



CDU Menzies Medical Program Admissions Guide 2027





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.

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We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Turrbal and Yuggera who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Brisbane centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Warumungu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Tennant Creek centre is located.

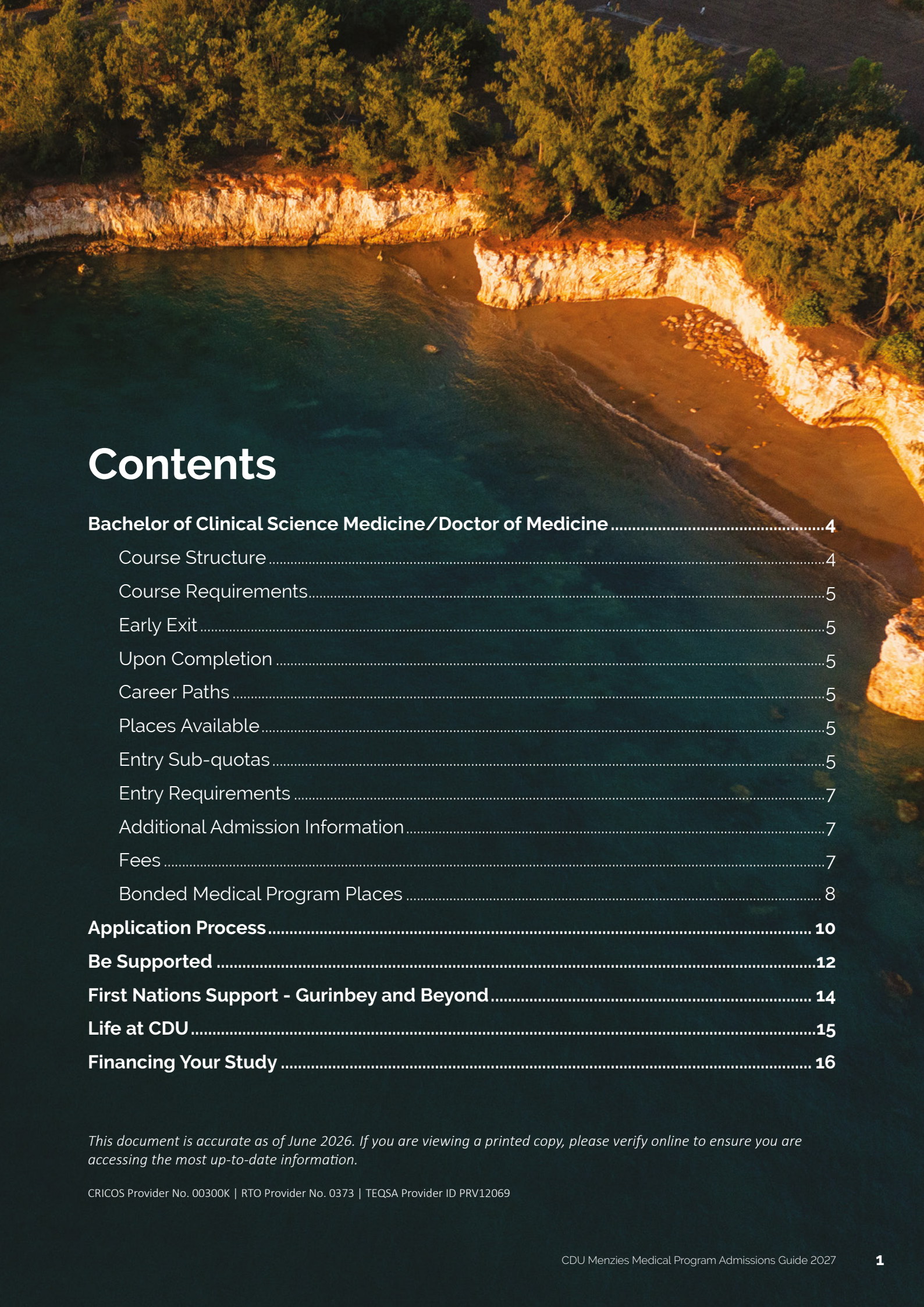
We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Yolngu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Nhulunbuy centre is located.

We also acknowledge and pay our respect to the Mirrarr (Jabiru), the Kungarakan 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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Connect to a career you care about





The CDU Menzies Medical Program offers a distinctive medical education shaped by community connection, health innovation and a deep commitment to equity.

The program immerses students in real-world healthcare across the NT, linked closely with communities, clinicians and the health industry from the outset.

As a university recognised for its commitment to equity and its strong investment in health and research, CDU will prepare future doctors who are not only clinically capable, but socially responsive, work-ready and committed to making a genuine difference where it matters most.

The CDU Menzies Medical Program is designed for those with a strong interest in critical thinking, and a passion for health care and medical sciences.



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

Key themes integrated throughout the program to provide a holistic approach to learning medicine

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- > Patient care
 - > Professional and personal development
 - > Health in the community
 - > First Nations culture and health
 - > Scientific basis of Medicine



Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine/Doctor of Medicine

Duration:	Five years full-time (not available part-time) - Undergraduate entry
Location:	Darwin Casuarina Campus (face-to-face only) Course code SMED01
Intake:	Semester 1
Start dates:	Commence 8 February 2027, one annual intake only
Fee Type:	Commonwealth Support Place (CSP)
Deferrals:	Not accepted for this course



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 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 experienced mentors from Menzies School of Health Research.

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 Practice (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 Science Medicine.

Upon Completion

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 completion of a compulsory internship year in approved health care facilities, you'll 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.

Places Available

The Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine/Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a highly competitive course with only 40 places available. This means that although you may meet the minimum entry requirements for the course available, you may not be ranked high enough to be invited to 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 five sub-quotas for this course:

> NT First Nations sub-quota	40%
> NT Residency sub-quota	30%
> NT Residency MM4-MM7 sub quota	15%
> First Nations sub-quota (non-NT Residents)	10%
> 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: 1 and 2

2. NT RESIDENCY SUB-QUOTA

This sub quota is available to applicants who meet the NT Residency requirement and reside in the greater Darwin area.

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: 2

3. NT RESIDENCY MM4- MM7 SUB-QUOTA

This sub quota is available to applicants who meet the NT Residency requirement and reside outside the greater Darwin area.

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], classified as [Modified Monash Model \(MMM\) MM4 to MM7](#)^[2] 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: 2

4. FIRST NATIONS (NON-NT) SUB-QUOTA

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

Eligibility criteria

You are eligible to be considered in a First Nations sub-quota if you meet the following three 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: 1

5. 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: 2

EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage evidenced by a letter of confirmation from a recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation.
- 2 Evidence of residency in the NT/designated area for the duration stated. 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] 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: www.health.gov.au/topics/rural-health-workforce/classifications/mmm

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 Bachelor-level or higher program, with at least six (6) months of full-time study* of graded units completed in that program at a minimum GPA of 5.0**. This excludes any units awarded unspecified credit, recognition of prior learning, or pass ungraded (PU) results. Applicants shortlisted for interview must maintain a GPA of 5.0** or above to remain eligible for final ranking. Applicants with fewer than six (6) months of full-time equivalent study after Semester 1 may be considered but will receive a lower shortlisting score. Applicants who have not completed any graded units at the time of application are ineligible.
- > **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.

*Six months of full-time study is equivalent to 40 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

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. More information on CSPs can be found here: www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/fees-payments

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 www.studyassist.gov.au/

Further information about fees and charges can be found at www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/fees-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.





Bonded Medical Program Places

Of the 40 Commonwealth Supported Places available in the CDU Menzies Medical Program, the lowest ranked 28.5% of offers made will be Bonded Medical Program (BMP) places. BMP students pay the same student contribution rates as other Commonwealth Supported students.

What is the Bonded Medical Program?

The Bonded Medical Program provides students with a Commonwealth Supported Place in a medical course at an Australian university in return for a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural and remote areas for 156 weeks (3 years) after completing their medical course. This commitment is known as the Return of Service Obligation (RoSO).

BMP vs Non-BMP Places

	Non-BMP Place	BMP Place
Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)	✓	✓
HECS-HELP eligible	✓	✓
~\$13,000/year student contribution	✓	✓
Return of Service Obligation (RoSO)	✗	✓
Must work in eligible rural/remote areas post-graduation	✗	✓

The Return of Service Obligation (RoSO)

The RoSO requires BMP graduates to work in areas of workforce shortage - such as rural, remote, or other priority areas - for 156 weeks (3 years) after completing their medical training. Key points about the RoSO:

- > You have 18 years from the date you complete your medical degree to fulfil the 3-year obligation.
- > Eligible locations include rural, remote and other priority areas as defined by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- > Work can be completed in a variety of settings including hospitals, general practice and community health
- > The RoSO can be completed full-time, part-time (pro-rated), casually (counted per day worked), or as a fly-in/fly-out doctor. Part-time and casual work is calculated proportionally. For example, working 0.5 FTE for 2 years counts as 1 year toward your RoSO.

Receiving a BMP Offer

BMP and non-BMP offers are made in the same offer rounds through SATAC. The type of place you are offered depends on your ranking - the lowest-ranked 28.5% of successful applicants will receive a BMP offer.

Important:

If you receive a BMP offer and a higher-ranked applicant declines their Non-BMP offer, you may be converted to a non-BMP place. You are not required to accept a BMP offer; however, declining will mean forfeiting your place in the program.

If you accept a BMP offer, you will be required to sign a BMP Agreement with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing by 30 June in your first year of study. Signing this agreement is a condition of your BMP place.

More Information

We encourage all applicants to read the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's Bonded Medical Program information carefully before accepting a BMP offer. Independent financial or legal advice is also recommended.

Website www.health.gov.au/our-work/bonded-medical-program

Email BondedMedicalProgram@health.gov.au

Phone 1800 987 104 (free call)



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 www.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 assessed as ineligible and will not progress.

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

Upload evidence into SATAC of the appropriate sub-quota category. See evidence requirements listed on page 6.

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 2027 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 16 - 20 November 2026.
- > **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 academic
- > A First Nations academic, health professional or community member
- > A Faculty of Health academic or health professional

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%)

The first round of offers will be made by SATAC as follows:

- > **Current and Completed Higher Education applicants** - 10 December 2026
- > **Recent School Leavers** - 14 January 2027

If you qualify as both a Recent School Leaver and a Current Higher Education applicant, you may receive an offer during either offer round - depending on ranking

Offers will continue to be issued until all available places are filled, which may extend until after the course commences

Please visit <https://www.satac.edu.au/undergraduate-applications/key-dates> for the full list of course offer dates.

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.

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.



Be Supported

Medical study is one of the most demanding academic journeys you can undertake. While the CDU Menzies Medical Program is an intensive, full-time program, you'll benefit from small cohort sizes that foster strong peer connections and close mentorship, and be part of a connected and supportive community. The workload is significant, the content is complex and the emotional demands of clinical training are real - however these are not things you are expected to navigate alone. CDU offers a comprehensive range of wellbeing and support services to all students, and as a CDU Menzies Medical Program student, you also have access to dedicated support within the Program itself. Whether you are dealing with academic pressure, personal difficulties, financial stress, health concerns, or simply finding the transition to medical study more challenging than expected, there is support available - on campus, online and during your placement years away from Darwin.

Free Academic Skills Programs

Language and learning support is free and confidential, assisting you with skills development tailored to your specific unit. Language and learning advisors work with you to help you understand assignment requirements and improve communication and study skills for your discipline.

You will be paired with a dedicated peer advisor to help you navigate your studies. They will check in with you every other week. This ongoing support ensures that you're progressing well in your studies and academic life. Peer advisors also run collaborative sessions focussing on preparing you for assignments and exams.

CMMP Mentoring and Portfolio Program

In the CMMP, the Mentoring and Portfolio Program supports students throughout their study journey, from first year to graduation. Through meaningful mentor relationships, students receive guidance in professional development, cultural safety, clinical communication, well-being and career planning. The Portfolio Program encourages reflective practice, helping students document their growth across key curriculum themes, including patient care, community health, First Nations health and professional development, in accordance with the Accreditation Standards for Primary Medical Education in Australia. Together, mentoring and portfolio learning create a supportive environment where students build confidence, resilience and lifelong learning skills, preparing them to become compassionate, culturally responsive and capable doctors for diverse communities.

Online Study Buddies and Online Tutoring

Enjoy seamless, interactive collaboration with your peers, tutors and lecturers on Learnline. Jump into forums, join discussion boards and chat online with your fellow students - any time of the day or night.

CDU's Online Tutoring service is available 24/7 and accessible directly through Learnline. You can chat with a tutor instantly, schedule a session, submit an assignment for feedback or post a question to be answered later.

Library Resources

Students have 24/7 access to library resources. Knowledgeable and friendly library staff are ready to help over the phone, via email or face to face on most campuses. As a CMMP student, you'll also have access to all required medical textbooks online at no cost - no need to purchase them yourself. These are available through your reading list on Learnline, so you can study from anywhere, at any time.

Staying Well

CDU offers a range of resources to help improve your wellbeing including confidential counselling and wellbeing services. The CDU Wellbeing Support Line provides free, confidential support around the clock. If you are struggling or need to speak with someone urgently at any time - day or night - trained support staff are available to help.



CMMP Professional Team

The medical program is supported by a dedicated team committed to your success from application to graduation. From guided admissions and day-to-day support to coordinating your clinical placements, we ensure you have the resources and assistance needed to focus on your studies and develop as a future medical professional.

The CDU Menzies Medical Program (CMMP) is a small, close-knit program, which means you will benefit from personalized attention, direct access to academic staff and a genuine sense of community within your cohort.

Expert Local Faculty

You will be taught by experienced NT clinicians and researchers who have spent careers navigating the unique health challenges of the Northern Territory. Teaching draws on real-world NT context - tropical medicine, remote health and First Nations health - giving you grounding that no other Australian medical program can replicate.

Clinical Placement Support

Years 3-5 of the CMMP are delivered entirely through clinical placements - you will not be based on campus for these years. Placements are delivered in block format, meaning you will spend multiple consecutive weeks or months at a placement site before rotating to the next. These blocks give you a breadth of clinical exposure right across the Northern Territory: Darwin hospitals, regional centres such as Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy. You will be supported to prepare for, navigate and debrief from placements.



Most people don't like asking for help, but getting an adjustment plan for exam conditions was one of my best decisions. Four-hour exams without being able to stretch would have been impossible."

CDU student with mobility issues from a back injury, and ADHD.

Equal Access

CDU is committed to providing an accessible, supportive, safe and inclusive learning environment for every student. If your studies are impacted by a disability, chronic health condition, mental health condition or caring responsibilities, the Access and Inclusion team is here to help.

The team will work with you to develop an individual and confidential Access Plan that may include reasonable adjustments to your study conditions, course materials or assessments or the provision of supportive resources like assisted technology.

Respect. Now. Always.

At CDU we believe in diversity as a strength and welcome differences in culture, race, religion, gender identity, ability, and sexuality. We are proud of the diversity of the CDU community, and we are working together to create a fair, safe and inclusive university where everyone can thrive.

CDU is a part of the Universities Australia, Respect. Now. Always. initiative. We are committed to ensuring our students and staff are safe from gender-based violence, sexual assault or harassment.

First Nations Support - Gurinbey and Beyond

CDU has a deep and enduring commitment to First Nations education. The university was the first in Australia to appoint a Pro Vice-Chancellor for Indigenous Leadership, and First Nations perspectives and knowledge are embedded throughout CDU's curriculum - including at the heart of the CMMP's First Nations Culture and Health theme.

First Nations Student Support

The First Nations Student Support Team is a dedicated point of contact for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at CDU. The team provides culturally safe assistance across all aspects of your student journey, including:

- > Admissions and enrolment support
- > Academic support and tutoring
- > Pastoral care and personal support
- > Advocacy and referral to other CDU services
- > Support while studying away from Country

The CMMP also has its own dedicated First Nations Student Advisor embedded within the program, providing tailored support for medical students from the very start of your studies.

The Gurinbey Centre

The Gurinbey Centre, located at CDU's Casuarina campus, is a culturally safe and welcoming space specifically for First Nations students. It provides:

- > Computers and printers
- > Lockers and a self-contained kitchen
- > A calming sensory space
- > After-hours access for students

Tutorial Support

The First Nations Tutorial Support Program provides free individual and group tutoring (1-8 hours per week) to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in Certificate III or higher courses. Tutors are culturally aware and academically qualified.

Larrakia Academic-in-Residence

CDU's Larrakia Academic-in-Residence provides culturally informed guidance and support to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff, connecting the University to Country and community.

Scholarships for First Nations Students

CDU offers a range of scholarships to support First Nations students with the cost of study. Use the Scholarship Finder to search by eligibility criteria and discipline - scholarships appear on this page once applications open: www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships

One scholarship of particular note for CMMP students is the Alison Mary Jackson and Nancy Kingsland CDU Menzies Medical Program Scholarship, worth up to \$30,000 per year for up to 5 years.

Other scholarships available to First Nations medical students include:

- > Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS) - up to \$15,000 per year.
iaha.com.au/workforce-support/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships/puggy-hunter-memorial-scholarship-scheme
- > AMA Indigenous Medical Scholarship - \$11,000 per year.
ama.com.au/about/indigenous-medical-scholarship
- > Indigenous Health Scholarship Program (IHSP) - \$5,000, paid in two instalments of \$2,500 per semester.
iaha.com.au/ihsp

More external scholarships can be found: www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships/external-scholarships



Life at CDU

Darwin is a vibrant and welcoming city - from its ease of getting around to its rich natural environment - it provides a unique setting to live, learn and recharge.

The Casuarina campus is CDU's largest study location, set across 56 hectares of parkland in Darwin's northern suburbs, about 15km from the CBD and a short walk from Casuarina Beach. The campus has a relaxed, community feel with on campus cafés, bookshop, post office, library, gym, sporting ovals and courts, and ample indoor and outdoor study spaces. Casuarina Square shopping centre is a short walk away, and public buses service the campus regularly.

The Centre for Better Health Futures

As a medical student, you will study and train in the new purpose-built Centre for Better Health Futures building, alongside nursing, allied health, pharmacy and other health students helping develop your interprofessional skills. The centre features simulated hospital wards, modern teaching facilities and study spaces, advanced clinical environments, with VR and mobile technology and laboratories and research infrastructure.



Level 3 of the Centre is dedicated exclusively to CMMP students. This floor houses purpose-built clinical training spaces as well as self-study spaces, and is available to all CMMP students - including after hours. Whether you need to prepare for a clinical skills assessment, review case studies, or simply find a quiet place to study, Level 3 is your dedicated home within the building.

Student Council and Clubs

The CDU Student Council (CDUSC) is run by students and advocates for student interests, delivers events and programs and supports a wide range of affiliated student groups.

CDU student groups include sports clubs, a yoga and wellness club, music society, women's collective, cultural associations from across the globe, academic clubs and much more.

Medical Students Associations

The CMMP has its own Medical Students Association, providing a peer network for medical students at CDU. As a small and close-knit cohort, your fellow medical

students will be some of your most important connections throughout the degree and into your career. The Medical Students Association provides social connection, peer support and a collective voice for CMMP students within the university.

CMMP students are also eligible to join the Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) - the national peak body representing Australia's 18,000+ medical students. AMSA provides advocacy, professional development, conferences and a national community of medical students across all Australian medical schools.

Convenient Accommodation

On-campus accommodation places you in the heart of university life, where you can meet people from across the globe and enjoy easy access to facilities. If you're after more independence, nearby off-campus options let you explore the city your own way while staying connected to campus.

cdu.edu.au/accommodation-services

ON CAMPUS:

CDU Village, Casuarina Campus: Located right on campus, CDU Village is owned and operated by Campus Living Villages in close partnership with Charles Darwin University. With a variety of room types for singles and couples, the village provides a vibrant residential community for local and international students with amenities including a pool, community room, excellent Wi-Fi and exciting events calendar.

OFF CAMPUS:

UniLodge: located just 800 metres from the Casuarina Campus, next to Casuarina Square Shopping Centre, UniLodge offers modern, furnished studios and shared apartments, and a lively student community.

CDU StudyStays provides a listing of accommodation vacancies around campuses offered by private providers. CDU's Accommodation Services and the StudyStays noticeboard can also help students find other off campus accommodation options.

Financing Your Study

Course Fees - Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs)

All places in the CDU Menzies Medical Program are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs). This means the Australian Government pays a substantial portion of your tuition fees directly to CDU - you pay only the student contribution, which is the smaller remaining share. For medical studies (Band 3), the annual student contribution is approximately \$13,500 per year. There are some additional fees and costs that cannot be deferred via HECS-HELP like course materials, police check/Ochre card clearances, travel for placements and other expenses.

You can defer your student contribution fees through HECS-HELP, subject to eligibility. For details and eligibility criteria, visit www.studyassist.gov.au/

For detailed and current fee information, visit: www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/fees-payments

Cost of Living in Darwin

Living in Darwin can be more affordable than larger Australian cities, with a range of student-friendly options available. The average total student living cost in Darwin is estimated at \$1,600-\$2,500 per month, depending on your accommodation choice and lifestyle including rent from \$220-\$550 per week. It's important to research your expected expenses and plan a budget that suits your circumstances.

A Realistic Note on Paid Work

A medical degree is an intensive, full-time commitment with most days spent on campus between 9 am and 5pm, plus a substantial study load outside scheduled hours that leaves little room for paid work. This is the reality of medical education everywhere, so students are strongly advised to plan financially for limited income and explore supports such as scholarships, HECS-HELP and government assistance before starting.

Scholarships

CDU offers scholarships to help you complete your studies. Scholarships are available across a range of categories - not just for high achievers. Explore the scholarships on offer and submit applications directly. Scholarships appear on the Scholarships Finder page once applications open: www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships

Other external scholarships include:

- > The NT Government offers scholarships to eligible NT Year 12 graduates pursuing their first undergraduate degree.
www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships/higher-education-scholarships
- > UniLodge offers a Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship. www.unilodge.com.au/hot-offers
- > More external scholarships can be found here: www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships/external-scholarships

Financial Assistance

If you are experiencing financial hardship, CDU offers financial support options, including emergency assistance, advice on managing a limited income and referrals to government support. Eligible domestic students may also access Youth Allowance or Austudy through Services Australia while studying full-time.





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