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YOUR GUIDE TO  
MEDICINE AT  
**SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL**  
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Our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Australia and elsewhere, by educating and supporting compassionate clinicians, medical scientists, health professionals and researchers whose work drives advances in health.

Across all our education programs our vision is to develop caring, clear-thinking, clinically outstanding, research-capable and globally engaged graduates who have the capabilities to become leaders in medicine, public health and research.

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## WELCOME TO SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL



We live in exciting times for medicine and health care – and, as a direct corollary, exciting times for medical schools. Every day, there is new research that helps us to improve how we prevent, diagnose and treat diseases. Neither the discoveries, nor the speed at which they are made and translated into patient care, were imaginable even a couple of decades ago. Nor can they be predicted now.

No one has a crystal ball; all we can really be certain of is that change will happen, new areas of research will emerge, and new technologies will be developed. These will affect the way we care for our patients, how we prevent and treat disease, how we direct our health resources and, necessarily, how we educate and train not just medical students but all members of the health professions.

Our commitment at Sydney Medical School is to educate and train you to become excellent clinicians and to prepare you for a lifetime of learning – essential in providing the best care for patients over a long career.

We do this through a curriculum that mixes lectures with small group self-directed tutorials, giving you a strong base in medical sciences and clinical skills and also fostering the development of problem-solving and thinking skills. Following a recent review of the Sydney Medical Program, we have a revised curriculum. With a focus on developing clear and critical thinking, our curriculum will equip you with the ability to contribute to the acquisition of new knowledge and provide you with the foundation blocks of good medical practice.

We place great emphasis on research and encourage you to undertake research projects during the course. We also encourage you to participate in international experiences and to be equipped to practise anywhere in the world.

Sydney Medical School is built on a long tradition of excellence in health and medical teaching and research. Since the school was founded in 1856, our graduates have contributed greatly to improvements in the health of this and wider communities.

We are proud of our history, but our focus is definitely on the present and the future. Our mission is to use the wonderful resources we have in this University and Medical School to educate and train future leaders in the profession – to attract clever, committed students and provide a program and an environment in which they can become the doctors they have the capability to be.

**PROFESSOR BRUCE ROBINSON**  
DEAN

## FAST FACTS AND KEY DATES

### GRADUATE ENTRY (DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL)

**Degree:** Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

**Duration:** 4 years

**Locations:** Camperdown Campus and the University of Sydney's teaching hospitals in Sydney and rural NSW.

#### Entry requirements:

- bachelor's degree with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher
- medical school admissions test
- interview.

**Available to international students:** Yes

### UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY (YEAR 12)

Approximately 30 students will be offered places in combined degree programs. Students accepted into combined degree programs are guaranteed entry into the Sydney Medical Program after completing their undergraduate degree (provided they maintain satisfactory performance).

Up to five additional places will be offered each year to applicants who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, who have achieved an ATAR of 95 or more, subject to approval.

#### Degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BA (Adv)(Hons)/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BCom/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BEc/MBBS)

- Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BMedSc/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BMusStudies/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BSc(Adv)/MBBS)

**Duration:** 7 years

**Locations:** Camperdown Campus, Darlington Campus, Sydney Conservatorium of Music (BMusStudies/MBBS only) and the University of Sydney's teaching hospitals in Sydney and rural NSW.

#### Entry requirements:

- ATAR (or equivalent): was 99.50 for BMusStudies/MBBS and 99.95 for the other combined programs (95.00 for ATSI applicants) in 2010. Check website for current information.
- interview
- audition (for BMusStudies students only).

### ADMISSIONS

- Domestic students apply directly to the Sydney Medical School. Visit our website for more information and to download an application form at [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)
- International students apply directly to the University of Sydney, International Office or through a registered agent in your country. Please visit our website and go to the **international students** section for more information and to download an application form. See [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)

### KEY DATES

#### Graduate entry

Domestic students

- May to early June: apply directly to the Sydney Medical School. Applications close 3 June. Visit our website for current lodgement details at [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)
- July to September: interviews are conducted and offers made.

International students

- May to June: apply directly to the University for the Sydney Medical Program. International applications close 3 June. Visit our website for current lodgement details at [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)
- July to September: interviews are conducted and offers made.

\*Students may also apply through registered agents in their country. Please refer to the future students pages of our website for a list of registered agents in your country. [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)

#### Undergraduate entry

- September: apply through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
- December: ATARs released and interviews for NSW applicants
- January: interviews for interstate and international applicants
- January: offers made through UAC
- March: commence first degree.

Admission processes may change. For more information please visit [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)

## THE SYDNEY EXPERIENCE

Sydney Medical School was established in 1856 and is the oldest in the country. It boasts an impressive history and a long list of brilliant and successful alumni, and students can expect an exciting and different medical education.

### ABOUT US: SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

- 1100 medical students across four years of the program
- 800 postgraduate research students
- 1100 postgraduate coursework students
- ranked 19 in the world for biomedical universities
- extensive network of top teaching hospitals: metropolitan clinical schools at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Royal North Shore Hospital, Westmead Hospital, the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Concord Hospital, Nepean Hospital and Sydney Adventist Hospital
- extensive network of rural teaching settings: clinical schools and departments at Dubbo, Orange, Broken Hill and Lismore
- research centres on Camperdown Campus, in clinical schools and through institutes such as the Brain and Mind Research Institute, Westmead Millennium Research Institute, George Institute for International Health, Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology
- research covers full spectrum of diseases, with major programs in cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, infectious diseases, mental health, neuroscience, maternal and child health, chronic disease and ageing
- international network of partner research institutes and medical schools in Asia, Europe and North America.

### A DYNAMIC CURRICULUM

Our curriculum gives students a broad-ranging education to ensure they are confident and well prepared for medical practice or research. Firstly, there is strong focus on basic sciences teaching in the Foundation Studies block, with excellent opportunities to undertake dissection and anatomy. Our problem-based learning approach emphasises integration of the basic sciences with clinical reasoning and practice. Our curriculum is dynamic, with active and ongoing dialogue between students and educators involved in the program.

### CLINICAL SCHOOLS IN LEADING TEACHING HOSPITALS

Sydney Medical School has clinical schools in an extensive network of leading NSW hospitals. These hospitals offer the most advanced health care in the state and nationwide. You will learn with doctors who are leaders in their fields. There are more than 40 clinical teaching facilities in our network, including our rural teaching hospitals, general practices, community health centres and Aboriginal Medical Services.

### PATIENT CONTACT FROM DAY ONE

From the first weeks of medical studies, you will interact with patients in hospitals and clinics. You'll gain hands-on experience in a structured and supervised program through the first two years of the course and will be well-prepared when you transfer full-time to your clinical schools in Stage Three (comprising your third and fourth years). The early clinical experience also provides a context for your lectures and problem-based learning.

### RESEARCH CAPABLE

A specific goal of Sydney Medical School is to foster students' research skills during their medical studies. We are a leading health and medical research organisation, teaching is research-led, and you are taught by health and medical researchers who are foremost in their fields.

A growing number of scholarships is available to those who wish to undertake international research electives. Some students may also undertake research degrees such as the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil) during their medical studies.



### INDIGENOUS HEALTH EDUCATION

Sydney Medical School is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of our Indigenous communities; Indigenous health is a core component of the Sydney Medical Program. Concepts in Indigenous health education are embedded through all teaching and learning material and clinical placements with Indigenous healthcare facilities are part of the learning experience for most students.

We encourage Indigenous students interested in studying medicine to contact the Sydney Medical School directly for further information and support.

### INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND PROGRAMS

We have extensive international networks, both in the developing countries in the region and in major research centres in North America and Europe. We encourage you to participate in an international elective during your course; in 2010 more than 60 elective scholarships were available to assist with airfares and expenses.

### EXPERIENCE RURAL, REGIONAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA

With the School of Rural Health in Dubbo and Orange, and Departments of Rural Health in Broken Hill and Lismore, you also have many opportunities to gain experience in rural and remote Australia. In western NSW, we work in partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, providing experience of emergency retrievals and service delivery in remote Indigenous communities.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generous support of alumni and friends, we offer a significant scholarship program. Last year over 60 scholarships were awarded to help students offset the costs of international elective term exchanges. We offered specialist research scholarships for those who wished to complete research in an international setting. There is also a growing pool of funds to support students experiencing financial hardship.

### MEDICAL SOCIETY

The student Medical Society at the University of Sydney (MedSoc) was founded in 1886 and represents the needs of students in our program. There are plenty of ways to get involved in MedSoc. You can become part of the Council, attend social events, participate in educational forums and activism and even take part in the annual Medical Revue. MedSoc is a great way to make friends with your fellow students.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our international students are an integral part of our student body, bringing a diversity of knowledge and experience to the Medical Program. In 2010, our international students came from a range of countries including Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa, Hong Kong, United States, Israel, New Zealand, Brunei and United Kingdom.

### INTERNSHIPS IN NSW FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Some students choose to study here and then return to their countries of origin; others choose to study here then stay in Australia. Following the medical program there is a one-year internship in a public hospital. This is managed by the New South Wales Government Clinical Education and Training Institute (Medical Division), not the University of Sydney. However, the Faculty of Medicine is a strong advocate for the rights of international students to undertake an internship here in NSW at the completion of their medical studies. For more information on internships please visit the institute's website [www.imet.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.imet.health.nsw.gov.au)

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Countries that recognise the Sydney Medical Program, with varying conditions, include Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. For more details of eligibility for registration in each country, see [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)



"The course is fantastic and very well organised. The University and the Sydney Medical School are well known in North America and Canada. When Canadian students go home to do training or get jobs, it really helps that everyone has heard of the University. That made a huge difference in my choice to study here."

**NEDA BEIK**  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT  
SYDNEY MEDICAL PROGRAM

### SUPPORT WITH REGISTRATION TO PRACTISE IN NORTH AMERICA

Sydney Medical School provides assistance to students who wish to gain registration in the United States or Canada after graduation. Our program provides assistance to international and domestic students to prepare them for the United States Medical Licensing Examinations. Through our connections, we help students take electives at North American medical schools and hospitals, providing them with helpful experience and contacts if they wish to secure positions in North America after graduation.

Right: Anatomy  
Whole Body Dissection  
elective 2010



Storz  
Vision Surgical Light

Michael

Hugh Giddings

# PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

## FOUR MAIN THEMES

Four main themes provide the framework for the goals of the program, the development of the curriculum and assessment. You will be required to demonstrate satisfactory performance in all four themes in order to progress. They are as follows:

- **Basic and Clinical Sciences** ensures that you have a strong foundation in science.
- **Patient and Doctor** teaches you, within the clinical schools, clinical skills, diagnostic methods, ‘bedside manner’ and patient safety.
- **Population Medicine** introduces you to subjects such as public health, evidence-based medicine, statistics, and health economics, taught in interactive tutorial sessions.
- **Personal and Professional Development** includes medical ethics, medico-legal issues and doctors’ health. Sessions are taught in an interactive tutorial environment.

## EARLY CLINICAL CONTACT

From the first month of the Sydney Medical Program, you will have contact with patients in your clinical school and be tutored in clinical procedural skills and patient communication.

## PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING WITH ONLINE SUPPORT

Problem-based learning is a key educational approach used throughout the Sydney Medical Program. It integrates curriculum content through the presentation of patient ‘problems’ and also provides the context for you to develop your clinical reasoning skills.

By focusing on clinical problem-solving from the beginning of the program, you will learn how to identify medical issues and seek the significant information needed to define, resolve or manage them. This problem-based approach encourages you to become a skilled independent learner, able to evaluate your own achievements and identify your own learning needs.

Each week of problem-based learning in stages one and two is supported by a comprehensive set of online resources that are used to present an authentic clinical case.

The Sydney Medical Program intranet provides you with key tutorial materials needed to motivate and support your clinical reasoning during each problem week, for both group and independent learning.

## FOUR YEARS, THREE STAGES

The Sydney Medical Program is divided into three stages. The focus of each year changes and develops your understanding as you are introduced to new fields of medicine. The course is organised into ‘blocks’ of study as follows:

### Stage One (Year One)

Block one: Foundation Studies

Block two: Drug and Alcohol/  
Musculoskeletal

Block three: Respiratory Systems

Block four: Haematology, taught in your clinical school

Block five: Cardiovascular Systems

In Year One, you will spend one day each week based at your clinical school.



### Stage Two (Year Two)

Block six: Neurosciences/  
Vision/Behaviour

Block seven: Endocrine system/  
Nutrition/Sexual Health

Block eight: Renal/Urology

Block nine: Gastroenterology/Nutrition

Block ten: Oncology and Palliative Care, taught in your clinical school.

In Year Two, you will spend one day each week based at your clinical school.

### Stage Three (Years Three and Four)

A series of eight-week blocks through both years, organised into four streams. You will complete the following blocks:

- Medicine
- Surgery
- Community
- Critical Care
- Paediatrics
- Perinatal and Women’s Health
- Psychological and Addiction Medicine
- Child and Adolescent Health.



**AIMEE WISEMAN**  
SYDNEY MEDICAL  
PROGRAM

“My passion for humanitarian assistance and international aid issues led me to pursue a career in medicine.”

Year Four commences with an elective term and finishes with the pre-intern term. Sydney Medical School encourages you to spend your elective term overseas or at another location in Australia.

In the third and fourth years you will spend the majority of your time at your clinical school.

#### **HONOURS**

Students who maintain a good level of performance may choose to undertake an Honours Research Project, usually completed concurrently with studies in Stage 3. Some students choose to spend their elective term undertaking honours research. Students will be awarded first or second class Honours. On successful completion of the Medical Program with Honours students will be awarded an MBBS (Hons).

#### **MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY**

For students who wish to pursue a lengthier research project while completing the Medical Program we have a new Master of Philosophy program available. Students will undertake research during all years of their candidature. On completion of the Medical Program with a Master of Philosophy, students will be awarded an MBBS (MPhil).

#### **CLINICAL SCHOOLS**

You will gain clinical experience through an extensive network of more than 40 teaching hospitals and clinics. Clinical schools are based in major urban and rural hospitals, and you will also receive training in many smaller specialty hospitals and clinics.

Teaching hospitals include:

- Balmain Hospital
- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
- Royal North Shore Hospital
- Westmead Hospital
- Children’s Hospital at Westmead
- Nepean Hospital
- Concord Repatriation Hospital
- Sydney Eye Hospital
- Blacktown and Mt Druitt Hospital
- Manly Hospital
- Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Hospital
- Mona Vale Hospital
- Ryde Hospital
- Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Rural hospitals include:

- Lismore Base Hospital
- Orange Hospital
- Broken Hill Hospital
- Dubbo Base Hospital.

# ADMISSIONS

## GRADUATE ENTRY (DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Sydney Medical Program is offered based on three criteria:

#### (1) Performance in an undergraduate degree

Students can apply to Sydney if they have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline, achieving a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.5 out of 7 (or equivalent) from a recognised university.\*

#### (2) Performance in a medical admissions test, GAMSAT or MCAT

Students must achieve a minimum performance in a medical school admissions test – either the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT) or the Medical Colleges Admission Test (MCAT) – to obtain an interview for entry to Sydney Medical School.

Domestic students must sit GAMSAT. International students can choose to take either GAMSAT or MCAT. Applicants must achieve a minimum level of 50 in all three sections of

GAMSAT. International applicants sitting the MCAT must achieve a minimum score of 8/8/M/8.

Both tests are designed to assess:

- reasoning abilities in the humanities and social sciences
- reasoning abilities in biological and physical sciences
- written communication.

The minimum acceptable GAMSAT/MCAT score varies from year to year; please check the Sydney Medical School website for current information: [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)

GAMSAT and MCAT results are valid for two years. Applicants must have valid GAMSAT or MCAT results to qualify for the Sydney Medical Program.

GAMSAT testing centres are located in each Australian state or territory capital city and in Townsville – refer to [www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au) for details. MCAT tests are offered in many locations around the world and in Sydney and Melbourne. For details visit [www.aamc.org/students/mcat](http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat)

#### (3) Performance in an interview

The Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) aims to sample a candidate's competencies in order to gain a more accurate picture of strengths, weaknesses and suitability for the Sydney Medical Program. Applicants are required to achieve a minimum MMI score. More information about the MMI structure is available at [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)

\*Note: This component is under review. It is possible that for entry to the Medical Program beyond 2012, students will be ranked and offered places based on a combination of their GPA, as well as their performance in the admissions test and their interview score.

#### Admission

Offers of admission are made to applicants based on a combination of their performance in the interview (50 percent) and their GAMSAT/MCAT score (50 percent).

Firm offers are only made to applicants who are already graduates. Provisional offers are made to applicants who have not completed the final year of their bachelor's degree at the time of

interview. The provisional offer lapses if the applicant fails to achieve a GPA of 5.5/7 or above on completion of the degree. Offers are normally made from August to September.

Successful applicants are given a firm date by which to accept the offer of a place. Offers not accepted in writing by that date will lapse.

#### TIMELINE FOR GRADUATE ENTRY

##### Graduate admission: domestic students

- May to early June: apply directly to the Sydney Medical School. Applications close Friday 3 June 2011
- July to September: interviews are conducted and offers are made.

##### Graduate admission: international students

- May to June: apply directly to the University of Sydney, International Office\*\*. Applications close Friday 3 June 2011
- July to September: interviews are conducted and offers are made.

\*\*International students may also apply through educational agents in their country.

#### CAREER PATHWAYS

- **One-year internship:** In NSW, the internship is managed by the New South Wales Government Clinical Education and Training Institute (Medical Division). You receive provisional registration, become a junior doctor and enter the medical workforce. This part of your training is called an internship and lasts for 12 months.
- **Registration:** When you successfully complete your internship you receive full medical registration from the relevant state medical board.
- **Independent practice:** Before you can begin to practise medicine independently, you must complete a program of postgraduate medical training and achieve a fellowship of a medical college.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION: GRADUATE ENTRY

Visit the ACER website for information about sitting the GAMSAT.

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[www.aamc.org/students/mcat](http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat)

##### Sydney Medical School

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[sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students)

#### MEDICINE PATHWAY

##### HIGH SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS

Senior High School/A levels/  
International Baccalaureate, etc

##### BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ANY DISCIPLINE

Past students have taken arts, law, business, medical science, nursing, physical sciences, engineering and other disciplines as their first degree.

##### ADMISSIONS TEST

GAMSAT (local and international students) or MCAT (international students only)

##### INTERVIEW

##### THE SYDNEY MEDICAL PROGRAM

Stage 1 – Year 1  
Stage 2 – Year 2  
Stage 3 – Years 3 and 4

##### GRADUATE WITH MBBS

(Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)

#### FIRST DEGREES OF DOMESTIC STUDENTS STARTING THE SYDNEY MEDICAL PROGRAM

– Arts/social sciences	5%
– Biological sciences	29%
– Commerce/economics	5%
– Engineering	5%
– Health sciences	5%
– Human biosciences	22%
– Law	2%
– Other/not stated	5%
– Pharmacy	9%
– Physical sciences	4%
– Psychology	6%
– Physiotherapy	3%

## ADMISSIONS UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Sydney Medical School has an alternative, highly competitive pathway into the Sydney Medical Program open to up to 30 high school graduates each year, via the combined medicine programs.

Students who meet the admissions criteria are able to combine an approved undergraduate degree at the University of Sydney with the four-year graduate entry Sydney Medical Program. The following programs are available:

- Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Hons)/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BA(Adv)(Hons)/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BCom/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BEc/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BMedSc/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BMusStudies/MBBS)
- Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BSc(Adv)/MBBS).

Domestic students are eligible to apply for entry to all the combined degrees, subject to the standard admission requirements. Not all the combined degrees are open for application by international students.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for one of the combined Medicine courses, applicants must have one of the following qualifications from the previous year:

- an Australian Year 12 qualification
- an International Baccalaureate in Australia
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3
- the University of Sydney Foundation Program (international students only).

Applicants must also have a high ATAR (or equivalent) rank – the 2010 cut-off was 99.50 for BMusStudies/MBBS and 99.95 for other combined programs (95.00 for ATSI applicants). They will also need to attend an interview and Bachelor of Music Studies students will need to attend an audition.

Up to five additional places will be offered each year to applicants who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people. ATSI applicants will be expected to achieve an ATAR of 95 or more. Applicants with an ATAR of 99.95 will be awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Outstanding Achievement Award.

### HOW TO APPLY

**Local students:** Applicants are required to apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) by 30 September.

**Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students:** ATSI students must also apply through the Cadigal Special Entry Program of the Koori Centre for these courses.

**International students:** Applicants must apply through UAC by 30 September if they are an international fee-paying applicant:

- attempting Year 12 in Australia
- attempting an International Baccalaureate in Australia
- undertaking the New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

Other fee-paying students (eg University of Sydney Foundation Program students) must apply directly to the University's International Office by 30 September.

### INTERVIEW PROCESS

Applicants are selected for interview after consideration of their ATAR or equivalent.

Interviews will be held at the University's Camperdown Campus. Applicants will not be offered phone or video interviews.

### TIMELINE FOR UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

- September: Apply through UAC for the combined degree
- December: ATAR ranks released. Interviews will be held within a short time of ATAR ranks being released – in late December for NSW applicants and early January for interstate and international applicants.
- January: offers made by UAC
- March: enrol and start the first degree.

Please refer to page 11 for Sydney Medical Program pathway information.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY**  
Universities Admissions Centre  
[www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

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Nathan Creber

A close-up portrait of a young man with short dark hair, a mustache, and a goatee, smiling warmly. He is wearing a vertically striped button-down shirt with colors including pink, blue, and grey. The background is softly blurred with warm, golden light.

“During my undergraduate studies at the University of Auckland my friends told me about Sydney Medical School and what a prestigious school it was. But the major factors that drew me here were the focus on problem-based learning, the traditional lectures and the early clinical exposure.”

**JOEL RABINDRAN**  
SYDNEY MEDICAL  
PROGRAM

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FEES: DOMESTIC STUDENTS

Eligible domestic students are Australian or New Zealand citizens, or Australian permanent residents. A Commonwealth-supported (formerly HECS) place is a higher education place for which the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of education. Commonwealth-supported students are also required to contribute to the cost of their education. In 2010, the contribution for the Sydney Medical Program was A\$8859 per annum. The contribution rises by approximately 5 percent each year. For information regarding FEE-HELP and loans please see [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

### FEES: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Applicants who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, and who are not citizens of New Zealand, are considered international students, and are accepted into the University only on a full-fee paying basis.

The fee for 2011 is A\$59,280 per year, plus four years of mandatory Overseas Student Health Cover, which costs a total of A\$1605.

The University's tuition fees are reviewed annually and may be varied during your period of study.

You will also need to allow for around A\$18,000 per year to cover living costs. Prospective students should review [sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/future-students) for current information.

### INTERNSHIP

Sydney Medical Program graduates are eligible for registration by medical boards in all Australian states and territories and in New Zealand, on satisfactory completion of an internship with an approved hospital.

In Australia internships are managed by state health departments. Information regarding internships in NSW can be found on the website of the New South Wales Government Clinical Education and Training Institute (Medical Division): [www.imet.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.imet.health.nsw.gov.au)

### NSW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

These requirements apply for all medical students and include a criminal record check, prohibited employment declaration and evidence of current vaccinations. More details are available at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs/student\\_clearance/index.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs/student_clearance/index.asp)

### ADHERENCE WITH UNIVERSITY POLICIES

The dean of a faculty is responsible for the admission of candidates to courses within that faculty, subject to the policies of the Senate and the Academic Board and the authority of the Vice-Chancellor (see clause 37.2 of *The University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999*).

The dean, in exercising responsibility in making any decision, will abide by University policies in relation to admission to Sydney Medical School award courses, including those that specify that applications for admissions are considered according to the criteria detailed in the course resolutions and handbook.



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