

MEDICAL SCHOOL IN AUSTRALIA

at The University of Wollongong



The University of Wollongong has expanded the number of places available to North American students in the Graduate School of Medicine. AustraLearn and the University of Wollongong are working together to facilitate the application process for North American students by allowing students to apply directly to the university with no application fee. This is a unique arrangement because most graduate medical programs in Australia require applicants to apply through ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) for admission which costs approximately AUD \$95.

SNAPSHOT

- The University of Wollongong is located in the coastal city of Wollongong, just an hour's train ride or drive from Sydney.
- 20,000 students are enrolled at UOW, 3,300 of whom are international students.
- 80 students are admitted into the Graduate School of Medicine per year
- Special Emphasis within the program include
 - Rural Medicine
 - General Practice
 - Clinical Practice begins in week 1
 - Ability to specialize in any area of medicine
- Cost: \$40,128 AUD
- Program Length: 4 years



UNIQUE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A spiral integrated curriculum - It is designed around common and important clinical conditions and uses an integrated learning and teaching approach that relates clinical medicine to the underlying medical sciences.

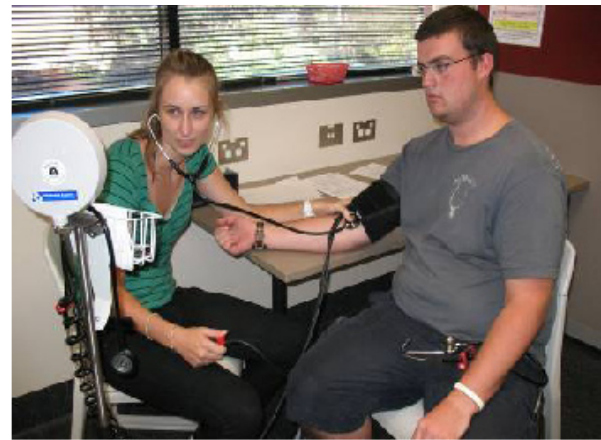
Competency based assessment - From the very start of the course students develop their abilities in listening to patients, in examining them, in reaching a diagnosis, in formulating a treatment plan and in being able to perform a range of practical procedures.

Clinical skills centre & placements - At the centre of the four year curriculum are 93 clinical problems based on the problems a patient identifies when they seek medical advice. From week one, students will be in focused learning groups working to diagnose and manage these conditions. From week two and on, students will be placed in hospitals and clinics where they will be able to practice these skills under the tutelage of a professional doctor.

Community focus, primary care context - Many placements are in regional, rural and remote communities where primary care is the main focus. Students will be able to complete their residency in more specialized areas of medicine.

Mentorship, reflection, support - This is provided through small student to teacher ratios.

- Learning groups provide opportunities for collaborative learning
- Students are encouraged to take part in reflection to develop their personal and professional resilience as practitioners
- Regular feedback from Professors, patients and peers
- Mentorship is provided by senior clinicians





ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.8/4.0 GPA or an 70% average
- Score of 24 and M on the MCAT exam
- Bachelor degree in any field
- Preferential treatment is given to students who can demonstrate voluntary work, sporting achievements, leadership, travel or other experiences that broaden their life view and maturity. Experience in rural areas is not essential but will be viewed favorably.
- Portfolio submitted with application addressing qualities such as:
 - Leadership
 - Service ethic
 - Capacity to work with others
 - Diversity of experience
 - High performance in any area of endeavor
- Interviews: conducted in Vancouver, Toronto, Denver, and Montreal in early- to mid-April

STRUCTURE

Phase 1 (18 months) – Foundations of medical and clinical sciences in framework that integrates clinical medicine, skills and sciences in case based system oriented blocks. Clinical experience includes clinical skills weekly with patient volunteers and one day per month in General Practice and hospital to consolidate theory.

Phase 2 (12 months) – Hospital “clerkship” - clinical placement 3-4 days per week and 1-2 days classes on campus. Rotations such as General Medicine, General Surgery, Anaesthetics, Emergency Medicine, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Elective.

Phase 3 (12 months) – Family medicine/ Primary care “clerkship” -40 week fulltime extended general practice placement in regional, rural and remote areas. (A rural placement can range from a city of 30,000 residents to a community of several thousand.)

Phase 4 (6 months) – Pre-internship rotation and clinical elective rotation

UPON GRADUATION

Graduates may choose to stay in Australia for residency and specialty training or may return to home country. Students may complete their residency in North America or transfer Australian Medical License to North America. Ask an AustraLearn representative for more details.

Also eligible to apply for Canadian or US licensure (may require application +/-examinations depending on the state or province)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 15, 2011 or early application
June 1, 2011 for regular admission

QUESTIONS?

Contact your AustraLearn advisor for more information



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NEXT STEPS

STEP 1: Go to www.degreesoverseas.com and create your personal MyLearn account

STEP 2: Download and complete the medical school application for University of Wollongong

STEP 3: Submit your complete application, MCAT score verification report and transcripts to:
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