

INDIGENOUS ENTRY INTO MEDICINE PRE-MEDICINE PROGRAM 2017

Explanatory Notes

OUTLINE

The Indigenous Entry into Medicine Scheme at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) aims to play a significant part in redressing the existing imbalance by offering suitable students an alternate entry scheme who best meets the selection criteria (outlined below). The scheme is designed for high school students, current undergraduate and postgraduate students or mature age students.

A career in medicine is a challenging and ambitious choice. The challenges include providing comprehensive care to patients and those who support them, and staying abreast of clinical and scientific advances. UNSW Faculty of Medicine is dedicated to helping you gain the knowledge and skills that will equip you to be an effective and assist you to establish a pattern of life-long learning. We believe that your experiences and learning to date are very important: they have influenced your consideration of Medicine as a career. We ask you to take some time to reflect and write about yourself as part of the application process. Some applicants **may be required** to attend an interview. If you are called for an interview, we will look forward to talking with you about yourself and your experiences, and your interviewers will have read your application before they meet with you, as an introduction to getting to know you.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

1. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The definition is as follows; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander parentage self-identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and are accepted by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
2. Evidence of Academic Capability
Please note: *A number of measures may be used to assess this criterion, for example:*
 - Secondary/tertiary education records
 - Examples of educational attainment
 - Other evidence of the applicant's ability to succeed in studying Medicine at UNSW
3. Commitment to and knowledge of community concerns relating to Indigenous health issues

SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

Students will be selected into the Pre-Medicine Program using the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated motivation to practice Medicine
2. Academic capability, including, the capacity to achieve within the UNSW Medical Program
3. Demonstrated ability to relate to Indigenous Health issues

Please note: *All three of the above criteria will be considered in selection*

THE INTERVIEW

Applicants **may be** requested to attend an interview if the selection panel require further information from you. These will be held **mid October 2017**. The interview panel will consist of interviewers drawn from:

- The Rural Clinical School, Faculty of Medicine, UNSW
- Nura Gili, Indigenous Programs at UNSW

PARTICIPATION IN THE PRE-MEDICINE PROGRAM (PMP)

Suitable applicants based on their eligibility, will be asked to participate in a three and a half-week Pre-Medicine Program (PMP) which helps UNSW assess a person's readiness for studying Medicine at UNSW. The PMP will be held in Sydney at UNSW from **Wednesday 22nd November to Thursday 14th December 2017**.

ACCEPTANCE INTO MEDICINE

Students who complete the Pre-Medicine Program (PMP) must do so at a level deemed satisfactory by the UNSW Faculty of Medicine. Acceptance into Medicine at UNSW is based on a combination of criteria and includes:

1. Overall performance and motivation
2. Academic capability, including, the capacity to achieve within the UNSW Medical Program
3. Sound communication and interpersonal skills
4. A commitment to Indigenous health and community issues.

Final selection for UNSW Indigenous Entry into the Medical Scheme will be made once the program has been completed.

Please note: Satisfactory performance in the Pre-Medicine Program does not guarantee a place in the UNSW Medicine Program.

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

There are no prerequisites for entry into Medicine at UNSW, however, it is preferred that you have completed some Sciences (Biology/Chemistry) in your HSC (or equivalent). There is also an assumed knowledge in English. Assumed knowledge is a level of achievement in the HSC (or equivalent) considered desirable for successful study in a University Program or first year course. Students who have not completed chemistry in their high school or undergraduate studies may be advised during the Pre-Medicine Program that they will need to complete bridging courses before they enter into the UNSW Medical Program.

SUPPORT

1. A number of scholarships are available. For more information, refer to the UNSW website <http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au>
2. The Rural Clinical School and Nura Gili, Indigenous Programs at UNSW will coordinate and provide ongoing academic and personal support to all Indigenous medical students at UNSW. The Indigenous Tutorial Program (ITP) is available at UNSW.

STUDENT OBLIGATION

1. Accept the support of Nura Gili, ITP tutoring, the Faculty of Medicine and the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA).
2. Support the activities of the Rural Clinical School in the UNSW Faculty of Medicine where the student feels able, such as promotion of the Indigenous Entry into Medicine Scheme to high school students, during their studies at the UNSW.

APPLICATION and SELECTION PROCESS

1. Send the attached application form along with a **passport sized photo** and **certified copies of all documents** to Cheryl Ah-See at Nura Gili Indigenous Programs by **30th September 2017**.
2. Apply through the NSW University Admission Centre (UAC) by **30th September 2017**. For more information please telephone UAC directly on (02) 9752 0200 or visit their website: <http://www.uac.edu.au>
3. You may be selected for interview if the selection panel would like to learn more about you in addition to your application. You will be notified of this in **early October 2017**.
4. If required for an interview, they will be conducted **mid October 2017**.
5. Applicants will be advised by Nura Gili in **late October 2017** of progression to UNSW Pre-Medicine Program.
6. Pre-Medicine Program held **Wednesday 22nd November to Thursday 14th December 2017**

PHASE 1 - PORT MACQUARIE CAMPUS

UNSW Medicine is offering undergraduate students an opportunity to complete Year 1 and Year 2 (Phase 1) of the undergraduate Medicine program at the Port Macquarie campus. Here they will receive an award winning medical education and be exposed to the same curriculum, course content and teaching excellence as Sydney-based students. You can find more information by visiting [here](#).

Please indicate, if successful, your preference of campus for Year 1 Medicine.

Sydney

Port Macquarie

CONTACTS

For further information on Nura Gili and its student support programs contact:

Cheryl Ah-See
Student Support Officer
Nura Gili Indigenous Programs
UNSW SYDNEY NSW 2052
Telephone: 02 9385 8307
Email: c.ah-see@unsw.edu.au
Website: <http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au>

For specific information about studying Medicine at UNSW, contact:

Genevieve McKay
Rural Clinical School - Sydney Campus
Faculty of Medicine
UNSW SYDNEY NSW 2052
Telephone: 02 9385 3210
Email: g.mckay@unsw.edu.au
Website: <http://indigenous.med.unsw.edu.au>



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Application Form for 2017 Pre-Medicine Program

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The details we ask you to provide assist us with selection, to contact you and to link the application with other parts of the selection process. No information will be passed on to any third party.

- Limit your application to 20 pages.
- Pages must be securely fastened (**no** presentation folders or bound documents please).
- Send **certified** photocopies of documents only.
- No additional information is to be sent after the closing date (unless requested).
- Faxed applications are not accepted.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Please use Express Post if sending an application from a rural area.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male Female (please tick)

Postal Address: _____
 _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: () _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: () _____

Email: _____

2. APPLICATION DETAILS

UAC Number: _____ Predicted ATAR Score: _____ (2017 HSC Students only)

3. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY (LAST 10 YEARS ONLY)

Years of Study	Name of School/University/College	Course(s) undertaken	Completed? (Y/N)

4. WORK EXPERIENCE Include any experience that may be relevant to Medicine

Year/s	Name of Employer	Main Duties

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

	Included (please tick)
1. One short essay: (no more than 500 words) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Outlines your motivation for wanting to study Medicine▪ Describes any Indigenous health or community related experiences you have undertaken and, if relevant, describe how this experience has influenced your decision to study Medicine.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. <u>Certified copies</u> of Year 11 School reports and the half-yearly report of Year 12 (if completing the Higher School Certificate, or equivalent in other states, in 2017).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. <u>Certified copy</u> of proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background in the form of a signed letter from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation, including the organisation's common seal.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. One passport sized photo attached to the front page of your application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. For non-High School Applicants please provide points 1, 3 & 4 along with a <u>copy of your resume</u> and; <u>Certified copies</u> of HSC ATAR (or equivalent) and subject results/academic results from university course(s) or any other evidence of academic achievement.	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. DECLARATION

- I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.
- I believe I have provided truthful answers to all these questions, in my own words.
- I have included all necessary documentation as indicated in section 5.

I am / am not* aware of any reason that might potentially restrict my ability to obtain registered medical student status with the NSW Medical Board** or practise as a doctor in future. (*Delete one option)

Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ /17

**Please Note:

Working as a doctor may be both physically and emotionally demanding. You may be exposed to stresses and diseases that could make your life difficult. If you have any concerns about these issues or if you are aware of any reason (such as a chronic illness, a disability or a criminal conviction) or any impairment that might make it difficult for you to gain medical student registration with the NSW Medical Board, or to practise as a doctor after graduating from UNSW, we urge you to ask to speak about this in confidence with one of our independent Faculty advisers. This person will play no part in the selection process. Please **Contact Ute Vollmer-Conna on 9385 2945 or ute@unsw.edu.au**

7. MEDICAL DETAILS

Please provide details regarding any medical conditions that may impact on your studies during the Pre-Programs. ****NOTE – this information will remain confidential and will in no way disadvantage your application or your participation in the Pre-Programs. It will however, allow staff involved in the program to ensure adequate support is provided.**

EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

Nura Gili Indigenous Programs

nuragili@unsw.edu.au

CLOSING DATE: 30th SEPTEMBER 2017