



CDU Menzies Medical Program Admissions Guide 2026





Acknowledgement of Country

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and respects the many Australian First Nations traditional custodians of the lands upon which our campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Larrakia who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Education and Community Precinct, Casuarina, Waterfront, and Palmerston campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Arrernte who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Alice Springs campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagomon who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Katherine campuses are located.

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We also acknowledge and pay our respect to the Mirrarr (Jabiru), the Kungarakana and Warrai (Batchelor and Adelaide River), the Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) and the Tiwi (Tiwi Islands) people.

We acknowledge Australian First Nations peoples' long tradition of sustaining their communities and environments over thousands of years. They are the first educators and first innovators.

They are the holders of knowledge that makes an important contribution to the improvement of our local, national and global communities.

We extend our respect to Elders - past, present and emerging - and to all First Nations people.



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CDU Menzies Medical Program

The CDU Menzies Medical Program was developed in response to community needs in the Northern Territory and provides the exciting opportunity to study medicine in this unique environment. The course aims to graduate doctors with the desire, attributes and competencies to be excellent doctors in the NT health setting - one of the most challenging in Australia.

The medical program has a strong focus on First Nations health and wellbeing, remote and rural medicine, rural generalism and provision of high-quality interdisciplinary team-based regional and remote health services. Clinical placements will take students to rural and remote towns across the NT, providing a rich experience in clinical medicine in rural and remote settings.

The course offers students the opportunity to conduct meaningful research in partnership with the community under the guidance of the exceptional mentors from the Menzies School of Health Research.



Key features of the CDU Menzies Medical Program

- ❁ Five-year direct entry medical degree: Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine/Doctor of Medicine
- ❁ Clinical medicine is taught throughout the five years of the program
- ❁ Clinical placements from Year Three to Year Five in various settings across the NT
- ❁ You will work with and learn from the NT First Nations health workforce and experienced NT clinicians in acute and primary health care

Who is this course for?

The CDU Menzies Medical Program is designed for individuals with a strong interest in critical thinking and a passion for health care and medical sciences. There are five themes that run throughout the five years of the medical program: Patient care, professional and personal development, health in the community, First Nations culture and health, and the scientific basis of medicine. The themes are integrated to provide a holistic approach to learning medicine from the course's outset.

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Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine/Doctor of Medicine





Course codes:	SMED01
Duration:	Five years full-time (not available part-time) - Undergraduate entry
Location:	Darwin Casuarina Campus (face-to-face only)
Intake:	Semester 1
Start dates:	Commence the first week in February each year, one annual intake only
Fee Type	Commonwealth Support Place (CSP)
Deferrals accepted:	No

Places available in 2026

The Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine/Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a highly competitive course with 40 places in 2026. This means that although you may meet the minimum entry requirements for the course, you may not be ranked high enough to be invited for an interview or, following interviews, to receive an offer. This course has sub-quotas available for NT residents, First Nations applicants, and rural and remote applicants.

Entry sub-quotas

There are four sub-quotas for this course (further details on eligibility are below):

 NT First Nations sub-quota	40%
 NT Residency sub-quota	40%
 First Nations sub-quota (non-NT Residents)	15%
 Rural and Remote sub-quota	5%

1. NT First Nations sub-quota

This sub-quota is available to applicants who meet both the First Nations and the NT Residency requirements.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You are eligible to be considered in a First Nations sub-quota if you meet the following criteria:

- > Being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- > Identifying as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- > Being accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person by the community in which you live or formerly lived
- > Being a Northern Territory resident is defined as a person who, when the course commences, is an Australian or New Zealand citizen (residing in Australia), permanent resident or Humanitarian Visa holder who has had a permanent address in the Northern Territory ^[1], for:
 - a) at least two years out of the past six years; or
 - b) a total of five years since starting primary school

EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

- > Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage evidenced by a letter of confirmation from a recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation
- > Evidence of residency in the NT for the duration stated above. Accepted evidence includes utility bills, rates, rental agreements, bank statements, and official school letters/reports
- > Applicants must supply at least one document of evidence for each year they are proving

^[1] Including NT communities that cross geographical borders.

2. NT Residency sub-quota

This sub-quota is available to applicants who meet the NT Residency requirement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A Northern Territory resident is defined as a person who, when the course commences, is an Australian or New Zealand citizen (residing in Australia), permanent resident or Humanitarian Visa holder who has had a permanent address in the Northern Territory ^[1], for:

- a) at least two years out of the past six years; or
- b) a total of five years since starting primary school

EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

- > Evidence of residency in the NT for the duration stated above. Accepted evidence includes utility bills, rates, rental agreements, bank statements, and official school letters/reports
- > Applicants must supply at least one document of evidence for each year they are proving

^[1] Including NT communities that cross geographical borders.

3. First Nations (non-NT) sub-quota

This sub-quota is available to First Nations applicants residing outside the NT.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- > Being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- > Identifying as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- > Being accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person by the community in which you live or formerly lived.

EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

- > Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage evidenced by a letter of confirmation from a recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation

4. Rural and Remote sub-quota

This sub-quota is available to applicants residing outside the NT in Rural and Remote areas.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A Rural or Remote applicant is defined as someone who has resided in an area designated as [Modified Monash Model](#) MM 4 to MM 7^[2] for:

- a) Five or more consecutive years within the last ten years; or
- b) Ten cumulative years since commencing preschool.

EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

- > Evidence of residency in the designated areas for the duration stated above
- > Accepted evidence includes utility bills, rates, rental agreements, bank statements, and official school letters/reports
- > Applicants must supply at least one document of evidence for each year they are proving

^[2] The Modified Monash Model measures remoteness and population size on a Modified Monash (MM) category MM 1 to MM 7 scale. MM 1 is a major city, and areas classified as MM 3 to MM 7 are rural or remote. MMM: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/app>

Entry requirements

To be eligible, you must be an Australian or NZ citizen or permanent visa holder and must meet one of the following criteria:

- > **Recent school leaver:** Be a recent school leaver (within two years of course commencement) with an ATAR of 85 or above (after the addition of any relevant adjustment factors); or
- > **Current higher education student:** Be currently enrolled in a higher education course (bachelor level or higher) and have completed at least one year of full-time study* at the time of course commencement with a GPA of at least 5.0**; or
- > **Completed higher education student:** Have completed a higher education course (bachelor level or higher) or equivalent international qualification with a GPA of at least 5.0**. The qualification must have been completed within the past 10 years at the time of course commencement.

*One year of full-time study is equivalent to 80 credit points at CDU.

**GPA is calculated based on a seven-point scale.

Additional admission information

Applicants for this course will be shortlisted for interview based on a combination of the following criteria:

- > Academic merit
- > Studies in relevant fields of education including select health, science and mathematics fields
- > Sub-quotas
- > Responses to questions within the application pack

Offers will be made based on an applicant's final ranking. This ranking is based on academic merit (50%) and interview score (50%).

Offers will be made in the main January offer round. All applicants who receive an offer must accept and enrol into all first-year units by the deadline specified in their SATAC offer letter or the offer will lapse.

Applicants who are offered a place in this course and have not completed health or science subjects in the previous two years will be encouraged to undertake an online, self-paced short course titled *Introduction to Chemistry and Cell Biology for Medical Students* during the first semester of their first year. Enrolled students will be granted access to this short course as soon as their enrolment is confirmed, allowing them to begin the course before the semester starts.

Fees

Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) partially fund the 40 places in 2026. More information on CSPs can be found here: [Higher Education fees | Charles Darwin University](#).

There is a student contribution of approximately \$13,000 per year (subject to annual increases).

You can defer your student contribution fees through HECS-HELP, subject to eligibility. For details and eligibility criteria, visit [Study Assist - HECS-HELP](#).

Further information about fees and charges can be found at [Fees and Payments](#).

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- > Student services and amenities fees
- > Course material, textbooks, and equipment
- > Costs associated with clinical placements including immunisations, Working with Children checks, national police checks and senior first aid certificate. Travel and accommodation costs will be incurred for remote and rural placements.

Course structure

The CDU Menzies Medical Program is a five-year course split into two phases. The first two years are delivered on the CDU campus in Darwin and the final three as clinical placements in community, primary care and hospital settings across the Northern Territory.



Course requirements

MED SEMESTER 1	MED SEMESTER 2
Year 1	
MED101 Clinical Sciences 1 (40 CP)	MED112 Clinical Sciences 2 (40 CP)
Year 2	
MED201 Clinical Sciences 3 (40 CP)	MED212 Clinical Sciences 4 (40 CP)
MED SEMESTER CLINICAL	
Year 3	
MED301 Applied Clinical Sciences 1 (80 CP)	
Year 4	
MED501 Applied Clinical Sciences 2 (80 CP)	
Year 5	
MED512 Applied Clinical Sciences 3 (60 CP)	MED601 Medicine in Context (20 CP)

Early exit

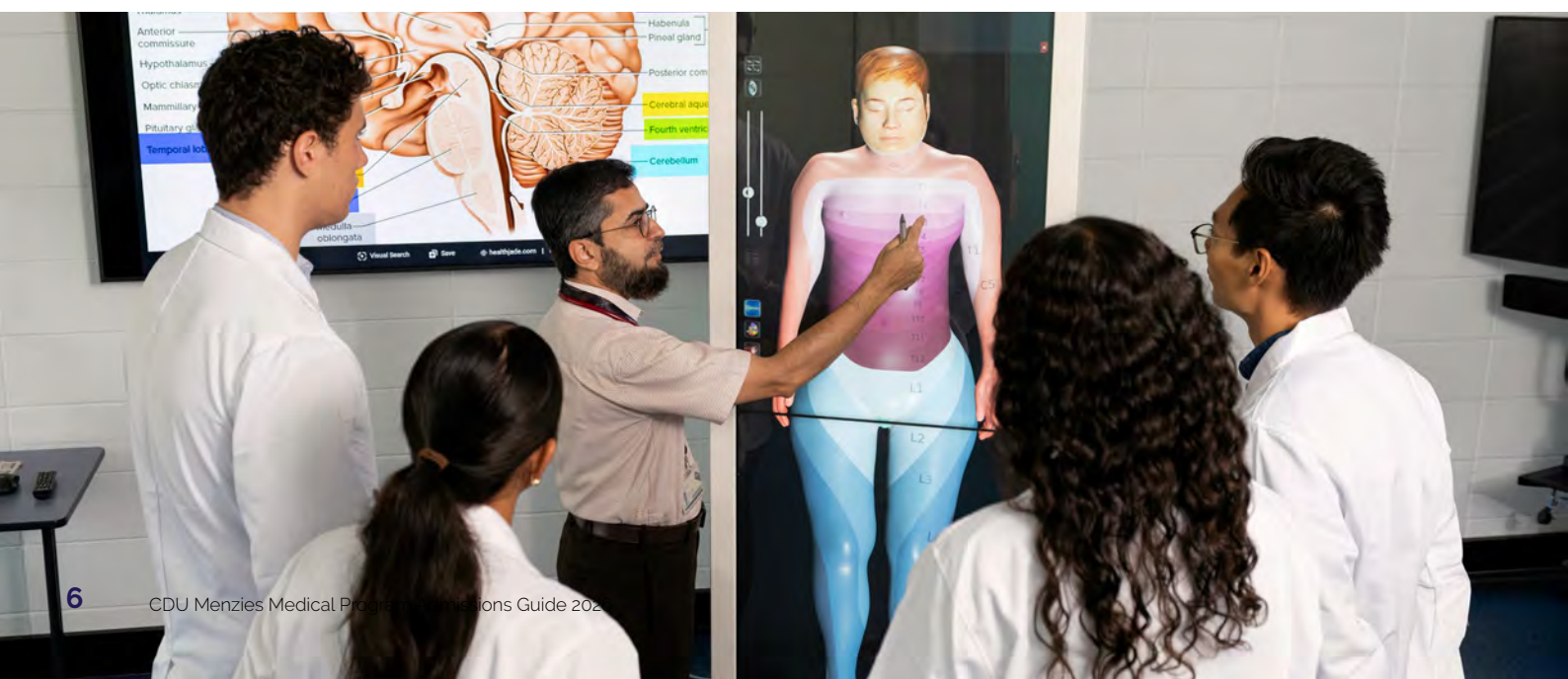
Students may exit this program after successfully completing three years (on completion of 240 credit points) with a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences.

Career opportunities

On completion of the course, you are eligible for provisional registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Medical Board of Australia. After satisfactory completing a compulsory internship year in approved health care facilities, you become eligible for general medical registration in Australia.

Career paths

Once you have achieved general registration you can explore specialist training pathways. Career guidance is available throughout your course, with pathways available after general registration explored in the final year.



Application process



Step 1: Submit SATAC application and all evidence

Apply for the Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine / Doctor of Medicine course through SATAC.

Visit <https://satac.edu.au> to start your application.

All required evidence of academic merit and eligibility for sub-quotas must be uploaded to SATAC. Failure to provide all evidence on time will result in your application being ineligible for assessment for shortlisting to the interview stage.

1. ACADEMIC EVIDENCE

Current Year 12 students:

- > Upload your Year 11 school reports and Year 12 first semester report to SATAC.
- > Reports must include specific grades (e.g., A–E or 100%–0%). Reports with only "Pass/Fail" or "S/U" grades cannot be considered for shortlisting.

All other applicants:

- > If any of your studies were completed overseas, please upload your overseas transcripts and English conversions (if required).
- > SATAC will contact you if any additional evidence is required.

2. SUB-QUOTA EVIDENCE

1. First Nations (NT and Rest of Australia):

- > Provide a letter confirming your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage from a recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation. The letter must include the organisation's Common Seal of Confirmation.
- > **NT residents:** You must also provide evidence for the NT Residency sub-quota (see below).

2. NT Residency sub-quota:

- > Provide evidence of NT residency, showing either:
 - a) At least two years out of the past six years, or
 - b) A total of five years since starting primary school.

Note: You must provide at least one document of evidence for each year.

3. Rural and Remote Sub Quota:

- > Provide evidence of residency for either:
 - a) Five or more consecutive years within the past 10 years, or
 - b) Ten cumulative years since commencing preschool.

Note: You must provide at least one document of evidence for each year.

Accepted forms of evidence include;

- > Utility bills
- > Rates notices
- > Rental agreements
- > Bank statements
- > Academic records
- > Letters/reports from schools.

Note: You will need to complete the Statutory Declaration section of the application pack (Section 3) if your evidence is in a parent's/carers' name.

Step 2 : Submit CDU Menzies Medical Program Application Pack

Complete and submit the specific application pack for the CDU Menzies Medical Program.

The [CDU Menzies Medical Program Application Pack](#) link will be accessible only during the SATAC application period. Ensure you complete the pack within this timeframe to avoid missing the deadline.

This application pack includes specific questions that must be answered in full. Failure to submit the completed application pack will result in the applicant being deemed ineligible for shortlisting and, consequently, for interview consideration.

If your residency evidence is in someone else's name, you must complete and sign the Statutory Declaration included in the application pack:

- > After completing all questions online, print the entire application pack.
- > Complete the Statutory Declaration section.
- > Upload the completed application pack to your SATAC application.

If all your residency evidence is in your name:

- > No further action is required.

Step 3: Shortlist to interview

As part of the selection process, shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in an interview. This interview is designed to assess a candidate's ability to empathise with patients and to work effectively within an interprofessional clinical team environment.

For the 2026 intake, 160 candidates will be interviewed for 40 available positions.

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

Interview invitation

Shortlisted applicants will receive an invitation via email (using the address provided in the SATAC application). This email will include instructions on how to select an interview date and time using our online booking system.

Interview details

- > **When:** Interviews will be held from 19 to 28 November 2025.
- > **Location:** All interviews will take place at CDU's Casuarina campus.
- > **Online interviews:** Online interviews via Teams will be available for applicants outside of Greater Darwin or in

cases of exceptional circumstances.

- > **Duration:** Each interview will last 30 minutes.
- > **Online interview access:** Once you book your interview time online, login details will be emailed to you.

The interview panel

Each interview will be conducted by a panel that includes:

- > A CDU Menzies Medical Program representative
- > A First Nations academic, health professional or community member
- > A Faculty of Health academic or local clinician

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

Preparing for the interview

If you are shortlisted, you will receive an interview guide outlining details of the interview process and preparation tips.

Interview feedback

- > Feedback on your interview performance or ranking will not be provided.
- > All information regarding applicants and their applications is confidential and will not be shared with any third party, including family members or friends.
- > Appeals on behalf of applicants will not be considered.

Step 4: Offers

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

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

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

Please visit [Undergraduate Offer Rounds 2025 – SATAC](#) for the full list of course offer dates.

Step 5: Accept or decline your offer

All applicants who receive an offer must:

- > Formally accept the offer, and
- > Enrol in all first-year units by the deadline specified in the letter of offer.

Failure to do so will cause the offer to be forfeited, and the position offered to another eligible candidate.

Unsuccessful applicants

Applicants who do not receive a shortlist offer or final offer will be notified according to the following schedule:

- > **Not shortlisted for interview:** Applicants who are not shortlisted for an interview will be notified in early December.
- > **Not meeting minimum academic requirements:** Applicants who attended an interview but did not meet the academic requirements (e.g., GPA or ATAR) will be notified by SATAC in early January.
- > **All other applicants:** All other applicants who attended the interview will be notified once all places in the program are confirmed. Please note, this may occur after the course commences in February.



Contacts

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