

2025

Medical Program Guide









Message from the Dean of the Medical Program

To all prospective medical students,

Your aspirations to make a positive impact on people's lives and your genuine concern for others are at the core of your pursuit of a career in medicine. Here at Bond University, we deeply understand the significance of these motivations, and our goal is to provide you with the care and support necessary for your success during your time as students.

Our Medical Program[^] stands out due to our small group learning environment, which ensures individual attention and fosters a strong sense of community among students. We firmly believe that creating a close-knit community facilitates deeper connections and more effective learning experiences. Furthermore, we place great importance on your well-being, recognising that your overall health and happiness are crucial for your achievements as students and future medical professionals.

Throughout your journey, our team of experienced academics and professionals will be there to guide and support you. They are dedicated to delivering an exceptional student experience and assisting you in realising your full potential as doctors. Through hands-on practical training and comprehensive pastoral care, our aim is to equip you with the skills, knowledge, and empathy needed to excel in your future medical practice.

It is a privilege for me to work alongside my committed colleagues in providing top-quality medical education to all of you. We consider it an honour to be a part of your journey as you work towards your desired careers in healthcare and medicine. I eagerly look forward to witnessing the accomplishments of all our graduates and the positive impact you will make in the world.

Allow me to conclude with a quote by Sir Ken Robinson: "Education needs to address the world around our learners but also the world within our learners." Remember that the knowledge and skills you acquire are not only meant to serve others but also to nurture your own personal growth and development. Embrace this opportunity to not only gain expertise in medicine but also to discover more about yourself and the world around you.

Congratulations on embarking on this noble path. We are thrilled to welcome you to Bond University and provide unwavering support as you grow into compassionate and skilled healthcare professionals. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Professor Kirsty Forrest

MBChB, BSc Hons, FRCA, MMEd, FAcadMEd, FANZCA Dean of the Medical Program Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine Bond University

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How Bond rates



We're #1

1 in Australia for undergraduate student experience, 17 years in a row

1 in Australia for learner engagement, student support, learning resources, teaching quality, and skills development



5 stars for

Teaching Internationalisation

Employability Facilities

Academic Inclusiveness

development Medicine



Personal support along the way*

Australia's lowest student-to-teacher ratio of 11:1

How Bond medicine rates



Undergraduate

5 stars and *1 in Australia for Learner Engagement 5 stars and *1 in Queensland for Student Support *1 in Queensland for Skills Development, Teaching Quality and Learning Resources°



Postgraduate

*1 in Queensland for Skills Development,
 Learning Resources and Learner Engagement**
 *1 in Australia for full-time employment~

^{* 2023} Good Universities Guide.

 ^{2023/2024} Good Universities Guide. The Good Universities Guide is a trusted independent consumer guide providing ratings, rankings and comments about all Australian higher education institutions.

^{** 2021-2022} Student Experience Survey.

^{† 2023 - 2026} QS Star ratings. QS Stars is a global rating system providing students with a detailed overview of a university's excellence. The rating explores program strength, facilities and graduate employability for education institutions across the world.

²⁰²⁰⁻²⁰²² Graduate Outcomes Survey.

Program overview

Bond Medical Program[^]

Duration: 4 years, 8 months full-time

(3 semesters per year) 14 semesters total

Starting: May, September

Bachelor of Medical Studies
Program code: CC-60026
CRICOS code: 0101292

Doctor of Medicine

Program code: CC-63048 CRICOS code: 111520H

Description

In today's complex healthcare environment, Bond's Medical Program^ will equip you with the fundamental knowledge, skills and attributes required to practice medicine safely and effectively. You'll graduate with the clinical, interpersonal, teamwork, and leadership skills required to deliver high-quality healthcare outcomes as well as an engrained commitment to care for yourself, your colleagues, and all community groups.

The Medical Program[^] comprises two sequential degrees. You'll first be required to complete the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) where you will be immersed in small group learning, simulation activities, community and clinical placements, and a cultural immersion experience.

You'll then complete the Doctor of Medicine (MD) to be eligible to practice medicine. You'll engage in evidence-based medicine and integrated placements within clinical sites and will gain extended exposure to areas such as child health, medicine, mental health, surgery, and women's health during your placement.

Graduate with the advantage of entering the workforce as a doctor in 4 years, 8 months.

Vision

The Medical Program[^] offers students opportunities to bring to life their ambitions to become outstanding practitioners, thinkers and leaders, well equipped to deliver evidenced-based, patient-centred health care that meets the needs of a diverse community.

Mission

The Medical Program[^] prepares practitioners with the attributes required for guiding health care into the future.

Professional outcomes and recognition

Upon successful completion of the Medical Programˆ, graduates are eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in any state or territory in Australia or New Zealand.

Graduates will have the appropriate knowledge, attitudes, and skills to work effectively as interns in Australian and New Zealand hospitals and will be ideally positioned to undergo further training in any of the Australasian specialty colleges, for example General Practice.

Please note that internship places are assessed by individual states. Graduates from Queensland Medical schools, including Bond, are currently guaranteed an offer of an internship place in Queensland.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Medical Studies and Doctor of Medicine degrees are accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) ensuring that they meet or exceed the agreed national guidelines for medical education.

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Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt)

(CRICOS 0101292)

Years 1 - 3: The pre-clinical years

In the first two years (5 semesters) of the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt), learning and teaching occurs mainly in small group sessions comprised of interactive cases through case based learning, as well as clinical skills laboratories, simulation activities, community and clinical placements and a cultural immersion experience.

The program extensively uses a problem-based learning (PBL) approach, where each week introduces a clinical case around which the learning is integrated.

In the third year, students are located at the Bond University Clinical Education and Research Centre at Robina Hospital. This enables students to have a full additional year immersed in the clinical environment and acts as an excellent transition from the campus based learning to the full immersion in the workplace in the Bond Doctor of Medicine (MD) (CRICOS 111520H) program.

Year 1

2 semesters

Year 1 is framed around the human lifecycle from conception to old age. Science and Scholarship Domain content commences with the molecular and cellular foundations of life and outlines the body's systems. The focus is on introducing the structure and function of discrete organs, as well as homeostatic regulation. The Health and Society Domain introduces the psychological basis of normal human behaviour relevant to health at different age groups and each stage of life. Key concepts in population health are introduced, including health in remote regions and an exploration of the legacy of the socio-political history of Australia and the ongoing effects of colonisation and racism as well as how this affects the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Nations Peoples. The Clinical Practice Domain includes gaining competency in procedural skills and the foundations of effective clinical practice which includes history taking and effective communication. These are explored through an introduction to conducting effective observations of both healthy and 'ill' people utilising simulated participants. They are integrated into a clinical practice curriculum designed to promote awareness of the roles of the doctor and healthcare system, the impact of illness on the patient, their family, and society.

The Professionalism & Leadership Domain introduces essential skills relating to professionalism and leadership, including interpersonal and communication skills required to be an effective team member, reflection, social awareness, and self-regulation. The core concepts of medical ethical principles and medico-legal aspects of health care such as the nature of physician virtue, social justice and medicine, fitness for practice, and negligence are explored.

Year 2

3 semesters

Year 2 is framed around a second cycle through the body systems. The emphasis on the relationships between normal structure and function continues and builds complexity by teaching body systems. Disease processes and microorganisms are introduced along with the mechanisms for 'restoring' normal function. A basic understanding of diagnostic investigations is introduced.

Broader aspects of health psychology, that underpin issues relating to chronic illness, health uncertainty, and predicting or modifying health behaviour are introduced. As the year progresses behavioural sciences content is deepened by exploring the variation in health outcomes by phenotype and in individuals, groups, and populations. This is informed by discussions and readings in epigenetics, biological underpinnings of behaviour, and social and cultural diversity as well as economic disparity.

Health psychology continues to enhance this knowledge with cognitive and emotional relevance. Roles of First Nations health workers; the kinship care systems in the context of Australia's past policies of forced removal of Indigenous children; and the inequities and challenges of providing care in remote communities are explored. Social, political, and economic factors associated with health care in remote communities, including inequities, will be discussed.

The foundation of knowledge and skills that define a competent practitioner continues with history taking and acknowledges emotional aspects of healthcare inherent to being a patient or family member or carer and therefore essential for practitioners to recognise. Specialist communication skills are introduced by teaching the SPIKES framework of breaking bad news. Physical examination is taught in conjunction with the body systems and acquisition of an array of related procedural skills.

Foundations of ethical principles are extended by increasing the emphasis on the medico-legal framework of healthcare. The students' developing ethical framework is deliberately challenged by working through a series of moral dilemma conferences that are embedded in a small number of small group learning (SGL) sessions in each semester. A competency approach for the continuous development of personal and social skills, that underpin professionalism, is embedded within SGL. This supports the continued spiralled development of the essential skills that build professionalism and leadership such as critical thinking, reflection, and constructive insight involving other skills such as giving and receiving feedback. A range of learning techniques are used to support the transition phases of the students to be work-ready when graduating with strong, demonstrable, professional attributes and skillsets with placements in the community continuing to provide occupational context for healthcare systems.

Year 3

3 semesters

Year 3 is framed around the understanding and recognition of illness to prepare students effectively for Phase 2. Learning builds on the experiences and foundation knowledge gained in years 1 and 2, with a focus on the knowledge and skills fundamental to the principles of diagnosis, interpretation of common investigations, clinical reasoning, and initial patient management. The year is structured around the core disciplines of surgery, women's health, general practice, internal medicine, child health, mental health, and emergency medicine. These core blocks encompass the impact of eco-biopsychosocial and cultural constructs on illness and explore community and population health and healthcare. The experiential learning is supported with clinical exposure at a general practice and in the community.

Students will work through a variety of authentic patient cases via Bond Virtual Healthcare. These cases will be facilitated by experienced clinicians in the Bond Virtual Healthcare setting – a curriculum vehicle in a format that allows students to progress their learning in small groups supplemented with supportive feedback from a clinical tutor. Contemporary, simulation-based education activities prepare students for clinical practice on Bond Varsity Campus and at the Bond University Clinical Education and Research Centre located in the Robina Hospital. Professional development will continue to guide the development of competencies to effectively manage complex and stressful situations involving both individuals and groups. Students gain the necessary skills to be able to practise evidence based healthcare, and the development of research skills will equip students with skills in core evaluation and basic research techniques.



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Doctor of Medicine (MD)

(CRICOS 111520H)

The clinical years

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) is an extended masters Level 9 program and is undertaken through clinical placements in hospital and community healthcare settings, as well as face-to-face teaching at timetabled education sessions. During this time, students undertake a research or professional project, or a capstone experience and prepare a portfolio of their work.

The Bond MD spans 6 semesters consisting of 12 clinical placements, each seven weeks long.

This may include placements through the following clinical disciplines:

- · Child Health
- Medicine
- Mental Health
- Surgery
- · Women's Health
- Community-based
- Emergency Medicine
- General Practice
- · Advanced Clinical Skills
- Critical Care / Anaesthetics / (+- Orthopaedics)
- Selective (student choice, for example a medical subspecialty)
- Capstone Experience
- Two elective placements (students have an opportunity to undertake clinical placements either in Australia or overseas, one of which can be the capstone experience for students who have selected this option).

Throughout both years work based assessments, written assessments and objective structured clinical examination provide feedback and confirm progression of students towards graduation. Students also submit their final portfolio at the end-of-year for points accrual.

Students will plan their MD project at the commencement of MD and complete their MD project in their final year, which is either research, medical education project, or a capstone experience. The project will culminate in the submission of a final report and presentation at the end-of-year conference.

Please be aware that due to placement opportunities, the length of semesters may vary compared to the standard Bond University academic calendar.

Medical internship application

Graduates of Bond Medical Program are eligible to apply for accredited intern positions in Queensland and across Australia.



Moulage or visual effects makeup is used as a training tactic within highly-immersive hospital settings



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Entry requirements and application process

Entry requirements

The Bond Medical Program[^] is open to domestic Year 12 school leavers and to students who have started or completed an undergraduate program, with a competitive ATAR/OP or GPA. Bond University will be offering 80 per cent of total places to undergraduate applicants and 20 per cent of total places to graduate applicants.

For entry into the Medical Program[^], the following definitions apply:

- Undergraduate An applicant who has completed high school senior certificate (equivalent to Queensland Year 12) with, or without, incomplete tertiary studies.
- Graduate An applicant who has completed a bachelor's degree.

Enrolments in the program are strictly limited to ensure small class sizes and sufficient clinical placements. As such, entry is extremely competitive.

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Undergraduate applicants

Undergraduate applicants will be assessed on the following criteria: Overall secondary academic results which must include Year 12 English, English as an Additional Language, Literature, or English & Literature Extension (QCAA General Subject, Units 3 and 4 at Grade C or equivalent). Applicants who do not meet these prerequisites must complete an approved bridging course before their application can be considered.

Graduate applicants

Graduate applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria: GPA from a recognised university degree completed within the last nine years. If your postgraduate qualification is completed more than nine years immediately preceding the close of applications, it cannot be considered for academic assessment. You need to complete a minimum of one-year full-time equivalent in an eligible postgraduate coursework program to attain a GPA that can be used to calculate a rank.

For full entry requirements visit **bond.edu.au/medicine**.

To see how Bond will assess your qualifications for a rank, visit bond.edu.au/program/medical-program/medical-program-entry-assessment-table

Australian First Nations

Australian First Nations applicants are invited to contact Assistant Professor Bridie Mulholland, First Nations Health, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine to discuss specific admissions pathway and scholarship opportunities: **bmulholl@bond.edu.au** or phone 07 5595 4421.



Students learn in diverse clinical placements from public, private, community to international locations.





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January

February

March

March

QTAC application

Psychometric test

Interview process

Application outcome

Application process

Step 1: Lodge your application through QTAC

Applications must be lodged through QTAC (**qtac.edu.au**) for undergraduate and postgraduate applicants and should include all required documentation. Bond University will determine your eligibility to sit the psychometric test based on an assessment of your academic performance. Selected applicants will be invited to complete Step 2 of the application process. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified via their QTAC application.

Step 2: Psychometric assessment

In 2024 approximately 800 eligible applicants were invited to complete a compulsory online psychometric assessment. This test does incur a fee, to be paid by the applicant direct to the test provider.

The results identified approximately 500 applicants who were shortlisted and invited to attend an interview. Unsuccessful applicants are notified via their QTAC application.

Step 3: Interview process

The results of the psychometric test will determine eligibility for being offered an interview as the next step of the assessment process. Interviews will be held in person at Bond University on the Gold Coast, where general suitability to medicine and preparedness to undertake a highly demanding course will be examined in a structured multi mini interview (MMI).

Applicants will be assessed on the following:

- · Outstanding academic achievement
- Demonstrated ability to achieve graduate outcomes of:
- Knowledge and critical thinking
- Leadership
- Initiative and teamwork
- Communication skills
- Responsibility
- Ethical decision-making skills
- Motivation
- Non-verbal reasoning

Step 4: Application outcomes

Following the interviews, QTAC will release offers in March notifying all successful applicants, who will have five days to accept their offer. Subsequent offers will be determined after this date. All shortlisted applicants will know the outcome of their application by the end of April. For specific dates, please scan the QR code below to refer to the website:



Important dates

Scan for important application dates, deadlines and information sessions, or visit **bond.edu.au/medical-program-dates**



FAQs

Scan for frequently asked questions or visit bond.edu.au/medical-program-fag

Disclaimer: Please note the Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine will not enter into discussions regarding assessment of individual applications and outcomes of interview. Questions about key dates or entry requirements may be sent to: **medicine-admissions@bond.edu.au**

Alternative pathways into the Bond Medical Program[^]

Bachelor of Medical Studies (CRICOS 0101292) and Doctor of Medicine (CRICOS 111520H)

As entry into the Medical Program^{is highly competitive, Bond} University offers a number of different undergraduate and postgraduate pathway options for applicants who are strongly motivated towards a career in the health industry.

Domestic and international students who graduate from the following Bond University programs, meeting the minimum required GPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 (Bond grading) will be eligible to apply for selection to enter Year 2 of the Bachelor of Medical Studies

- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (in the Pre-Health Professional major) (CRICOS 063085B)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (CRICOS 106625H)
- Doctor of Physiotherapy (CRICOS 111801K)
- Master of Nutrition and Dietetic Practice (CRICOS 105326E)

Domestic and international students who graduate from the Master of Healthcare Innovations who completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science prior to their Healthcare Innovations award and meet the minimum required GPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 (Bond grading) may also be eligible to apply for selection to enter Year 2 Bachelor of Medical Studies. Such eligibility is dependent on a check of transcripts from the Bachelor of Biomedical Science degree to determine eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

The selection process for Bachelor of Medical Studies will be based on GPA, psychometric testing and an interview. Places in Year 2 of the Bachelor of Medical Studies for the graduates of the programs listed are limited and dependent on availability.

Currently, these are the only pathways into the Bachelor of Medical Studies and Doctor of Medicine available to international students. Successful students will commence in Year 2 of the Bachelor of Medical Studies and on successful completion of Bachelor of Medical Studies, will be allowed to progress to the Doctor of Medicine (MD).

Lateral entry timeline



June

Expression of interest



June-September

Application



October

Psychometric testing



October

Interview



October

Offers made



November

Deadline to accept offers



January

Commence Year 2 Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt)

Year 2

Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Pre-Health Professional major) (CRICOS 063085B)

Master of Occupational Therapy (CRICOS 106625H)

Doctor of Physiotherapy (CRICOS 111801K)

Master of Nutrition and Dietetic Practice (CRICOS 105326E)



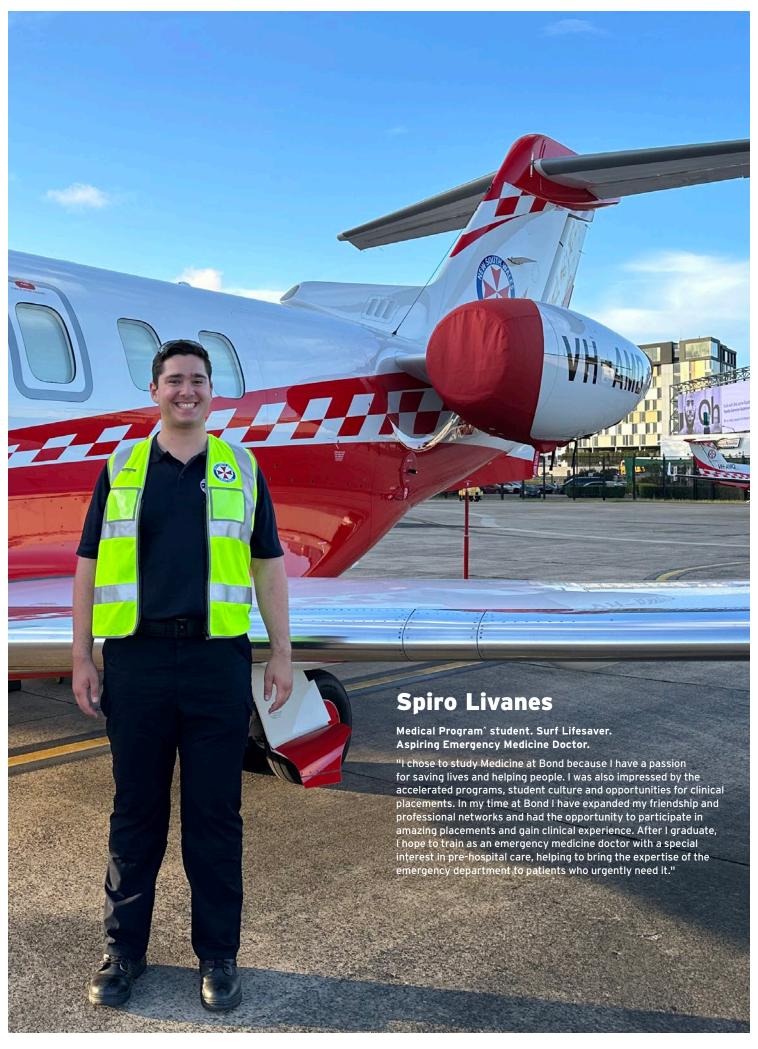
Bachelor of Medical Studies* (CRICOS 0101292)

Master of Healthcare Innovations** (CRICOS 099578F)



Learn more

- Entry to BMedSt is subject to applicants meeting all entry requirements and the availability of places Must have completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science prior to Healthcare Innovations award
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Spiro spent two weeks with the doctors, paramedics, nurses, pilots, aircrew, and support staff of the Aeromedical Operations Team of NSW Ambulance.

Investing in your future

Bond University is a not-for-profit, private university. Our undergraduate places are not subsidised by the government. To view the current Bond University fee schedule, please visit **bond.edu.au/fees**.

Medicine students will be required to pay their first semester's fees when accepting their offer. Future semesters' fees will be due at the start of each semester.

Students enrolled in the Bond Medical Program[^] are currently able to seek the following forms of financial assistance:

FEE-HELP

FEE-HELP is an interest-free loan offered by the Australian Government to help eligible fee-paying students pay their tuition fees. Please note that the FEE-HELP maximum entitlements are not sufficient to meet the full tuition costs for the Bond Medical Program.

For more information, visit studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help

SA-HELP

SA-HELP to defray the costs of Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is available to Australian citizens and for New Zealand citizens who meet eligibility requirements.

For more information, visit bond.edu.au/current-students/study-information/enrolment/fees-other-costs

ABSTUDY and THE MD COMPONENT

Indigenous Medical Students may be eligible for Australian Government Support for tuition fees incurred during the final two years of the Medical Program, that is the extended master's component of the Doctor of Medicine degree (CRICOS 111520H).

For more information please visit humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/abstudy

There is no Australian Government Support for tuition fees for Indigenous students to complete the Bachelor of Medical Studies (CRICOS 0101292) component of the Bond Medical Program. Indigenous Students are able to access FEE-HELP to assist with funding this portion of the Medical Program.

Australian First Nations

Bond University is committed to providing opportunities in tertiary education for First Nations Australians, including a First Nations pathway into its Medical Program[^].

For more information visit bond.edu.au/scholarship/bond-university-first-nations-medical-scholarship.

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Dr Thejaani Aran was the Bond Medical Program's 1000th doctor to graduate in 2021, 16 years after the program was launched.



In their pre-clinical years, students learn in small group sessions which will comprise of interactive cases, clinical skills and laboratory sessions.





You will be immersed in simulated learning environments where you will work with simulated participant and clinical teams using real-word hospital processes. This is an excellent transition from your campus-based learnings to the full immersion in the workplace.

More questions about medicine at Bond?



Explore our FAQs bond.edu.au/medical-program-faq



Find out how to apply

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