



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

For entry to the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

Form Return Details

Closing Date: All pages of this form are to be returned to the email address below by **5pm AWST, 15 October 2021**

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Enquiries

If you have any questions about how to apply or how to complete this form, please contact Cheryl Davis, Director Indigenous Engagement for the Faculty of Health Sciences at cheryl.davis@curtin.edu.au or phone 9266 4282.

PART 1: NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with an interest in becoming a doctor and completing the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery course are strongly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants can be:

- School leavers who have completed year 12 or equivalent and achieved an ATAR and competency in English.
- Students who have completed the Indigenous Pre-Medicine and Health Sciences Enabling course.
- Graduates from any university who hold a completed tertiary degree record.
- Curtin Course Switchers who have a record of study from Curtin University and must not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas university. The study at Curtin must be a minimum of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) and maximum of two years full-time (or part-time equivalent). Course switchers **MUST** commence the MBBS program in the first year of the course.

To be eligible to apply you need to:

- have successfully completed or be on track to complete one of the qualifications listed above
- have completed a pre-medical course in Chemistry OR Chemistry ATAR or equivalent
- meet the English requirements of the course
- meet the inherent requirements (see point 2)
- confirm Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (point 3).

How to Apply

The following is a step by step list of the mandatory requirements to apply and advance to the interview stage.

1. **Submit an application for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entry to the MBBS to the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) by 15 October 2021.**

You DO NOT have to lodge an application with the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) or sit the Undergraduate Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) (though this is encouraged) if you are applying for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander quota place.

2. **Meet Inherent Requirements**

Please refer to the Medicine Inherent Requirements statements at <https://study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine/> and decide if you may experience challenges in meeting these requirements. The School is supportive of the inclusion of students with disabilities by providing reasonable adjustments to the teaching and assessment processes. However, adjustments cannot be provided which would undermine the core or inherent learning required and thus compromise the integrity of the program.

3. **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Declaration**

It is a requirement of the MBBS course that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants provide confirmation of Aboriginality. The confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent must be a signed written statement “signed under seal” by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation in the community from which the applicant originates or is recognised, providing confirmation that the applicant is recognised by the community in which he/she is from.

It is important that applicants seeking admission via this pathway begin the process of obtaining their Confirmation of Aboriginality immediately. A valid Confirmation of Aboriginality is required to receive an offer for the course.

4. If you have changed your name, provide official name change documents.

The application form starts at PART 2. The form is to be downloaded and completed electronically by the applicant, then printed, signed and submitted via email. Additional information can be added at the back of the form as necessary. This application together with scanned original documents, official transcripts and hard copies of other parts of your application must be submitted to cmsfuturestudents@curtin.edu.au. Please keep a copy of your application for your own records.

Applications will not be processed further, unless all documentation is provided by the closing date.

Communicating with you about your application

Email will be the main way to contact you about your application. It is important you provide a current email address which will be valid from October 2021 to February 2022 and that you regularly check your email address.

PART 2: PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

Title																					
Family Name																					
Given Name/s																					
Birth Date (dd/mm/yyyy)																Gender	Male		Female		
Home Phone Number	Mobile Number																				
Email Address																					
Permanent Living Address																					
		Suburb										Postcode									
Postal Address (If different to your permanent living address)																					
		Suburb										Postcode									
Are you currently, or have you ever been a student at Curtin University? Please place X in the box that applies to you.															Yes		No				
If yes, what is/was your Student ID number?																					
Has your name changed since you were last enrolled at Curtin/WAIT? If yes, please provide your new name and evidence of your name change (e.g marriage certificate)																					
Family Contact Name																					
Relationship to you (eg, mother)																					
Family Contact Postal Address																					
		Suburb										Postcode									

Medical/Disability Needs

The information below is used to assist the University in monitoring, supporting and improving services to students with medical/disability requirements. Disclosing this information will not affect your admission to the University. (Please place X in a box below as appropriate)

Do you have a disability, impairment or long-term medical condition which may affect your studies?						Yes		No			
If you answered "Yes" to the above question, please indicate the type/s of disability											
Hearing		Vision		Learning		Medical		Mobility		Other	
Would you like to receive information on medical/disability support services, equipment and facilities available that may assist you?						Yes		No			

PART 3: CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Aboriginality

The definition proposed in the Constitutional Section of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' Report on a review of the administration of the working definition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (Canberra, 1981) and since used by the Federal Government as their working definition, in state legislation and by the High Court, should be the only acceptable definition of Aboriginality.

This definition is a three-part definition requiring all 3 parts to be established for Aboriginality to be recognised:

- descent (the individual can prove that a parent is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent);
- self-identification (the individual identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander); and
- community recognition (the individual is accepted as such by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community in which he/she lives) approved by NACCHO Board November 2007.

It is a requirement of the MBBS that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants provide proof of Aboriginality.

I confirm the following:

I am of Aboriginal descent and/or of Torres Strait Islander descent **AND** I identify as an Aboriginal and/or I identify as a Torres Strait Islander

AND

I am accepted as such by the community in which I currently live; or
 I am accepted as such by the community in which I formerly lived.

Name of Community _____

You must also submit confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

The applicant is required to provide a document "signed under seal" by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation in the community from which the applicant originates or is recognised, providing confirmation that the applicant is recognised by the community in which he/she is from. This will be required prior to/if selected for an interview.

PART 4: RESIDENCY

You are required to confirm your residency. The University classifies regions as being rural using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard remoteness category (ASGS) RA 2-5. To obtain the rural classification of your residence, please enter your full address, including the postcode, using the website below. Please ensure that you select the Australian Statistical Geography Standard remoteness Layer 2016.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator>

I confirm the following:

The ASGS Code of my current address is shown below. Since the commencement of primary school (Year 1 onwards) I have lived here for the following period of time:

Period of Residence (Date/s)				Address	Postcode	ASGS Category
From	Aug 14	To	Jul 16	Example, 3 Greenlands Rd, Fairbridge	6208	5
From		To				

Please include the month and year in the period of residence

If you have lived at one or more primary residence addresses (a different address to the one listed above) classified as Remoteness category 2-5, please also list these below and confirm the following:

I have been living in an ASGS remoteness category 2-5 area for at least five consecutive years or 10 years cumulatively from the commencement of primary school (Year 1 onwards).

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From		To				
From		To				

Please include the month and year in the period of residence

PART 5: EDUCATION HISTORY

Secondary Education (Please place X in a box below as appropriate)

I have completed secondary school

OR

I will complete secondary school in the current academic year

Name of School					
Year of Graduation					
Have you completed WACE?	Yes		No		
Do you have an ATAR?	Yes		No		If yes, what is your ATAR score?

Post-Secondary Education

I have completed a Bachelor degree OR I will complete a Bachelor degree in the current academic year	Yes		No	
Title of Degree				
Institution				
Duration of degree (in years)		Full-time years		
Completion Date				

Please attach an original or certified copy of the official academic transcript for your completed or almost complete degree.

University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)

UCAT scores are not required for this application but if you sat the UCAT and would like to provide your results please complete the following:

UCAT ID		
UCAT SCORE		
Overall Score	UCAT Constructs (5 scores)	

PART 6: EMPLOYMENT/WORK HISTORY

Please attach a copy of your resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV).

Please list below the work experience that is relevant to your application.

Position Held	Employer	Main Duties /Responsibilities	Full Time/ Part Time/ Casual	Length of Employment / Experience

PART 7: PREVIOUS APPLICANTS

Have you previously applied to Curtin Medical School (Medicine) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry?	Yes		No	
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If yes, please describe what you have done to strengthen your application for entry this year.

If you require additional space, please go to the back of the application where there are extra pages provided.

PART 8: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HISTORY

Please describe any community roles or involvement you have had including volunteering, caring, community leadership, religious/service organisations, committees and boards, clubs or student organisations etc.

If you require additional space, please go to the back of the application where there are extra pages provided.

PART 9: PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please describe your current or recent sporting, artistic or other achievements, hobbies and interests.

If you require additional space, please go to the back of the application where there are extra pages provided.

PART 10: INTEREST IN MEDICINE

Please write a statement of up to 600 words outlining why you are interested in studying Medicine and how you hope to use your medical degree in the future. We are interested in what skills, qualities and achievements influenced your decision and the kind of life experiences and personal achievements that provide you with the preparation and determination to succeed.

Please answer the following questions:

1. When did you decide you wanted to do medicine?
2. When you are a doctor, what are you going to do?
3. Why would you like to study medicine at Curtin University?

Additional space is provided below if needed.

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PART 11: REFEREES (ACADEMIC OR EMPLOYMENT)

Please attach **two written referee reports** in support of your application to Curtin Medical School (Medicine) for medical studies from individuals who know you well through either work, academic studies or community involvement. Please provide their contact details below:

Referee 1

Work or Academic Relationship			
Family Name			
Given Name/s			
Telephone Number			
Email Address (if available)			
Street Address			
	Suburb		Postcode

Referee 2

Work or Academic Relationship			
Family Name			
Given Name/s			
Telephone Number			
Email Address (if available)			
Street Address			
	Suburb		Postcode

PART 12: REFEREES (ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER)

Please provide details of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation or person (not a family member) who can verify that you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or both.

Name			
Telephone Number			
Email Address (if available)			
Street Address			
	Suburb		Postcode

PART 13: DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

To be considered for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entry you must complete this declaration form stating that your application is “True and Complete”. If this declaration is not signed or is incomplete your application cannot be considered for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entry.

All applicants must complete the following declaration.

Declaration

I declare that the information I have provided in this application and any attachments is true and complete. I make it in the understanding and belief that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code (Commonwealth – Division 136 Criminal Code Act 1995).

I understand Curtin University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding admission or enrolment made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.

I authorise Curtin University to obtain relevant information, results/records from any educational institution, relevant examining body and/or other sources as required.

I acknowledge that if my application is successful, I may be required to supply documentary evidence to substantiate information supplied in this application.

I declare that I have read the instructions on this application and that the information I have provided is accurate and complete.

I will inform the University immediately if any of the information provided changes.

I understand the structure and content of the course I am applying for.

I authorise the University to access the Australian Immigration Visa Entitlements Verification Online (VEVO) system at any time to obtain information regarding my visa status.

I acknowledge that if I do not provide the requested information, Curtin University may not be able to assess my application for admission.

I authorise Curtin University to obtain further academic information or official student records from any educational institution or recognised educational qualifications assessment body as necessary.

I authorise Curtin University to verify my employment history for the purpose of making an informed decision about my application where my work experience is relevant.

I understand that Curtin University is not responsible if any educational body or institution does not supply my academic or work history records.

I acknowledge that Curtin University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding admission or academic progress made on the basis of incorrect, incomplete or fraudulent information.

I agree that Curtin University may collect and disclose personal information about me for the purposes of assessing my application, creating a record on its student database, undertaking statistical analysis, providing data to Government Departments as required by law, for verification of study loads, for remission of debt and to further inform me about relevant courses and events.

I understand that the information will be accessed by third parties engaged by the University to perform services on its behalf, such as but not limited to the Fund Manager of the ESOS Assurance Fund, pursuant to obligations under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 and the National Code of that Act for international students. Where personal information is to be provided to a third party, the third party will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

International students: I accept that information supplied in this application may also be made available to a Curtin University overseas representative to provide assistance with my application.

International students: I accept that information supplied in this application may be made available to the University's preferred Overseas Student Health Cover provider to assist with my health insurance.

I acknowledge that I have the right to access and amend personal information which Curtin University holds about me, subject to exceptions in relevant privacy legislation. To access personal information contact the Freedom of Information Coordinator at foi@curtin.edu.au. A charge may apply for providing access.

I understand that I can obtain further information concerning the Curtin University Privacy Policy at <http://global.curtin.edu.au/legal/privacy.cfm>.

By signing this form, I agree that I have read and understand all information provided in this form.

Applicant Signature		Date																	
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Curtin University reserves the right to conduct checks or audit any application documentation submitted in support of entry to the MBBS course. Information provided by applicants is treated as confidential according to the University Policy on Access to Student Information. Curtin will not disclose personal information without student consent, except as required by law.

This document is adapted from Flinders University Indigenous Entry Scheme - Doctor of Medicine (South Australia and the Northern Territory).

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

	Tick
I have completed all application sections from Parts 2-13	
I have attached confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander status or both, “signed under seal” by an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander community organisation as per required criteria. (refer to Part 3) <u>Original copies of all documents are required – applications will NOT progress through the application processes unless all these documents are provided.</u>	
I have attached original Academic Transcript(s) (refer to Part 5) <i>Unofficial computer printouts will not be accepted</i>	
I have attached my resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV) (refer to Part 6)	
I have attached two Referee Reports (Academic or Employment) (refer to Part 11)	

REMINDER: A document “signed under seal” by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation in the community from which the applicant originates or is recognised, providing confirmation that the applicant is recognised by the community in which he/she is from, will be required prior to/if selected for an interview. **Original copies of all documents are required – applications will NOT progress through the application processes unless all these documents are provided.**

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