



Curtin University

2022 *International Admissions Guide*

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of Surgery



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Medicine at Curtin

Curtin Medical School offers the only direct-entry Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in Western Australia.



What Curtin has to offer

Curtin recognises the complex issues facing the Western Australian health system, its workforce and the need for more doctors to be “generalists” in their orientation. This means we are committed to producing graduates who are better equipped to meet community needs, with primary care expertise, strong leadership skills and the ability to operate effectively in interprofessional care teams. The overall aim of the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) is to graduate doctors who are competent and ready to practise safely and effectively, with care and compassion for patients and their families. As a Curtin Medical School MBBS graduate, students will develop an understanding of medical and scientific knowledge; communication and clinical skills; skills as a health advocate; an awareness of ethical and professional responsibilities to patients; and strategies to cope with the challenges of medicine. As a graduate of the course students will be well prepared to begin an internship and pursue further medical training in specialty fields. The MBBS degree has an integrated curriculum requiring self-directed learning and draws on many disciplines to provide learning in a clinical context. From the first year of the program, Curtin Medical School (Medicine) will offer clinical scenarios that provide the context for learning about the scientific foundations of medicine.

Curtin Medical School (Medicine) delivers:

- A medical curriculum that emphasises primary care and prepares graduates to meet healthcare needs in Western Australia.
- Learning with other healthcare professionals and preparing for working in interprofessional teams.
- A concentration of clinical placements in the underserved southeast metropolitan corridor and regional Western Australia.
- The development of competencies in patient safety, quality of care and leadership.
- Learning about the translation of evidence into clinical practice and health improvement.
- Engagement with research teams in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Course accreditation

This course is accredited in Australia by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). Completion of this course may not qualify students to practice/register in their home country. Students will have to contact the relevant accreditation bodies in their home country for further information.

Curtin Medical School (Medicine) Mission

With a strong emphasis on primary care, the mission of the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) is to position graduates well for rural and remote practice, as well as outer metropolitan locations, where there is a shortage of doctors.



Medical Registration

All Curtin University medical students will obtain student registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) which will be organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences for the duration of the course.

Upon completion of the medical degree, graduates are required to apply for graduate registration with the AHPRA. Graduate registration is required to undertake a 12 month internship which provides supervised clinical experience in an approved hospital.

Internships are separate from the medical degree and Curtin University does not determine internship placements. International Students may not be guaranteed an intern position in Australia following completion of the course. Completion of the internship is necessary for general registration with the AHPRA. For further information regarding internships please refer to the Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia's website - <https://www.pmcwa.org.au/>.

Course structure overview

In the first year of the course, students undertake interprofessional units designed to promote collaborative practice and learning opportunities with other health sciences students. In addition, students are introduced to problem-based learning in discipline-specific units in medicine and participate in structured activities that take students into the community with a variety of health professionals. The second and third years include intensive study of the structure and function of the human body in health and disease, using a problem-based learning approach. Students will continue to have opportunities to be exposed to a range of healthcare settings. In the fourth year there is a transition from learning mainly on the University campus to learning in the clinical setting. Students will be offered a variety of clinical experiences including placements in outer metropolitan, rural and regional locations, in both community and hospital settings. In the fifth and final year of study, students will work in clinical settings as members of the healthcare team. The training in the clinical settings will be in a range of different environments to prepare students for their internship.

The course is underpinned by four inter-related themes, integrated across the five years:

Theme 1: Scientific Foundations of Medicine

Knowledge of the biological, clinical, epidemiological, social and behavioural sciences underpinning medicine and clinical practice, and evidence-based practice.

Theme 2: Patient and Doctor: Clinical Practice

The clinical, procedural, and communication skills essential for clinical practice.

Theme 3: Health and Illness in Society

Knowledge of health systems, and the cultural, socio-economic and physical environmental factors that contribute to health and illness, disease and treatment at the population level.

Theme 4: Professional and Personal Development

Commitment to professional values and high-quality clinical practice, including ethics, law and working as a member of an interprofessional healthcare team; and understanding of the importance of maintaining personal wellbeing.

Detailed information can be found on the course handbook: <http://handbook.curtin.edu.au/courses/32/320344.html>

Clinical placements

Students will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements at St John of God Midland Public Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Peel Health Campus and other hospitals, as well as general practice clinics across the state and rural medical settings. There are a number of mandatory essential requirements that must be met before students can undertake clinical placements and other fieldwork activities. Read more about these requirements on Page 8.

Course progression

In Years 2 – 5 the course is comprised of a single unit per year. If a student fails a full year unit and granted the opportunity to repeat it, the student must repeat the entire unit. That is, the student must repeat the whole year. There will be no partial credit given for successful completion of assessment tasks and/or unit requirements during any previous attempt of the unit. Students must successfully complete units in each year of the course before commencing the next. Students who fail a full year unit will be required to repeat the relevant year of study. When a student fails a pre-requisite unit that is not offered the following study period, a leave of absence may be granted until commencement of the relevant study period.

Course admission criteria

Course information and essentials

COURSE TITLE

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

CURTIN COURSE CODE

B-MBBS

DURATION

5 years

STUDY MODE

Full time

COURSE CRICOS CODE

105741A

LOCATION

Perth

INTAKE

February

INDICATIVE YEAR 1 FEE*

\$80,500/-*

The fees shown above apply to international students studying on-campus in Western Australia. The indicative tuition fee is subject to an annual tuition fee increase of up to 5 per cent and may be subject to legislative change.

The indicative first-year fee is calculated on 200 credit points, which is the typical full-time study load per year, however some courses require additional study to be completed, in which case the fee will be higher than that shown.

This fee is a guide only. It may vary depending on the units you choose and does not include incidental fees (such as lab coats or art supplies) or the cost of your textbooks.

PREREQUISITES

Chemistry ATAR or equivalent OR

- International Baccalaureate Chemistry at HL Grade 4. OR
- STPM 962 Chemistry, with a minimum grade of C OR
- GCE Advanced Level Chemistry, with a minimum grade of E

For queries regarding other equivalent subjects, you can contact our future students team here:

future.connect.curtin.edu.au/app/ask

DESIRABLES

One of the following Mathematics ATAR courses: Mathematics Applications, Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, or equivalent.

Academic Score Requirements

Qualification	Minimum Score Required
Australian Year 12	95 ATAR
Canadian Provincial High School Diploma	90 %
General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels	14
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	25
India Higher Secondary Certificate	94%
International Baccalaureate	37
Malaysian STPM	14

Curtin University may accept other overseas qualifications to satisfy the minimum academic score requirements. Please refer to future.connect.curtin.edu.au/app/ask to confirm acceptable overseas qualifications.

English Language Requirements

Test/Qualifications	Minimum score required
IELTS Academic	Overall band score of 7.0 with a band score of 7.0 in all bands
TOEFL iBT/TOEFL iBT special home edition	Total score of 99 with a minimum of 24 in reading and listening, 23 in speaking and 27 in writing
PTE Academic	Overall score of 65 with a minimum of 65 in all communicative skills reading, writing, listening and speaking
Cambridge English: Advanced	Overall score of 185 with an Individual score of 185 in writing, speaking, reading and listening
Australian Year 12	Successful completion of an accepted English language subject with the required minimum marks in an Australian year 12 qualification as listed in study.curtin.edu.au/applying/english-language-requirements/accepted-english-qualifications/ .

Curtin University may accept other English tests and qualifications to satisfy the minimum English requirements. Please refer to study.curtin.edu.au/applying/english-language-requirements/accepted-english-qualifications/.

Please note that the information contained in this guide is subject to change throughout the admission period. Applicants for the 2022 intake are encouraged to regularly check the following website for up-to-date information: curtin.edu/medicine-application.

Number of places

There are 10 International full-fee paying places available for the 2022 intake in the School leaver and non-school leaver pathways.



Who can apply

The degree is primarily for school leavers who have completed year 12 or equivalent and do not have a higher degree record. Applicants for an international place must be citizens or permanent residents of a country other than Australia or New Zealand and must be currently located onshore in Australia at the time of application. Due to border closures and travel restrictions, we are currently unable to accept applications from applicants located outside of Australia for the 2022 intake.

School leavers

School leavers are those who have completed year 12 or equivalent and have not commenced post-secondary studies (AQF Diploma or above) and do not have a higher degree record from any Australian or overseas university. School leavers who have participated in the Innovative Schools Scholars Program in Year 10 or Year 11 are exempted from the requirement not to have a higher degree record. Applicants are deemed to have a higher degree record if they have enrolled past a tertiary institution's census date for any given study period. Mature age WACE applicants who want to study medicine as a school leaver are advised that they should study four ATAR courses in the one year. Applicants applying on the basis of fewer than four courses will not be considered for this course. Mature age WACE applicants must meet the school leaver criteria stipulated above. There is no upper age limit for school leavers, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Non-school leavers: graduates

Non-school leavers (graduates) are applicants from any university who hold a completed tertiary degree record. Applicants who have completed multiple qualifications will have their full academic history assessed. No incomplete qualifications will be used to determine a notional ATAR. The academic requirement for non-school leavers (graduates) is:

- A minimum notional ATAR of 92.

The table below provides a guide on the grade requirements for each level of completed qualification. Notional ATARs are an internal calculation only and will not be disclosed to applicants.

Qualifications	Grade
Bachelor Degree	Distinction Average
Graduate Diploma	Credit Average
Postgraduate Diploma	Credit Average
Master Degree	Awarded
Doctorate	Awarded

Non-school leavers: Curtin course switchers

A Curtin course switcher is an applicant who is enrolled in their first course of study at Curtin. They must not have a tertiary record from any other Australian or overseas university or have already completed a degree at Curtin. Applicants must have completed or be on track to complete a minimum of 200 credits of study at Curtin at the end of the year preceding admission. Applicants must have a minimum of 200 credits remaining at the end of the year preceding admission. Course switchers MUST commence the MBBS program in the first year of the course but may be eligible for some Credit for Recognised Learning. The academic requirement for Curtin course switchers is:

- A minimum course weighted average (CWA) of 80.

Students who have previously switched courses but otherwise meet these requirements will be able to apply as Curtin course switchers. In this case, the CWA will be calculated from all units completed.

UCAT ANZ

Applicants are required to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT ANZ). Applicants will be ranked on the basis of their total UCAT ANZ score. No adjustments or consideration will be given by Curtin University to applicants for the UCAT ANZ test, applicants will need to contact Pearson Vue directly. Applicants that require special testing conditions or are seeking test preparation materials are encouraged to visit the UCAT ANZ website for further information. UCAT ANZ scores are valid only for the next available admissions year. Applicants should only complete the test in the year immediately preceding their planned year of admission. Applicants re-applying for the MBBS in a subsequent year must re-sit the UCAT ANZ.

ucat.edu.au

Professional behaviour requirements

Curtin Medical School (Medicine) students are expected to meet the professional behaviour standards of a medical student, and as they proceed through the MBBS course, the standards of a medical doctor. Student progression from each academic year to the next is subject to both academic performance and professional behaviour. It is possible that enrolment in the MBBS course can be terminated if professional behaviour is not satisfactory. It is important applicants read and understand the requirements before accepting a place at Curtin University. Additional information is available from the link below.

study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine/

Inherent requirements

Studying medicine places substantial demands on students. It is important applicants considering studying medicine familiarise themselves with the inherent requirements of the course, available from the link below. As part of their offer acceptance, successful applicants who receive an offer of a place will need to indicate their ability to meet the inherent requirements.

study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine/

Application process (International applicants only)



Changes to immigration status

An international place in the course is solely meant for an international applicant on a student visa or any other temporary visa with full-time study rights. You may no longer be eligible for an international place in the course if your residency status changes and you obtain a permanent visa that entitles you for a domestic place.

Please be aware of the following implications on your application, if your immigration status changes through the admissions process or after you have commenced the course. As an international applicant, if your residency status changes that entitles you for a domestic place;

1. before the application deadline (30th September 2021), you would have to apply for a domestic place through TISC.
2. after the application deadline, you will no longer be eligible for an international place. You will be required to re-apply for a domestic place for entry in the next available intake.
3. after being offered an international place, your offer will be withdrawn even if you have accepted your offer and commenced study pre-census date and you will have to apply for a domestic place for entry into the following year.

4. after commencing study in the course post-census date, your ability to remain in the course depends on availability of domestic places at that time. Availability of domestic places cannot be guaranteed. You may be able to continue in the course but may be subject to international fees.

Application Process

1. UCAT ANZ Registration

All international applicants must register to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT ANZ) before the application closing date. Please refer to the UCAT ANZ website (<https://www.ucat.edu.au/>), which explains the test in detail and sets out the procedures for registration including the fees payable, test centre procedures and regulations. UCAT ANZ test results are released directly to Curtin Medical School (Medicine) in September 2021.

2. Check eligibility

There are 3 main pathways for entry into the course – School leaver, Curtin course switcher and Graduate pathways. For information on minimum entry requirements and to assess your suitability for the pathways, please refer to information on page 5.

3. English language requirements

You are required to meet the English language requirements for this course. Conditional offers or English packaged offers will not be issued for the MBBS course.

study.curtin.edu.au/offering/course-ug-bachelor-of-medicine-bachelor-of-surgery--b-mbbs/.

4. Apply online or via an agent

Apply for the Curtin University MBBS course online or via a Curtin university registered agent. To apply online click the apply now button on the bottom of the MBBS course page - <https://study.curtin.edu.au/offering/course-ug-bachelor-of-medicine-bachelor-of-surgery--b-mbbs/>. You will need to include your UCAT ANZ ID in your application and provide copies of your official academic transcripts, completion certificates, English proficiency documents and passport. Please note: personal statements, testimonials, character/school/ work references, awards and certificates do not make up any of the selection components and will not be considered. Applicants are asked not to submit these documents to the University.



5. Predicted ATAR

All school leaver applicants that are currently completing year 12 or equivalent in Australia, are required to provide the predicted ATAR form to their school principal to complete and return directly to Curtin Medical School (Medicine) by the published deadline. Completed forms must be emailed from the school principal or authorised school representatives' email address. The predicted ATAR form can be downloaded from study.curtin.edu.au/application-requirements/medicine/.

6. Application assessment

Applications are assessed after closing date and applicants that do not meet minimum eligibility requirements will be notified via email by the international admissions office.

7. Ranking for interview

Applicants that meet the minimum eligibility requirements, are ranked and selected for interview based on the weighted sum of their academic merit score (ATAR or equivalent) and their UCAT ANZ score (out of 3600) in the ratio of 60:40. Please note this course is very competitive, with limited places available. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee you an offer of an interview or a place in the course.

8. The interview

The interview process provides an opportunity for shortlisted applicants to demonstrate how they communicate, critically appraise information and think about issues important to the medical profession.

The top ranked eligible applicants from each entry pathway will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). Interviews will only be available on dates published by Curtin Medical School (Medicine). It is not possible to rearrange an interview to another date not previously published. All applicants should ensure they keep these dates

free. We are intending to run our normal process for interviews. These are primarily face to face but online interviews are available on request. We recognise there will be requests for online interviews as a consequence of the covid-19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions. Note that the process followed is the same, irrespective of whether the interview is face to face or online.

Attendance at an interview is mandatory in order to remain eligible for an offer of a place. Attendance at an interview does not guarantee an offer of a place.

Applicants are advised to monitor the email address and phone numbers supplied on the application as these are the details that will be used for all correspondence. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure these details are kept up to date at all times throughout the selection process.

9. Interview schedule

November/December Round Interviews

Competitive and eligible international school-leaver applicants who have submitted a predicted ATAR form by the relevant deadline, Curtin course switchers and non-school leavers will be invited to attend an interview. The predicted ATAR is used for school leavers in this round, as the actual ATARs will not yet be available.

January Round Interviews

Competitive and eligible school leavers that did not submit a predicted ATAR form and applicants whose actual ATAR renders them competitive will be invited to attend an interview at a later date. Actual ATARs are used for all school leavers in this round.

All applicants will undertake the same interview process, regardless of when they are interviewed. Applicants will not be disadvantaged in any way if they are interviewed at a later date.

10. Ranking for an offer of a place

Applicants will be ranked for offer based on their academic merit score (actual ATAR or equivalent), their UCAT ANZ score and their interview performance. Offers will be made by the international admissions team until all places are filled. Offers will be sent directly to the applicant or a nominated agent (if applying through an agent).

11. Accept your offer

To accept your offer; please follow the guidelines detailed on your offer letter and send the following documents to CI-Accept@curtin.edu.au

- a. Acceptance of Offer Form (found in your offer letter)
- b. Proof of Tuition Fee Deposit payment
- c. Proof of OSHC Payment or Policy Letter
- d. Copy of your passport photo page

Deferral Requests

Deferral requests following an offer of a place in the MBBS course will only be considered in exceptional and unforeseen circumstances (for example, national service). Applicants must submit a request for deferment of a place, along with supporting documentation, within five working days of the offer to CMSFutureStudents@curtin.edu.au. Requests will be reviewed by the Dean of the Curtin Medical School and applicants will be advised of the outcome by email in due course.

Successful applicants

Location

Curtin Perth is located in Bentley, a busy suburb approximately 20 minutes from the CBD by car. The academic office of the Curtin Medical School (Medicine) is located on the main campus in a purpose-built building close to the three other schools of the Faculty of Health Sciences. The first three years of the course are taught at Curtin Perth, with periodic visits to clinical sites. The final years of the curriculum will be undertaken in a variety of clinical placement sites, including outer-metropolitan and rural sites.

Accommodation

Living on campus is a great way for students to get the most out of their university experience. It's convenient, safe and gives you the opportunity to make friends from all over the world. Curtin Medical School (Medicine) students are given priority at our on-campus accommodation and you may have the opportunity to live with students from your course. Our accommodation is fully furnished with electricity, gas and water included in your weekly rent. You'll be within walking distance to your classes and local amenities, and will benefit from 24 hour security and access to support services. Due to high demand, we recommend that you apply for your accommodation when you apply to study at Curtin. Please contact our Housing Advisory Service team directly for further information. They can also help you explore alternative accommodation options. Please contact Housing directly to discuss available options.

curtin.edu/accommodation

Orientation

A medicine pre-orientation program, followed by the University official orientation week will run prior to the commencement of Semester 1. Attendance is compulsory and applicants who accept a place in the course should plan around these dates accordingly.

Scholarships

Scholarships are part of Curtin's commitment to rewarding academic excellence, supporting research and enabling students from all backgrounds to realise their potential. Scholarships are more than just financial support, they can enhance your portfolio of achievements.

Each scholarship has an information page which will outline the specific eligibility criteria. The criteria may be based on:

- Academic record (merit)
- Financial hardship and/or socioeconomic background
- Citizenship
- Course, faculty or interests

You can use the scholarship search to find scholarships that meet specific criteria.

scholarships.curtin.edu.au

Mandatory requirements

All Curtin Medical School (Medicine) owned units have compulsory fieldwork/ clinical placements. During first year, students must complete various screenings and activities to ensure their safety and the safety of the general public are maintained during the placement. These include, but are not limited to:

- National Police Certificate
- First Aid Certificate ("Provide First Aid")
- Mental Health First Aid Certificate
- Working with Children Check (2nd year requirement)
- Hand hygiene training (online)
- Completion of stipulated health screening and immunisations including COVID-19 (some vaccinations require multiple inoculations over a period of time so students must plan their schedule accordingly).
- MBBS Student Declaration and Agreement
- Faculty Student Confidentiality Declaration

A First Aid Certificate training course will be offered as part of pre-orientation. A Mental Health First Aid Certificate training course will be arranged by the Curtin Association of Medical Students early in the semester. Students will be responsible for arranging their own re-certification at their own cost in subsequent years of the course, in accordance with the renewal schedule as outlined in the relevant year handbook.

Failure to provide evidence of compliance with these requirements will prevent students from attending fieldwork/clinical placements and as a result they will be unable to complete course requirements.

Incidental fees are applicable for the majority of essential requirements listed above.

students.curtin.edu.au/essentials/fees/

Students will be responsible for all costs associated with mandatory screening requirements for fieldwork/clinical placements, including vaccination and screening costs.

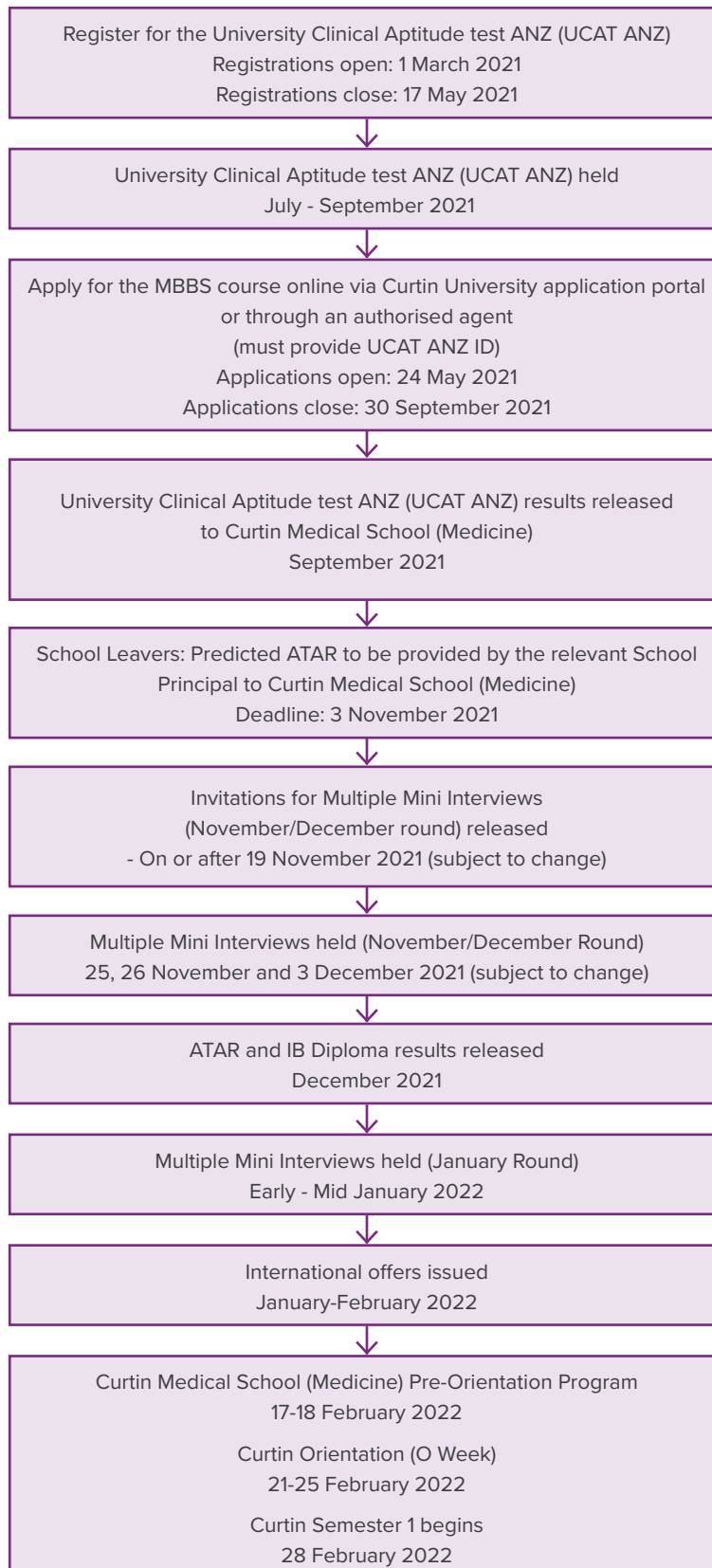
curtin.edu/healthfieldwork

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- Complete your enrolment in GETSTARTED!
- Start working towards attaining the various mandatory requirements, some of which are due in the third week of Semester 1.
- Arrange housing and familiarise yourself with transportation options.
- Arrange to attend the medicine pre-orientation program and orientation week.

More information will be available in GETSTARTED and the CMS (Medicine) Year 1 Student Handbook which will be emailed to you after you have accepted your offer.

Key dates and deadlines for 2022 intake – For international applicants **ONLY**





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