Bachelor of Clinical Sciences

COURSE OUTLINE
Charles Darwin University and Flinders University are collaborating to deliver a full medical degree program in the Northern Territory.

The Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (BCSC) was offered for the first time at Charles Darwin University (CDU) in 2011 and provides a two-year pathway to Flinders University’s four-year Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

The Bachelor of Clinical Sciences prepares students for careers in medicine and medical science.

The Bachelor of Clinical Sciences is available to school leavers at CDU’s Casuarina campus in Darwin. The course provides a two-year accelerated pathway, which transitions into Flinders University’s new Northern Territory based four-year medical program located at CDU and the nearby Royal Darwin Hospital campuses.

The course structure comprises core units in chemistry, anatomy, physiology, microbiology, statistics, biochemistry and medical communication.

Students can choose from a pharmacy, exercise and sport science or medical laboratory science stream.

Small classes provide a cooperative, supportive environment with close integration of basic science and medical, health and clinical learning.
Students who do not gain a place in the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences can apply through the graduate entry pathway to Flinders University’s Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery by completing any on-campus Bachelor-level degree at CDU. Students who intend to apply for a graduate entry into medical or allied health courses generally choose a health or science-related degree and any of the following courses are recommended for internal CDU students:

- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Bachelor of Behavioural Science
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science
- Bachelor of Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
- Bachelor of Nursing

Students using a graduate entry pathway will need to take the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT). Information on the Flinders University Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery taught in the Northern Territory can be found at W: www.flinders.edu.au/medicine.

**BACHELOR OF CLINICAL SCIENCE AT CDU**

Twelve places are available for this course and entry is highly competitive. Applicants are required to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admissions Test (UMAT) and achieve an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of at least 90 to be competitive. Students from Northern Territory schools receive 6 bonus points.

- Registration for UMAT opens in April each year
- Two places are available for Indigenous students
- Applications are through SACE

Any student who gains entry into the BCSC will progress into Flinders University’s Northern Territory-based Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery as long as they pass all units and maintain a GPA of 5. Enrolment will normally be full-time. The third year of the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences is the first year of Flinders University’s Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery taught in the Northern Territory.