

# **Interview Process for the CDU Menzies Medical Program**



Congratulations on being shortlisted for the interview stage of the medical degree application!

The interview is a compulsory part of the selection process and provides us with a deeper understanding of your skills, experiences, and motivations for pursuing a career in medicine.

This guide outlines the steps and what to expect.



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## Interview Details

- > **Date:** Thursday, 20 November to Friday, 28 November 2025
- > **Time:** Three panels will run concurrently each day from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- > **Location:** All interviews will take place at **CDU's Casuarina campus**. Online interviews via Teams will be available for applicants outside of Greater Darwin or in cases of exceptional circumstances.

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- > **Interview Duration:** Each interview will last 30 minutes.

## Preparing for the Interview

Preparation is the key to success. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

- > **Practice with sample questions:** Use practice questions to simulate the interview experience. Ask a friend or mentor to role-play with you to practice thinking on your feet.
- > **Manage your time:** During the interview, ensure that you manage your time efficiently when answering questions, staying focused and clear in your responses.
- > **Authentic Responses:** We want to hear about you and your authentic responses to the questions

## The Interview Panel

Each interview will be conducted by a panel that includes:

- > A CDU Medical Program academic,
- > An NT-based health professional, and
- > A First Nations representative.

The questions will be standardized, and a marking rubric will be applied to standardize the grading of responses.

## On the Day of the Interview

- > **Arrival and Check-in:** Arrive at least 15 minutes early to ensure you have time to settle in before the interview begins.
- > **Dress Code:** Business casual or professional attire is recommended. Dress comfortably but ensure you are presenting yourself in a professional manner.
- > **What to Bring:** Bring a valid form of ID
- > **Online Interviews:** Please ensure you have a quiet, uninterrupted space for the duration of your interview.

## During the Interview

- > **Stay Calm:** It's natural to feel nervous but remember that the interview is a chance for you to show who you are beyond your application. Take deep breaths and focus on each question as it comes.
- > **Be Yourself:** Authenticity is key. Rather than giving rehearsed answers, focus on how you genuinely feel about the questions or scenarios presented.
- > **Engage with the Interviewer:** Show active listening and consider each question or scenario carefully before responding.

## After the Interview

- > **Reflection:** After the interview, take some time to reflect on the experience. Regardless of the outcome, you'll have learned a lot from going through the process.

## Important Reminders

**Be Punctual:** Lateness may affect your chances, so ensure you plan your day accordingly.

**Professionalism:** From the moment you arrive, maintain a professional demeanor. Interviewers will be observing not just your responses but also your overall attitude.

**Respect Confidentiality:** Remember that interview questions and scenarios are confidential. Sharing details of the scenarios or questions with others is against the guidelines and may jeopardize your application.

## Course Offers

Ranking for offers is based on a combination of scores from these two components:

- > Interview results (50%)
- > Academic score results (50%)

**Please note:** Feedback on your interview performance and overall ranking will not be provided by the University. All information related to applicants and their applications is confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party, including family members or friends. No appeals on behalf of an applicant will be considered.

Offers to successful domestic applicants will be made through **SATAC**, which has multiple offer rounds in addition to the main round on **15 January 2026**. Offers will continue to be issued until all available places are filled, which may extend until after the course commences on **2 February 2026**.

Please visit [Undergraduate Offer Rounds 2026 – SATAC](#) for the full list of course offer dates.

To secure your place in the CDU Menzies Medical program, you must enrol in all first-year units by the deadline stated in your SATAC offer letter. Further information regarding enrolment will be provided once offers are made.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions about the interview process or need further assistance, feel free to contact:

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### > Q: What if I feel unwell on the day of the interview?

If you feel unwell on the day of an in-person interview, please contact us immediately at [medicalprogram@cdu.edu.au](mailto:medicalprogram@cdu.edu.au) or 08 8998 4288. We can arrange an online interview alternative if needed or discuss alternative options.

### > Q: Can I book an online interview if I live in Darwin?

No. All applicants who live in the Greater Darwin Region are required to attend their interview in person at the CDU Casuarina Campus.

The only exceptions are if you live outside of the Greater Darwin Region or if you are traveling away during the interview period.

### > Q: What if there are no face-to-face interviews available in the booking system, and I will be in the Greater Darwin Region? Or what if there are no online interviews available, and I will be outside the Greater Darwin Region?

If no interview times are available in the booking system, please email or call us at [medicalprogram@cdu.edu.au](mailto:medicalprogram@cdu.edu.au) or 08 8998 4288.

We have estimated the number of face-to-face and online interviews required; however, if necessary, we can make adjustments manually.

### > Q: What if I need to make a change to my interview day or time?

Changes to interview days and times can be made online while the booking system is open (between 3 November and 14 November).

Please note that changes are subject to availability, and there are only enough interview slots for the number of shortlisted applicants. Once all applicants have selected their interview times, no changes will be possible.

### > Q: What if I am unable to attend my interview due to extenuating circumstances?

If you are unable to attend your scheduled interview due to extenuating circumstances, please contact us immediately at [medicalprogram@cdu.edu.au](mailto:medicalprogram@cdu.edu.au) or 08 8998 4288 to discuss your situation.

Please note that the decision to reschedule or make alternative interview arrangements will be made by the Executive Leadership team at the CDU Menzies Medical Program.

### > Q: What if I missed my interview or got the interview time wrong?

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