We’re pleased to offer you the following information about joining an exciting and unique educational program to study Medicine in the Northern Territory through Flinders University. From 2011 students will be able to complete the full four year Medical course in the Northern Territory. We hope that this document will provide you with enough information to make a considered, careful decision about your future study plans. If you have any questions, please contact us directly. Contact details for the Northern Territory Clinical School sites can be found overleaf or on our website www.ntmed.flinders.edu.au.

ENTRY TO THE FLINDERS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL PROGRAM

The Flinders Graduate Entry Medical Program (GEMP) requires students to have already completed a Bachelor degree in any area. Students then have to successfully complete the GAMSAT (Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test). Students wishing to be considered for entry in 2011 will need to register for GAMSAT by the end of January 2010. Registrations open in October 2009. After having successfully completed the test, Flinders University and the NT Clinical School conduct interviews with students. If the students are successful in these interviews, they are granted entry to the Flinders program.

INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS

There will be Indigenous transition pathways to the Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP), commencing in 2011, to improve the health of Indigenous Australians and increase the number of Indigenous doctors.

CDU FEEDER COURSES

From 2011, Charles Darwin University will be offering a Bachelor level feeder course designed to allow students who have already passed UMAT or a similar assessment process to commence the Flinders University 4 Year Medical Program after 2 years of success in this Bachelor Degree Course.

THE FLINDERS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COURSE

YEAR 1 AND 2

From 2011, students will have the choice of studying Years 1 and 2 of the Flinders Graduate Entry Medical Program from the CDU campus in Darwin or the Flinders University Campus in Adelaide. The focus is on basic sciences. Weekly case discussions cover normal function and disease in individual body systems e.g. cardiovascular, respiratory, etc. At the end of Year 2 there is a period of intensive training that prepares students for direct involvement in patient care in Years 3 and 4.

YEAR 3

Year 3 is the first clinical year of the medical course. All students enrolled in the NTMP spend one semester based at Royal Darwin Hospital and either one semester in the Community Based Medical Education (CBME) Darwin program or at one of our rural sites, either Katherine or Alice Springs. This blend of a semester in a local community, combined with a semester at Royal Darwin Hospital offers students exposure to the broad spectrum of health care from the primary level to the tertiary.

YEAR 4

The final year of the medical course requires students to complete five Core Rotations, two elective units and one holiday term. Each term is six weeks. Students can choose to complete their Core Rotations in Darwin, Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy or Adelaide, or a combination of these locations. Northern Territory Clinical School students have priority for placements at Royal Darwin Hospital, Alice Springs Hospital and Nhulunbuy.
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TEACHING SITES
Charles Darwin University
Years 1 and 2 of the four year medical program will be offered at CDU in Darwin from 2011. CDU will also offer feeder courses from 2011 for school leavers seeking to transition into the Flinders Graduate Entry Medical Program.

Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH)
Year 3 students spend half a year rotating through four week blocks of the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry. Fourth year students can choose Core Rotations at RDH such as Cardiology, Emergency, Anaesthesia, Tropical Infectious Diseases etc.

Community Based Medical Education (CBME) Darwin
Year 3 students can spend six months in the CBME Darwin program in a combination of educational settings, including general practices, outpatient services and a range of primary health care services. Students also spend a dedicated two weeks in a rural or remote location with an Aboriginal Health Service.

Katherine Rural Clinical School
Students have the option of spending six months in Katherine during Year 3. Students learn in the general practice setting of a local GP clinic and an Aboriginal Medical Service; participate in daily hospital rounds as part of the medical team; join visiting consultants in surgery, medicine, midwifery, paediatrics; attend community facilities including an aged care residence, family planning clinic, ante-natal clinic, diabetes educator clinic, various allied health clinics; and participate in visits to remote communities.

Alice Springs Rural Clinical School
Students also have the option of spending six months in Alice Springs during Year 3, and/or doing any number of Core Rotations offered at Alice Springs Hospital in Year 4. During Year 3, students are placed at Central Clinic and Central Australia Aboriginal Congress, visit remote community clinics and spend time at Alice Springs Hospital with dedicated consultants.

Nhulunbuy Rural Clinical School
Through the Rural Health Core Rotation Packages, Year 4 students can do a fixed, balanced combination of Rotations according to a pre-arranged program in Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy.

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY YEARS 5 & 6
The Northern Territory Clinical School offers places to both fifth and sixth year James Cook University students at Royal Darwin Hospital. The Year 5 students rotate through the disciplines of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry and attend weekly general practice placements. The Year 6 students spend the majority of their year in Darwin, gaining enhanced experience in other sub-specialty areas such as aged care, intensive care and emergency medicine.

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The Northern Territory Clinical School is part of Flinders University School of Medicine and is a leading provider of health education in the Northern Territory, Australia.

The school provides training for Flinders University and James Cook University medical students. It also provides placement opportunities and support for Allied Health students and interstate medical students.

The NTCS has campuses in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Humpty Doo.