

I want to be a Doctor

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“I consider myself a perpetual student. You seek and learn every day: from an experiment in the lab, from reading a scientific journal, from taking care of a patient. Because of this, I rarely get bored.”

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- Anthony Fauci

Sample study plan

Foundation Studies Programme



Delivered by
University of Auckland International
College (UOAIC)

Duration:

- 6 months
- 8-9 months
- 12 months

The UoA Foundation Studies Programme ensures you not only meet University of Auckland undergraduate course entry requirements but that you are fully prepared for the challenges of degree-level study.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)



Delivered by University of Auckland
Duration: 6 years

This programme is highly challenging but extremely rewarding. It will equip you with the medical, clinical and research skills for pursuing a vocation in any field of medicine.

The Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences has an international reputation for research and innovation, providing you with unrivalled access to various clinical environments.

Registered Doctor



Those who complete the MBChB are eligible to apply for provisional registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand. You might choose primary health care and work in general practice, or choose from a range of other specialist disciplines.

Career opportunities

- Anaesthetist
- Diagnostic Radiologist
- General Practitioner
- Gynaecologist/Obstetrician
- Pathologist
- Physician
- Psychiatrist
- Radiation Oncologist
- Surgeon

Employability

Pay for each role varies depending on experience, hours, location and the number of patients they see. Find out more at careers.govt.nz

Estimated average income working for a district health board (DHB)

Anaesthetic registrar (trainee)	\$76K - \$199K a year
Surgeon registrar (trainee)	\$86K - \$197K a year
Diagnostic radiologist (trainee)	\$81K - \$197K a year
Psychiatrist registrar (trainee)	\$74K - \$182K a year
Qualified General Practitioner	\$145K - \$210K a year

Upon graduating, people then become employed by a DHB as a house officer (also known as house surgeon). House officers do two years of rotations through different parts of the hospital. These are called clinical attachments and last three months each (in a wide range of medical and surgical matters). Doctors usually decide on what they want to specialise in during clinical attachments.

After successfully completing two years as a house officer, doctors can apply for a job as a registrar and enter into a training programme. Further details about specialisations are available via the KiwiHealth website: kiwihealthjobs.com/rmo/fact-sheets. Registrar training programmes last a minimum of three to seven years. During training, registrars work towards vocational (specialist) qualifications. Registrars need to complete exams. In the training programme a registrar can work either in a hospital or in the community (for example, in a general practice). On completion, a person can become a specialist, surgeon, physician or general practitioner. Many doctors start their own practice once their training is complete. As doctors gain experience and seniority, they may be given managerial responsibility, or be responsible for more difficult procedures. The Health Careers website provides assistance for those looking to become a doctor.

More details:
Health Careers: www.healthcareers.org.nz



Career opportunities

Health is a rewarding field to work in, with a wide variety of career options. We offer undergraduate degrees in Health Sciences, Medical Imaging, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry and Pharmacy. We teach Medical Sciences courses under majors or specialisations in Biomedical Science, Pharmacology and Physiology. We also have foundation courses that support entry into our programmes.

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Students interested in research may defer clinical MBChB studies after Part III and take a year pursuing a supervised research project of their choice to qualify for a BMedSc(Hons) degree before returning to complete their clinical training and graduating with both qualifications.

We advise that the University of Auckland is not involved in the employment of graduates and can make no guarantee of post-qualification registration or employment in New Zealand or any other country.



No.1 university in New Zealand and 87th worldwide
Times Higher Education and QS World University Rankings 2023



Highest ranked New Zealand university for graduate employability¹

International students from more than
120
different countries

12 Subjects ranked within the Top
50
in the world²

¹QS Graduate Employability Rankings, number one in New Zealand and 68th worldwide in 2022
²QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022

Student testimonial

“When volunteering at a health centre in high school, I observed how rewarding and life-changing the profession can be.”

“Becoming a doctor is a privilege. When volunteering at a health centre in high school, I observed how rewarding and life-changing the profession can be. Doctors see families during some of their lowest lows. Being equipped with the skills and knowledge to make a difference is precious. For me, that makes Medicine worth pursuing.”

Junius Ong

Studying for his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgeries

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)

Why choose MBChB?

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) programme is accredited by the Australian Medical Council on behalf of the Medical Council of New Zealand. Our faculty’s lecturers and professors are internationally renowned, frequently directing global research projects designed to better people’s lives in New Zealand and around the world.

We work closely with district health boards and other health organisations across New Zealand. This ensures that you learn from teachers with the latest knowledge and experience in the New Zealand health system. These same partners offer our graduates opportunities to make positive and informed decisions about future careers upon graduation.

Teaching and research facilities at our Grafton Campus are world-class, and we offer all our students a digitally connected learning environment.

Our Auckland Medical Research Foundation (AMRF) Medical Sciences Learning Centre – Whakaaro Pai is an extensive and valuable educational resource for our students.

94th in the world for Life Sciences and Medicine*

35th in the world for Nursing*

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021

What you’ll learn

The MBChB is a six-year programme including Year One (Part I) of the Bachelor of Health Sciences or the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science (105 points).

- **Year One (Part I)** one 15-point course is required from the General Education Schedule approved for this degree.
- **Year Two (Part II)** you are required to complete a core course that focuses on the basic medical and health sciences while being introduced to professional and clinical aspects of medical practice (120 points).
- **Year Three (Part III)** you have two core courses: Medical Humanities and a course focussing on human health and illness (120 points).
- **Year Four (Part IV)** you learn predominantly in hospital and community environments, with rotating study in a number of disciplines for 35 to 42 weeks of the year (120 points).
- **Year Five (Part V)** you may apply to study on the year-long regional-rural programme (Pūkawakawa) based in Whangarei and small surrounding rural environments in Northland. You are required to complete a five-week elective (120 points).
- **Year Six (Part VI)** you complete an 8-week Elective. You are strongly encouraged to complete this overseas. In this year there is also the opportunity to undertake an 11-week Research Project (120 points).

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (Level 3)

Programme type	Accelerated	Fast-Track	Standard	Foundation Connect**
Duration	6 months	8-9 months	12 months	6 months
Tuition fees*	\$24,000 NZD	\$32,000 NZD	\$32,000 NZD	\$15,990 NZD
Application fee	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD
2023 Start dates (incl. Orientation)	13 February, 31 August	26 April, 2 October	13 February, 10 July	13 February, 26 April, 10 July, 2 October
English language requirements	IELTS 6.0 (no band less than 5.0) Or other accepted equivalents including the UP English Language Test (UPELT)	IELTS 5.5 (no band less than 5.0) Or other accepted equivalents including the UP English Language Test (UPELT)	IELTS 5.0 (no band less than 4.5) Or other accepted equivalents including the UP English Language Test (UPELT)	IELTS 4.5 (no band less than 4.0) Or other accepted equivalents including the UP English Language Test (UPELT)
International entry requirements	IB: Y1: 4 x grade 5 Y2: >20 CIE: 2 B grades and 2 A grades	IB: Y1: 2x grade 4 + 2x grade 5 CIE: 4 B grades	IB: Y1: 4x grade 4 CIE: 2 B grades and 2 C grades	IB: Y1: 2x grade 4 + 2x grade 3 CIE: 2 C grades and 2 D grades

*The tuition fees quoted above are in \$NZD and are correct at the time of publication (30 November 2022). Visit internationalcollege.ac.nz

**Students starting with Foundation Connect will pay the Resource (\$400), Exam (\$350) and Application (\$400) fees once and will not be charged again upon progression to Foundation.

Degree Progression Requirements

Minimum academic and English language requirements for guaranteed entrance into undergraduate study from the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies. Effective for students applying for entry to the University of Auckland in 2023-2024.

Programme	Intakes	Minimum Duration (Years)	Additional Requirements
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)	March	6 [^]	No direct entry. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the BSc (Biomedical Science) or BHSc programme, UCAT score and an interview [*]

[^]One-year BSc (Biomedical Science) or BHSc, plus five additional years in the MBChB programme if admission is gained.

^{*} Faculties with programmes that specify ‘Selection’ have additional entry requirements such as a portfolio or interview, and entry is subject to faculty approval. The scores listed are alone not sufficient for entry.

First year applicants need to complete the eight required courses (listed below) in the first year of either the Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) or the Bachelor of Science (BSc) Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland. This needs to be completed on a full time basis and in the year of application for MBChB. Only the first attempt for these courses will be considered for MBChB admission in the First Year category.

First Year BHSc courses:

- CHEM 110: Chemistry of the Living World
- BIOSCI 107: Biology for Biomedical Science - Cellular Processes and Development
- MEDSCI 142: Biology for Biomedical Science - Organ Systems
- POPLHLTH 111: Population Health
- POPLHLTH 101: Health Systems I
- POPLHLTH 102: Health and Society
- HLTHPSYC 122: Behaviour, Health and Development
- General Education*

First Year BSc (Biomedical Science) courses:

- CHEM 110: Chemistry of the Living World
- BIOSCI 107: Biology for Biomedical Science - Cellular Processes and Development
- MEDSCI 142: Biology for Biomedical Science - Organ Systems
- POPLHLTH 111: Population Health
- BIOSCI 101: Essential Biology: From Genomes to Organisms
- PHYSICS 160: Physics for the Life Sciences
- BIOSCI 106: Foundations of Biochemistry
- General Education*

*General Education excluding BIOSCI 100G, EXERSCI 100G, MEDSCI 100G, MEDSCI 101G, POPLHLTH 103G, POPLHLTH 104G.

Scholarships

Undergraduate scholarship

Upon successful completion of the Foundation course, the University of Auckland awards the top 2 students of each semester with a Top Achievers Award, which is a \$5000 scholarship on first year tuition fees.

Foundation scholarship

High Achieve Awards of up to \$5,000 are competitively assessed and only awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance in their previous studies. Students will need to undergo an interview with our Regional Representative to have their eligibility assessed.

Foundation Connect scholarship

Student who successfully progress from Foundation Connect programme to Standard Foundation programme will be awarded a scholarship if they achieve top results. The scholarship of up to \$5,000 NZD will be awarded depending on their final grades.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.internationalcollege.ac.nz/scholarships/>



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