The Northern Territory Medical Program

From 2011, a full four-year graduate entry medical program will be delivered by Flinders University through the Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP). The NT Medical Program allows Territory students to undergo their entire medical training in the Northern Territory. The program will see up to 40 NT trained doctors graduating per year. A major focus of the program will be the recruitment and training of Indigenous people to become doctors in the Territory. A new pathway provides for qualifying Year 12 students to access the program by enrolling in a double degree program provided by an alliance between Flinders University and Charles Darwin University (CDU). A $27.8 million commitment by the Federal Government provides for infrastructure to support the medical program including the development of buildings at the Royal Darwin Hospital Campus, Charles Darwin University and infrastructure and resources in community based facilities throughout the Northern Territory.

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). After students successfully complete the GAMSAT, Flinders University will conduct interviews with students in Darwin. Final selection for entry into the GEMP is on the basis of combined performance in the Bachelor degree, the GAMSAT and the interview.

Indigenous Applicants Entry

A major focus of the NTMP will be to attract Indigenous applicants to study medicine. Indigenous applicants may apply to enter medicine in the same way as non-Indigenous applicants, or may apply through a separate pathway that will involve an interview and the successful completion of bridging program. Please contact the Northern Territory Clinical School for further details.

Flinders/CDU Double Degree Program

From 2011, Flinders University in partnership with Charles Darwin University will offer a double degree program in Bachelor of Clinical Sciences from CDU and Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) from Flinders University. Students will complete this in six years straight from high school. Applicants will be required to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admissions Test (UMAT) and applications are made through SATAC: www.satac.edu.au

Flinders University Medical Course

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

From 2011, 24 students will have the opportunity to study Year 1 and Year 2 of the Flinders Graduate Entry Medical Program at the CDU campus in Darwin. The focus is on basic sciences; clinical skills; professional and societal perspectives of health; and the normal function and disease in individual body systems eg. 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.
CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Years 1 and 2 of the four-year medical program will be offered in a dedicated building at the CDU Casuarina Campus. From 2011, school-leavers seeking to access the medical program will also be able to enrol in a six-year double degree program provided by an alliance between Flinders University and Charles Darwin University.

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 or with an Aboriginal Health Service.

KATHERINE

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

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

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

The Northern Territory Medical Program also 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 & Gynaecology, 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.

Teaching Sites

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