



Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

2026 Entry Information for International Applicants

James Cook University's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) is a six-year undergraduate program. This degree equips students with the skills to make an impact, and prepares them to graduate with confidence to take on any challenge after undertaking placements in diverse communities.

Important dates

1 MARCH 2025 Opening date for international student applications for 2026 entry.

31 AUGUST 2025 Closing date for international student applications and supporting documents for 2026 entry. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

31 AUGUST 2025, 11.59 PM (AEST) Prediction of Academic Achievement form to be received by International Admissions.

23 FEBRUARY 2026 JCU Academic Year begins.

Overview

This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who can progress to medical practice and to further studies in medical specialties. Graduates will be uniquely qualified in the fields of rural/remote and Indigenous health and tropical medicine.

Students are based in either Cairns or Townsville for the first three years of this course. Placements are undertaken in every year, including in rural areas. Students in Year 4 of the course will be based in Townsville or Cairns. The majority of students in Years 5 and 6 of the course will relocate to other teaching sites in Cairns, Mackay or Townsville.

Graduates are not guaranteed an internship place in Australia. Places are made available depending on vacancies as identified by Australian health authorities. In the final two years of enrolment, students wishing to remain in Australia may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English test for purposes of registration with the Medical Board of Australia. Students must also follow the advice provided by the Australian Government in relation to visa applications.

This course is accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

Submissions

The JCU International Application Form must be submitted along with all other required documents on or prior to the closing date through a [JCU Agent](#) or [online directly to JCU](#).

Applications open on 1 March, and close 31 August 2025. Applicants are encouraged to apply early rather than waiting for the closing date. Applications received after the closing date can NOT be accepted.

Additional application requirements

Selected applicants will be invited to participate in an interview using an online system managed by Kira Talent. Any applicant who is invited to interview will be provided full details for attending the interview using the Kira Talent system with their offer of interview. Interviews will be live, with two panel members. Please note that applicants who are selected for interview will be responsible for paying Kira Talent a fee for the use of the Kira Talent interview platform.

Kira cost: USD \$18.12 plus tax*

* (current as at 28 February 2025)

Selection process

In 2025, JCU currently has approximately 35 places in Townsville, and five places in Cairns in the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery course for international applicants.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following elements:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies and/or in tertiary studies
- Participation in an interview, demonstrating attributes suited to a career in medicine.

Candidates will be selected for interview on the basis of their academic results. Applicants will be contacted directly by email for invitation to interview. Instructions for the timing, and how to join this online meeting will be provided to the applicant by email. If an applicant has submitted an application through an agent, both the applicant and agent will be sent these emails. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they have a device and quality internet connection to participate in the interview.

Important: JCU does not use the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) as part of this selection process.

APPLICANTS IN YEAR 12 OR EQUIVALENT IN 2025

Please provide official copies of your Year 12 certificate or equivalent.

Your School Principal/Vice-Principal/Guidance Officer or Director of Studies must complete a [Prediction of Academic Achievement](#) form for you and email to JCU at internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au by 11.59 pm (AEST) on 31 August 2025.

APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETED YEAR 12 PRIOR TO 2025

Please provide official copies of your Year 12 certificate or equivalent. If you have also commenced or completed tertiary studies, please also include a certified copy of your academic record to date.

Your most recent grade point average (GPA) score will be given the most weight to assess your application, however your entire academic record will be considered when determining offers for places. For 2025, a GPA of 5.75 on a 7 point scale was required to be considered for an interview. Studies in health or science related fields will be viewed favourably.

Study or qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered, including study below AQF level 7 bachelor level or equivalent.



UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified.

The number of places available to study medicine at JCU is limited. If your application is not successful, you may like to consider studying a Bachelor degree in Biomedical Sciences, Nursing Science, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology or Occupational Therapy. Strong academic performance may provide an opportunity for you to transition into Medicine, however this cannot be guaranteed.

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

With an annual average of 400 applications to study medicine, JCU is not able to provide individuals with information or feedback about their application.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in this course may choose to appeal the decision through a [Formal Review](#) within the timelines set in the [Student Review and Appeals Policy](#).

English language requirements

Some studies completed in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, UK or USA may meet the English Proficiency requirement.

For details, please email jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST MINIMUM SCORES

IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in three of the components and 6.5 in one component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) in one sitting.

or PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in three of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and 58 in one component.

or TOEFL (internet based) with a minimum total score of 94 (23 in speaking, 24 in listening and reading and 27 in writing).

Near the end of their studies, international JCU Medicine students may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English test, if they are wishing to request registration with the Medical Board of Australia. More information regarding registration can be found on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website at ahpra.gov.au and medicalboard.gov.au/registration/international-medical-graduates.aspx.

Required subjects

Students must have completed:

- English (3/4,C)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4,C)
- Chemistry (Units 3/4,C).

For international equivalents email jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au.

Inherent requirements and adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviours needed to successfully complete the course. Review the [Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery Inherent Requirements](#).

International student visas

Applicants are advised to check visa requirements and processing times with the Australian Government [Department of Home Affairs](#).

Professional experience placement

Students are required to undertake placements in a variety of rural placements several times during their course.

Students must meet all requirements for placements by the deadlines specified and maintain currency of all requirements to remain enrolled in this course.

For details visit Preparing for [Professional Experience Placement](#).

Vaccinations

Students must provide evidence of being immune to hepatitis B and that they have been vaccinated or evidence that they are not susceptible for the vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) of measles, mumps and rubella, varicella and pertussis.

Professional experience placement is a requirement of this course and students may be engaged in roles where there is contact that would allow transmission of a VPD. Students are required to comply with the above requirement prior to commencing their first Professional Experience Placement or by the end of the first teaching period of their studies (or whichever is sooner), otherwise their enrolment will be terminated.

JCU recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year.

Working with children

Queensland law contains provisions designed to ensure that persons who are to work with children and young people are first assessed on their known police and disciplinary information. The [Working with Children Check](#) is a screening process that assesses your suitability to work with children and young people. A person whose application is approved will be issued with a Blue Card.

Requirements for course completion include conditions for students to undertake placements, which involve coming into contact with young people. Initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in this course are conditional upon the following:

- I. Eligibility of the student for a Blue Card at the time of first enrolment;
- II. Maintenance of that eligibility throughout the duration of the course; and
- III. Actual acquisition of a Blue Card prior to commencement of placement.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible for a Blue Card, at any time between the date of first enrolment and the date of completion of the course, the student's enrolment in the course may be terminated. Therefore, persons who have reason to believe that they might have difficulty in obtaining a Blue Card should clarify their position in that regard before deciding to apply for this course.

Federal police check

All students are required to obtain an Australian Federal Police National Criminal History Check. International students are also required to complete a Commonwealth Statutory Declaration, which can be done once in Australia.

Contact details

ENQUIRIES

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