBBS

DURATION

5 years

STUDY MODE

Full time

COURSE CRICOS CODE

105741A

LOCATION

Perth

INTAKE

February

PREREQUISITES

Chemistry ATAR or equivalent.

To satisfy the Chemistry prerequisite, applicants must demonstrate the mastery of key chemistry concepts, attained by approximately 220 hours of studies in Chemistry through ONE of the following pathways:

1. Completion of Chemistry ATAR with a final scaled score of 50 or higher.
2. Completion of International Baccalaureate Chemistry at HL/SL with Grade 4 or higher.
3. GCE Advanced Level Chemistry, with a minimum grade of E.
4. Completion of TWO bachelor degree (AQF Level 7) first year Chemistry units* from Curtin or any other university (equivalent to Curtin University 25 credits each unit) with a final score of 60 or higher in both units.

Examples from Curtin University units include any of the following combinations:

CHEM1003 Introduction to Chemistry and CHEM1007 Fundamental Chemistry for Biosciences

OR

CHEM1003 Introduction to Chemistry and CHEM1001 Biological Chemistry

BRIDGING UNITS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. For queries regarding other equivalent subjects, please email CMSFutureStudents@curtin.edu.au.

DESIRABLES

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

INDICATIVE YEAR 1 FEE

AUD \$100,782*

This fee is subject to an annual increase of up to 5 per cent and may be subject to legislative change.

The indicative first-year fee is calculated on 200 credit points, which is the typical full-time study load per year, however some courses require additional study to be completed, in which case the fee will be higher than that shown.

This fee is a guide only. It may vary depending on the units you choose and does not include incidental fees (such as lab coats or art supplies) or the cost of your textbooks.

Academic score requirements

Qualification	Minimum score required
Australian Year 12	95 ATAR
Canadian Provincial High School Diploma	90%
General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels	14
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	25
India Higher Secondary Certificate	94%
International Baccalaureate	39
Malaysian STPM	14

Curtin University may accept other overseas qualifications to satisfy the minimum academic score requirements. Please refer to **future.connect.curtin.edu.au/app/ask** to confirm acceptable overseas qualifications.

English language requirements

Test/Qualifications	Minimum score required
IELTS Academic	Overall band score of 7.0 with a band score of 7.0 in all bands
TOEFL iBT/TOEFL iBT special home edition	Total score of 99 with a minimum of 24 in reading and listening, 23 in speaking and 27 in writing
PTE Academic	Overall score of 76 with a minimum of 76 in all communicative skills reading, writing, listening and speaking
Cambridge English: Advanced	Overall score of 185 with an Individual score of 185 in writing, speaking, reading and listening
Australian Year 12	Successful completion of an accepted English language subject with the required minimum marks in an Australian Year 12 qualification as listed in curtin.edu.au/eng-qual

Curtin University may accept other English tests and qualifications to satisfy the minimum English requirements. Please refer to curtin.edu.au/eng-qual

Number of places

There are 10 to 15 International full-fee paying places available for the 2027 intake in the school leaver and non-school leaver pathways.



Course admission criteria cont.

Who can apply

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

Applicants for an international place must NOT be Australian or New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents or humanitarian visa holders.

School leavers

School leavers are those who have completed Year 12 or equivalent and have not commenced post-secondary studies (AQF Diploma or above) and do not have a higher degree record from any Australian or overseas university. School leavers who have participated in the Innovative Schools Scholars Program (or equivalent) in Year 10 or Year 11 are exempted from the requirement not to have a higher degree record. Applicants are deemed to have a higher degree record if they have enrolled past a tertiary institution's census date for any given study period. Mature age WACE applicants who want to study medicine as a school leaver are advised that they should study four ATAR courses in the one year. Applicants applying based on fewer than four courses will not be considered for this course. Mature age WACE applicants must meet the school leaver criteria stipulated above. There is no upper age limit for school leavers or expiry of their Year 12 qualification, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Non-school leavers: graduates

Non-school leavers (graduates) are applicants from any university, including Curtin, who hold a completed tertiary degree record. Applicants who have completed multiple qualifications will have their full academic history assessed. No incomplete qualifications will be used to determine a notional ATAR. The academic requirement for non-school leavers (graduates) is:

- A minimum notional ATAR of 92.

The table below provides a guide on the grade requirements for each level of completed qualification. Notional ATARs are an internal calculation only and will not be disclosed to applicants.

Qualifications	Minimum grade
Bachelor Degree	Distinction Average
Graduate Diploma	Credit Average
Postgraduate Diploma	Credit Average
Master Degree	Awarded/Completed
Doctorate	Awarded/Completed

Non-school leavers: Curtin course switchers

A Curtin course switcher is an applicant who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree at Curtin University and does not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas university or has not already completed a degree at Curtin. Applicants who have already completed a degree will be assessed as a non-school leaver (graduate).

Curtin course switchers must have completed or be on track to complete a minimum of 200 credits of study in a Curtin undergraduate degree and have no fewer than 200 credits remaining at the end of the year preceding admission.

Curtin course switchers must have minimum course weighted average (CWA) of 80.

Applicants who have previously switched between undergraduate courses at Curtin but otherwise meet these requirements will be able to apply as Curtin course switchers. In this case, the CWA will be calculated from all units completed. Curtin Course switchers MUST commence the MBBS program in the first year of the course.



Professional behaviour requirements

Curtin Medical School students are expected to meet the professional behaviour standards of a medical student, and as they proceed through the MBBS course, the standards of a medical doctor. Student progression from each academic year to the next is subject to both academic performance and professional behaviour. Enrolment in the MBBS course can be terminated if professional behaviour is not satisfactory. It is important applicants read and understand the requirements before accepting a place in Medicine at Curtin University.

[curtin.edu/med](https://www.curtin.edu.au/med)

Inherent requirements

Studying medicine places substantial demands on students. It is important applicants considering studying medicine familiarise themselves with the inherent requirements of the course, available from the link below. As part of their offer acceptance, successful applicants who receive an offer of a place will need to indicate their ability to meet the inherent requirements.

If you have questions about the inherent requirements for medicine or concerns about a disability (visible or invisible) impacting your ability to undertake and complete a medical program, we strongly encourage you to engage with us at an early stage. We will provide advice and guidance to assist you in making an informed decision about whether to invest in the application process. Please email CMSfuturestudents@curtin.edu.au in the first instance with a request to meet with the MBBS Course Coordinator for a confidential discussion.

<https://www.curtin.edu.au/study/applying/inherent-requirements/inherent-requirements-for-the-bachelor-of-medicine-and-surgery/>



Application process



Changes to immigration status

An international place in the MBBS course is solely intended for an international applicant on a student visa or any other temporary visa with full-time study rights. You may no longer be eligible for an international place in the course if your residency status or visa type changes.

If your residency status changes:

1. before the domestic application deadline (30 September 2026), you will need to advise the School and withdraw your application. If you are eligible, please submit a new domestic application through TISC before the deadline of 30 September 2026.
2. after the application deadline but before the course census date, you will need to advise the School and withdraw your application. Any offer or acceptance of a place will be cancelled. If eligible, reapply as a domestic applicant through TISC in the following year.
3. after being offered an international place and after the course census date, you may be transitioned to a domestic fee-paying place.

Availability of a domestic fee-paying or Commonwealth funded place cannot be guaranteed.

If a place is unavailable, or if you do not wish to accept a domestic fee-paying place, you will be withdrawn from the course. If you accept a domestic fee-paying place, it will be applied to the next study period in which you are enrolled.

*Please note that students in either an international or a domestic fee-paying place are not guaranteed an intern position in Australia following completion of the course. See **page 3** for further information.*

How to apply

Step 1: Check you meet the admission criteria

You must meet the course's minimum admission criteria, which includes academic cut-off scores and English language competency. There are also other requirements that must be met. See page 4 to 5 for more information.

Predicted ATAR

All school leaver applicants who are currently completing Year 12 or equivalent in Australia must provide their Year 11 reports to enable us to calculate a Predicted ATAR as part of their application.

Step 2: Apply

Gather electronic copies of the following official documents:

- Academic transcripts
- Completion certificates
- English proficiency documents
- Passport

Please note, personal statements, testimonials, character/school/work references, awards and certificates are not a part of the selection criteria and will not be considered. Applicants should not submit these documents to the University.

Apply through an agent

If you prefer assistance, you can apply via a registered Curtin agent. Find an agent in your country by visiting curtin.edu/agents.

Apply online

Alternatively, you can apply online. Simply go to the MBBS course page, click on the "Apply now" button and follow the prompts to begin the application. Ensure that all required documents are prepared and ready to upload.

curtin.edu/medicine

Step 3: Application assessed

Applications are assessed after the closing date. Applicants who do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be notified via email by the Curtin International Admissions Office.

Applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements are ranked and selected for an interview. This course is very competitive with limited places available. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee you an offer of an interview or a place in the course.

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview. We are unable to provide individual application feedback.

Step 4: Attend interview

The interview provides an opportunity for shortlisted applicants to demonstrate how they communicate, critically appraise information and think about issues important to the medical profession. Interviews can be conducted online.

Attendance at an interview is mandatory to remain eligible for an offer of a place but does not guarantee you an offer of a place.

Applicants are advised to regularly monitor their email address (including junk/spam folders) and phone numbers provided on their application as these will be used for all correspondence. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep these contact details up-to-date throughout the selection process.



Application process cont.



Virtual interviews

Candidates should ensure they have a reliable internet connection and sufficient bandwidth to maintain a Microsoft Teams meeting for up to an hour uninterrupted. An unstable or unreliable internet connection may cause stress and interfere with the flow of the interview, potentially impacting your performance, so please make any necessary arrangements to ensure a smooth connection.

Step 5: Applications ranked and offers sent

Applicants will be ranked for an offer based on their academic merit score (actual ATAR or equivalent) and their interview performance in the ratio of 40:60. Offers will be extended to top-ranked candidates after the interview process concludes, allowing time to prepare for entry into Australia. Offers may be conditional on final academic results or other outstanding requirements. Once these are met, the offer becomes unconditional. Offers will be issued by the International Admissions team and sent directly to the applicant or a nominated agent (if the application was submitted applying through an agent).

Step 6: Accept your offer

To accept your offer, please follow the guidelines detailed on your offer letter and send the following documents to

Ask International (curtin.edu.au)

- a. Acceptance of Offer form (found in your offer letter)
- b. Proof of tuition fee deposit payment
- c. Proof of OSHC payment or policy letter
- d. Copy of your passport photo page.

Deferral requests

Deferral requests after receiving an offer for the MBBS course will be considered only in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances (eg. National service). Applicants must submit a deferral request along with supporting documentation, within five working days of receiving their offer to

CMSFutureStudents@curtin.edu.au

Requests will be reviewed by the Dean of the Curtin Medical School (or delegate) and applicants will be advised of the outcome by email.



Successful applicants

Congratulations on being selected into Curtin's MBBS program! Your next steps include getting to know the Curtin campus, applying for scholarships and understanding the course's mandatory requirements.

Curtin Perth

As a Curtin Medicine student, the first three years of your course will be based at Curtin Perth. The campus is located in the suburb of Bentley, which is approximately a 20-minute drive from the city.

Curtin Perth is a vibrant and safe campus with a range of facilities for students including a bookshop, cafes, prayer room, health service, food outlets and ample public transport stations.

Accommodation

Living on campus is a fantastic way for students to fully experience university life. It's convenient, safe and offers opportunities to make friends from around the world.

CMS (Medicine) students are given priority at our on-campus accommodation with the option to live alongside fellow course mates. Our accommodations are fully furnished with electricity, gas and water included in your weekly rent. You'll be within walking distance of classes and local amenities, with 24-hour security and access to support services.

Due to high demand, we recommend applying for accommodation when you submit your application to study at Curtin.

For further information, please contact our Housing Advisory Service team directly, who can also assist in exploring alternative accommodation options.

curtin.edu/accommodation

Orientation

A Year 1 Medicine Welcome and Introduction program is included in the University's official Orientation week. Attendance is compulsory and applicants who accept a place in the course should plan accordingly to ensure they are available to commence in early February 2027.

Scholarships

Scholarships at Curtin reflect our commitment to rewarding academic excellence, supporting research and enabling students from diverse backgrounds to realise their potential. Beyond financial support, they can enhance your portfolio of achievements.

Each scholarship has a dedicated information page outlining specific eligibility criteria which may include:

- Academic record (merit)
- Financial hardship and/or socioeconomic background
- Citizenship
- Course, faculty or interests.

You can use the scholarship search tool to find opportunities that meet your individual criteria.

scholarships.curtin.edu.au

Mandatory requirements

All CMS units include compulsory fieldwork and clinical placements. To ensure safety for both students and the public, first-year students must complete a series of screenings and certifications, which include, but are not limited to:

- National Police Certificate
- First Aid Certificate ("Provide First Aid")
- Mental Health First Aid Certificate
- Working with Children Check (Second year requirement)
- Hand hygiene training (online)
- Completion of stipulated health screening and immunisations including COVID-19 (some vaccinations require multiple inoculations over a period of time so students must plan their schedule accordingly).
- MBBS Student Declaration and Agreement
- Faculty Student Confidentiality Declaration.

Please note: Successful international applicants must submit their medical records to a doctor within Australia upon arrival to ensure compliance with immunisation requirements.

Mental Health First Aid Certificate training is organised by Curtin Medical School in semester 1 (minimal residual cost). Students will be responsible for arranging their own re-certification in subsequent years of the course, in accordance with the renewal schedule as outlined in the relevant year handbook.

Failure to provide evidence of compliance with these requirements will prevent students from participating in fieldwork/clinical placements, which are essential for course completion.

Please note that incidental fees apply to most essential requirements listed above. Students are responsible for all associated costs, including vaccination and screening expenses, and mask fit testing if required.

For more details visit the links below.

students.curtin.edu.au/essentials/fees

curtin.edu/healthfieldwork

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete your enrolment in GETSTARTED!
- ☐ Start working towards attaining the various mandatory requirements, some of which are due in the third week of Semester 1.
- ☐ Arrange housing and familiarise yourself with transportation options.
- ☐ Arrange to attend the medicine Year 1 Welcome and Introduction Program and Orientation week.

More information will be available in GETSTARTED and the Curtin Medical School Year 1 student handbook, which will be emailed to you after you have accepted your offer.



Key dates and deadlines for 2027 intake

**Apply for the MBBS course online via Curtin University application portal
or through an authorised agent**

Applications open: TBA
Applications close: 20 June 2026



School Leavers currently undertaking Year 12

Submit your Year 11 reports/results with your application



Invitations for Multiple Mini interviews

July for July/August interviews (subject to change)



ATAR and IB Diploma results

released December 2026



Conditional International offers

2 weeks after interview



Curtin Orientation (O Week)

8 - 12 February 2027



Curtin Semester 1 begins

15 February 2027



Curtin Medical School Year 1 Welcome and Introduction Program

during Orientation week and first day of semester



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